

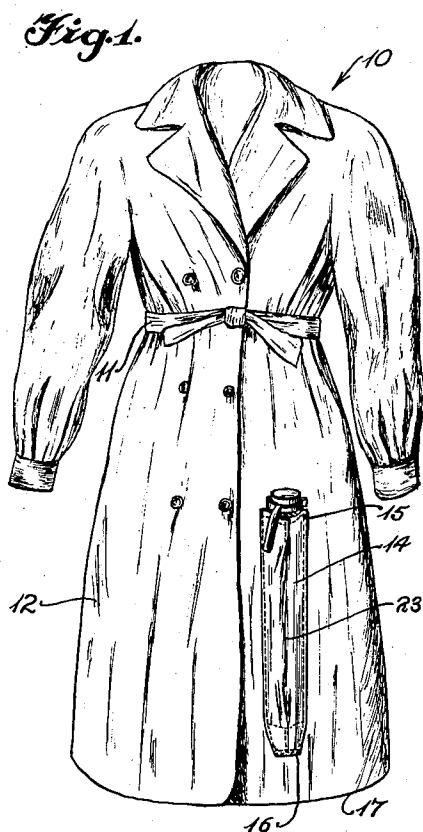
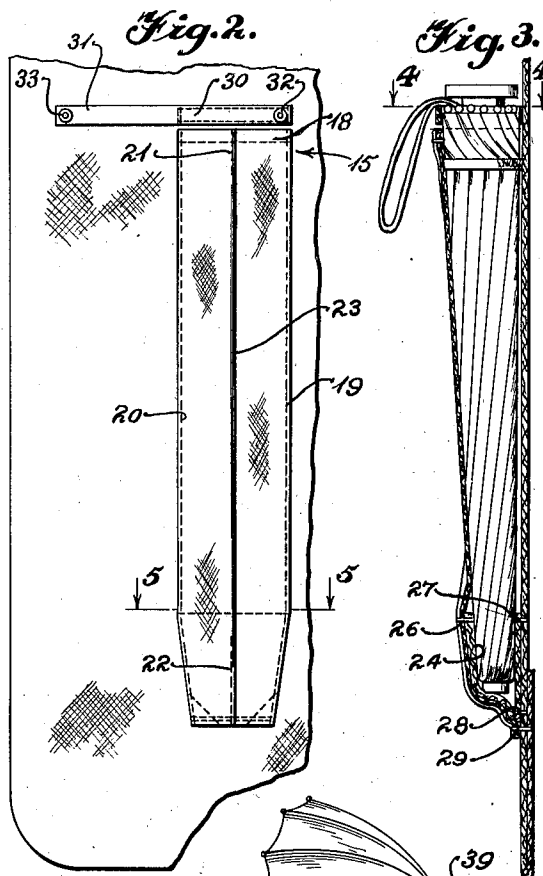
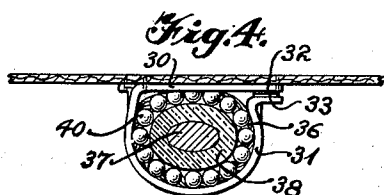
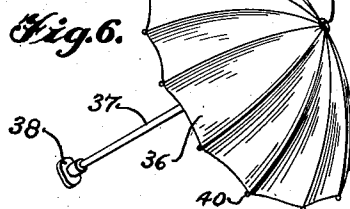
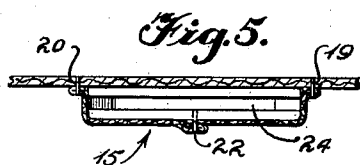
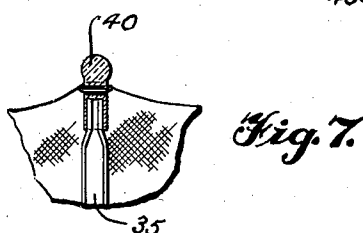
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The present invention relates to an improvement in raincoats and similar garments and more particularly to a pocket associated with such a garment, shaped, constructed and arranged to receive an umbrella. The invention further consists in the combination of such a garment, having a pocket associated therewith, and an umbrella in the pocket.

The primary object of the invention is to provide means, in the form of a pocket, associated with a raincoat or the like, adapted to receive and retain an umbrella to the end that, when not in use, the umbrella may be carried expeditiously and conveniently, leaving the wearer free to use his or her hands for other purposes.

A further object of the invention is to so position an umbrella-receiving pocket upon a raincoat or the like that it will be out of the way and will in no sense interfere with the normal activities of the wearer, such as walking, sitting in public vehicles, or otherwise moving about.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in combination with an umbrella receiving pocket, means for retaining the umbrella therein against accidental displacement.

Another object of the invention is to so construct a pocket for an umbrella that it will be strong and rugged and will not become worn out in use. To this end the invention provides a new and improved wear-resisting lining at the bottom of the pocket.

Another object is to construct and position an umbrella receiving pocket upon a garment in such manner that it will be pleasing in appearance and will enhance the value of the associated coat.

Another advantage of the invention flows from an improved cooperative relation between an umbrella of novel design and an umbrella-receiving pocket.

Other and further objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from a consideration of the following description of the embodiment shown for purposes of illustration in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is an elevation of a conventional raincoat with my invention applied thereto.

Figure 2 is an elevation on an enlarged scale, showing the umbrella receiving pocket.

Figure 3 is a longitudinal vertical section through the pocket of Figure 2, but with an umbrella positioned therein.

Figure 4 is a horizontal section on line 4-4 of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a horizontal section on line 5-5 of Figure 2.

Figure 6 is a perspective view of the umbrella when opened, and

Figure 7 is a fragmentary detail showing an improved umbrella rib tip construction.

The raincoat 10 of Figure 1 may be of conventional modern design and includes a waist belt 11 and a skirt portion 12. My improved umbrella pocket 14 may be secured to the front outside portion of the skirt, to one side of the center line thereof, with its upper end 15 spaced fairly well below the waistline 11 and its lower end 16 spaced above the hem 17, a distance depending upon the length of the skirt. The pocket should be substantially 18" in length, and, preferably, is made of the same material as the coat 10, which may be a water-resistant textile, rubberized cloth or any of the materials conventionally used.

The pocket proper preferably comprises a single piece of material, having its upper edge hemmed and sewed as indicated at 18 and its side edges 19 and 20 turned inwardly and stitched to the garment. A pleat 21 is formed adjacent the top 15 of the pocket and a similar pleat 22 at the bottom, thereby providing fullness 23 throughout the intermediate portion.

At the bottom of the pocket, there is a reinforcing ply 24, of strong, tough, abrasion resistant sheet material, such as heavy fabric or the like, which is applied by first sewing the upper outer edge to the inner surface of the pocket as indicated at 25; before the pocket is applied to the coat, and then sewing the inner upper edge to the outer surface of the raincoat as indicated at 27. If desired, but this is unnecessary, a lower portion of the inner ply may also be sewed to the raincoat as indicated at 28. The pocket itself may then be sewed to the raincoat as at 29, at the bottom and along the sides 19 and 20.

Adjacent the upper, open end 15 of the pocket a tape 30 having a free end 31 may be sewn to the raincoat. The tape is provided with strong cooperating snap fastener elements 32, 33 on the attached and free ends thereof respectively, so that the tape may be fairly tightly looped around the umbrella, below the handle or head thereof, and securely fastened, to prevent inadvertent removal of the umbrella.

The umbrella employed in the combination of my invention comprises the usual ribs 35, segmental strips 36 of waterproof fabric, a shaft 27 and a handle 38. The end of the shaft opposite to the handle is blunt and shortened as much as possible, as indicated at 39, and the rib tips 40 are likewise shortened, to decrease the overall

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length of the umbrella. Preferably, the handle 38 is in the form of a relatively thin, flat plastic disc of oval shape in plan, so as to lie closely against the coat.

With a pocket positioned, constructed, and arranged as described, the umbrella may be inserted and removed at will. When in position within the pocket, the umbrella is out of the way and will not interfere with walking or other bodily movements. When the wearer is seated, the umbrella will lie along the top of the thigh or slightly to one side thereof, and will not protrude substantially beyond the knee, so as not to interfere with passersby, in streetcars, busses, or the like.

The band at the upper end of the pocket is an important feature of the invention, as it performs the useful function of preventing inadvertent removal of the umbrella from the pocket at all times, as, for instance, when the garment is being carried over the arm or is casually thrown over a chair or other piece of furniture.

The reinforcing lining at the bottom of the pocket is also a valuable and, in most cases, an indispensable feature, because in the absence of an equivalent element, the end of the umbrella would soon wear a hole in the bottom of the pocket, thereby making the garment unsightly and unfit for further use.

Other sizes and dimensions of pockets may be employed, to cooperate with differently shaped umbrellas, but the embodiment illustrated in the accompanying drawings is preferred.

Changes may be made in the details of construction, within the scope of the appended claims and their equivalents.

I claim:

1. A garment having sewn to the surface thereof, a piece of material providing a vertically elongated, relatively narrow pocket open at the top only, said piece having a folded and sewn pleat adjacent its top and a similar pleat adjacent the bottom, providing outwardly extensible fullness throughout the length of the pocket therebetween, said pocket being shaped, constructed and arranged snugly to receive a relatively short umbrella, whereby the bulk of said umbrella projects outwardly into said fullness and does not project inwardly beyond the normal plane of the garment.

2. A garment having a vertically elongated, relatively narrow pocket associated therewith, open at the top and closed at the bottom and sides, and a band or tape attached to the gar-

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ment adjacent the upper end of the pocket, having a free end of a length to embrace an umbrella below the handle thereof and fastening means for the free end of the band or tape when positioned in embracing relation to an umbrella.

3. A garment having associated therewith a vertically elongated, relatively narrow pocket open at the top and closed at the sides and bottom, shaped snugly to receive a relatively short umbrella, and a reinforcing ply at the end of the pocket, having an inner portion lying along and sewed to the surface of the garment within the pocket and an outer portion lying along and sewed to the inner face of the pocket and extending continuously around under the point of an inserted umbrella.

4. A garment having sewn to the outer surface thereof, a piece of material providing a vertically elongated, relatively narrow pocket open at the top only, said piece having a folded and sewn pleat adjacent its top and a similar pleat adjacent its bottom, providing outwardly extensible fullness throughout the length of the pocket therebetween, whereby the bulk of an umbrella or the like positioned in the pocket projects outwardly into said fullness; a reinforcing ply at the lower end of the pocket having an inner portion lying along and sewed to the outer face of the garment within the pocket and an outer portion lying along and sewed to the inner face of said piece and extending continuously around under the point of an inserted umbrella; a band or tape attached to the garment adjacent the upper end of the pocket having a free end of a length to embrace an umbrella below the handle thereof, and fastening means for the free end of the band or tape when positioned in embracing relation to an umbrella.

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