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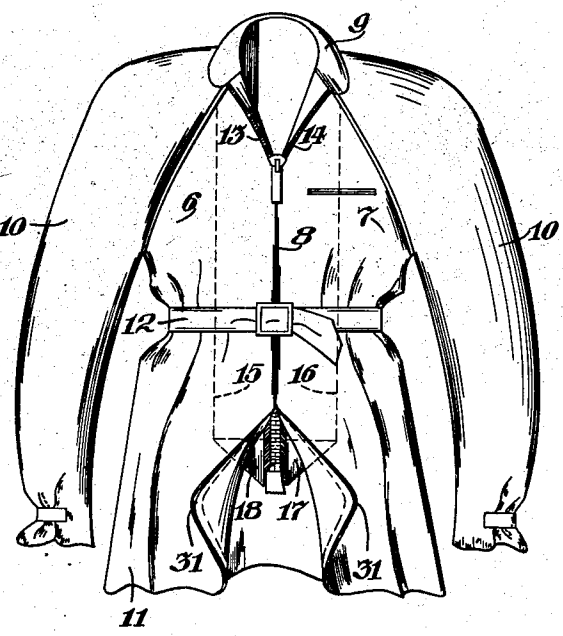


Fig. 1.

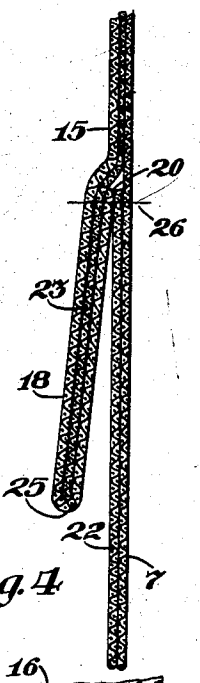


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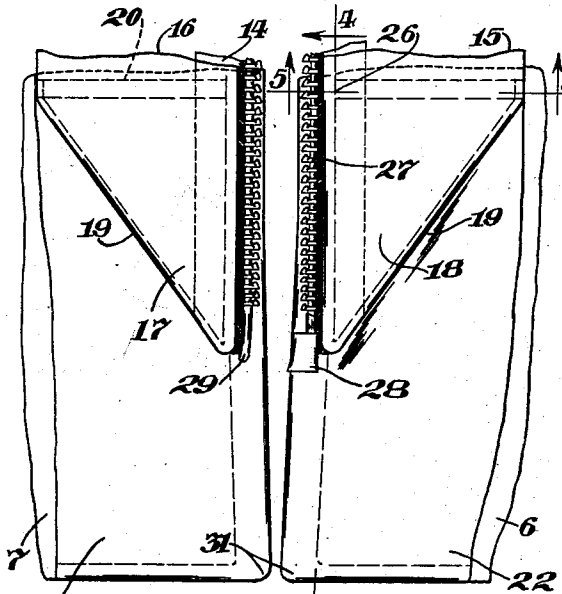


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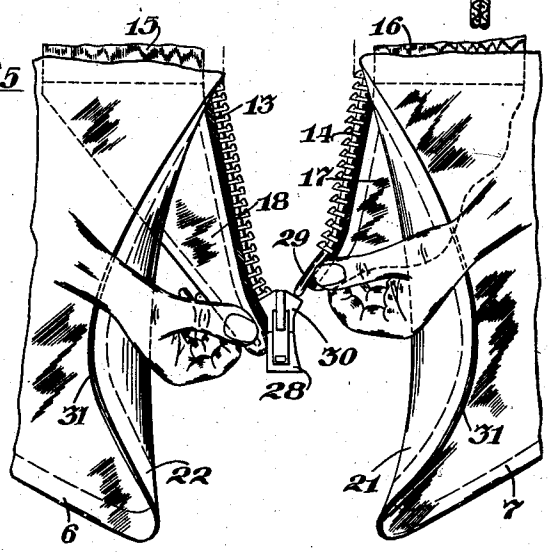


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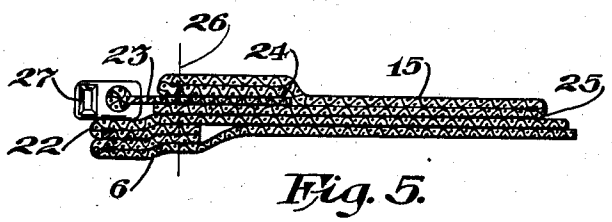


Fig. 5.

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My invention relates to garments and more particularly to jackets or coats equipped with slide fasteners of the divisible end type.

The object of the invention is to provide an improved garment construction wherein the coat has a skirt portion which extends beyond the terminal portion of the slide fastener and in which the slide fastener ends can be operated easily by the simple and natural operation of spreading apart the coat opening at the point where the parts of the divisible end connection are located.

According to my invention I provide gripping members which are free at both sides and bottom, and wherein the terminal portions of the fastener stringers are attached to the adjacent edges of such gripping members rather than directly to the edges of the coat. In this manner, the coat may be spread apart sideways, facilitating access to the lower end of the fastener.

In the accompanying drawing I have shown for purposes of illustration, one embodiment which my invention may assume in practice. In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a coat equipped with a fastener in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 is an inner face view of the lower portion of the coat;

Fig. 3 is an outer face view of the lower portion of the coat, showing the manner of manipulating the fastener parts;

Fig. 4 is a vertical cross-section on line 4—4 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 5 is a horizontal cross-section on line 5—5 of Fig. 2.

The particular jacket shown in Fig. 1 has opposite front body portions 6, 7 with a central opening 8, a collar 9, sleeves 10, and a skirt 11, which extends a considerable distance below the belt 12. A slide fastened is used for closing the jacket opening and the stringers 13, 14 of the fastener are attached in the opposite edges of the opening after the manner known as the box plait application, shown in Fig. 5, in which the edges of the opening come together in substantially abutting relation when the fastener is closed. On opposite sides of the opening there are facings 15, 16 which extend down to form gripping members 17, 18. These facing pieces are folded back preferably on an inclined line 19 and extend up to the dotted line 20. Below the gripping members there are supplemental facing members 21, 22. These supplemental members together with the front body portion 6 and 7 respectively, are cut to be sewn together on a bias as shown in Fig 2. This permits a slight overlap of the lower skirt portions when the fastener is closed and tends to prevent gapping of the free edges below the fastener elements. The tapes 23 of the slide fastener are placed between the facing 15 and the outer front portions of the garments 6 and 7. The facing 15 is preferably turned at 24 to provide smooth hemmed edges. The upwardly folded ends 25 of the facing members are folded over the fastener tapes 23. The attachment of the fastener tapes may be reinforced by suitable bar tacking 26 passing through the end facing member of the fastener tape, the upwardly folded end of the facing member, as well as the upper end of the supplemental facing members 21, 22 and if desired, the reinforcing stitching may pass through the outer facing material 6, 7. The fastener stringers carry the usual rows of coupler or fastener members 27 and their terminal ends carry the component parts 28, 29 of a divisible end connection. These connecting parts may be of any commonly used type, the member 28 preferably having a socket against which the slider 30 stops and the parts 29 having a pin which must be threaded through the slider and into engagement with the socket to initiate the operation of closing the fastening.

The user of the garment will grasp the terminal portions of the fastener or the gripping portions adjacent thereto in the manner shown in Fig. 3 and because these ends of the fastener stringers are free at opposite sides and also at the bottom, he can bend them inwardly toward each other and twist the same at an angle as shown plainly in Fig. 3. At the same time the lower corners 31 of the coat can be folded sideways out of the way to provide easy access to the parts of the end connection. The gripping members will not in every instance be necessary but will facilitate handling of the end portions of the fastener and tend to hold them in position during wearing of the garment. At the same time, since they are free at opposite sides and at the bottom, being attached only along their upper edge or by merely a continuation of the facing members, they can be easily twisted inwardly and placed at the desired angle.

While I have shown and described in this application one embodiment which my invention may assume in practice, it will be understood that this embodiment is for the purposes of illustration and description, and that various other

forms may be devised within the scope of my invention as set forth in the appended claims

What I claim as my invention is:

1. In a coat-like garment having a full length opening, facing members attached to the under side of the front body portions of the garment on opposite sides of the opening, a slide fastener for closing the opening having stringers mounted between said facing members and said body portions whereby the edges of the body portion come together in abutting relation and conceal the slide fastener, the lower ends of the facing portions being tapered downwardly and inwardly and left free from the body portions and the lower end of the slide fastener being attached only to said free ends, component parts of a divisible end connection on the lower ends of said stringers, and supplemental facing members extending from the lines where said first facing members are left unattached downwardly to the lower edge of the garment.

2. In a coat-like garment having a full length opening, a slide fastener having stringers on opposite sides of the opening for fastening the coat together, said fastener extending from a point adjacent the collar down to at least the waistline of the garment and terminating a substantial distance above the bottom of the garment, said stringers carrying component parts of a divisible end connection at their bottom ends, facings extending at each side of said opening and projecting downwardly below the waistline of said garment to form gripping members attached to the garment on opposite sides of the opening adjacent the lower terminal portions of said fastener stringers and being free at both sides and the bottom, the lower terminal portions of the fastener stringers being attached to adjacent edges of said gripping members whereby the wearer can easily grasp the gripping members to engage or disengage the parts of said divisible end connection.

3. In a coat-like garment having a full length opening, a slide fastener having stringers on opposite sides of the openings for fastening the coat together, said fastener extending from a point adjacent the collar down to at least the waistline of the garment and terminating a substantial distance above the bottom of the garment, said stringers carrying component parts of a divisible end connection at their bottom ends, gripping members attached to the garment on opposite sides of the opening adjacent the lower terminal portions of said fastener stringers and being free at both sides and the bottom, the gripping members being formed from the end portion of the facing strips on opposite sides of the garment opening, the lower terminal portions of the fastener stringers being attached to adjacent edges of said gripping members whereby the wearer can easily grasp the gripping members to engage or disengage the parts of said divisible end connection and the gripping members being tapered downwardly and inwardly for forming a substantially triangular manually engageable tab when attached by said fastener.

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