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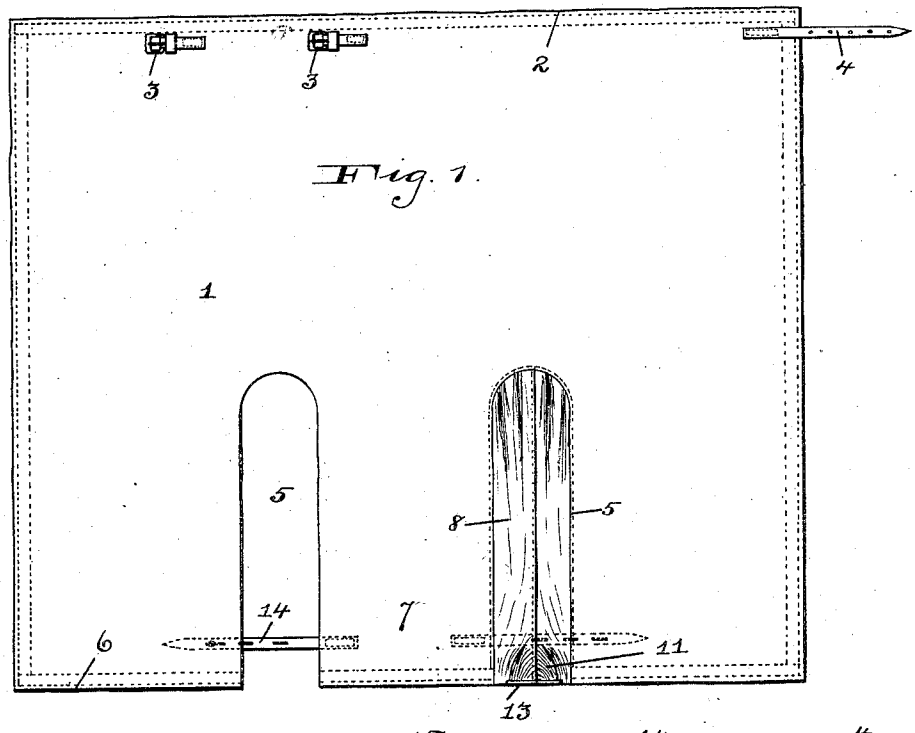


Fig. 1.

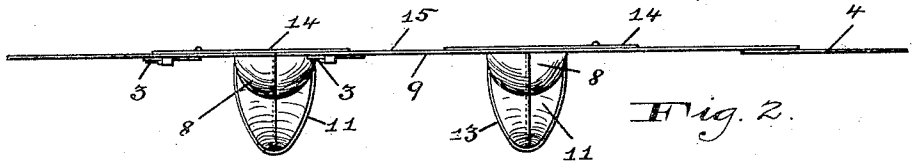


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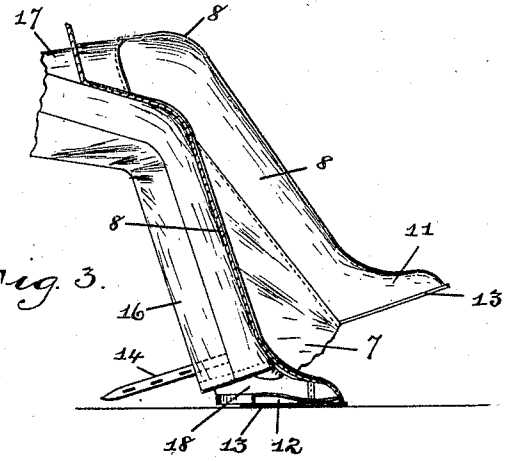


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID LEVINSON, a subject of the King of Great Britain and Ireland, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lap-Robes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in lap-robes or knee-covers.

The object of the invention is to provide a robe which may be wrapped closely about the body and under the legs and which is provided with parallel front openings extending vertically from the lower edge and covered by exteriorly-projecting insertion or patch-pieces, which form leg-pockets into which the leg from the knee down may be inserted to permit freedom of movement of either leg, especially in a vertical direction.

The robe is especially designed for the use of automobile or motor-vehicle operators, who are subjected to chilling and usually strong winds because of the high speed at which they often travel. One difficulty now experienced in providing robes for use in motor-vehicles is that when the robes are wrapped around the body sufficiently to keep out the wind they bind the legs, so that the operator cannot properly operate the various treadles or foot-levers to control the car. By my invention the operator may wrap the robe tightly about him and at the same time have both legs free to be raised or moved about and at the same time keep the wind and cold out.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 illustrates the outer side of the robe in the flat condition, one of the leg-pockets, however, being removed to plainly show the vertical opening. Fig. 2 shows a plan or edge view looking down from the upper or waist edge of the robe, and Fig. 3 illustrates a section side elevation of the robe and leg-pockets with the legs of the operator inserted in the pockets.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, 1 designates the robe, which may be of any desired length or width and of any suitable material and provided along its upper waist edge 2 with a plurality of buckles 3 and a fastening-strap 4 at one corner. At the lower portion and between the opposite vertical side edges the robe has two parallel vertical openings 5, which extend from the bottom edge 6 toward the top edge. These openings are of a sufficient vertical length to extend over and above the knee of the operator, and they are wide enough to permit the leg to pass through freely. The location of these two openings with respect to each other is such as to leave ample fullness 7 of the material between them when the legs of the operator are inserted and are resting in a normal spread-apart condition.

Bulged insertions 8 are secured to the robe along the edges of the vertical openings 5, and these insertions form semicylindric leg-pockets which project from the outer plane or surface 9 of the robe. The top of each bulged leg-pocket has a half-dome shape, which takes above the knee of the operator. At the lower end each leg-pocket is provided with outwardly or laterally curved portions 11, which form a foot-pocket 12, and at the lower end 6 each foot-pocket has a bottom plate or sole 13, on which the foot of the operator rests.

An ankle-strap 14 is secured by one end to the inner side 15 of the robe near the bottom and at one side of the leg-pocket, and this strap may be passed around the rear of the ankle or leg and its other end secured by a buckle to hold the pocket and robe confined to the leg.

By reference to Fig. 3 it will be seen that the legs 16 and 17 of the operator may be inserted in the pockets with the foot 18 resting on the sole or bottom plate 13, which, with the straps 14, will prevent the robe from becoming displaced during the movement of the leg.

It is obvious that robes of this character may be made to suit various purposes—such, for example, as coverings for children who ride in carriages.

Having thus fully described my invention,

what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A lap-robe comprising a flexible sheet provided with leg-openings at the inner side between the top and bottom edges and having bulged insertions secured to said sheet and projecting outwardly from said openings to form leg-pockets.

2. A lap-robe comprising a flexible sheet provided with leg-openings at the inner side between the top and bottom edges and having bulged insertions projecting outwardly from said openings to form leg-pockets and the lower ends of said leg-pockets each having a foot-pocket.

3. A lap-robe comprising a flexible sheet provided with leg-pockets which bulge or project at the outer side, the top of each leg-pocket having a half-dome shape, said leg-pockets being of sufficient length to receive the leg from the knee down and at the lower ends provided with foot-pockets.

4. A lap-robe comprising a flexible sheet provided with two parallel vertical openings at its inner side which extend from the bottom edge of the sheet up over the knee and having bulged leg-pockets secured to the sheet adjacent each vertical opening, said leg-pockets being of sufficient length to receive the leg from the knee down and at the lower ends said leg-pockets each curving outwardly and forming foot-pockets, and a sole or plate at the bottom edge of the foot-pockets on which the foot of the operator may rest.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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