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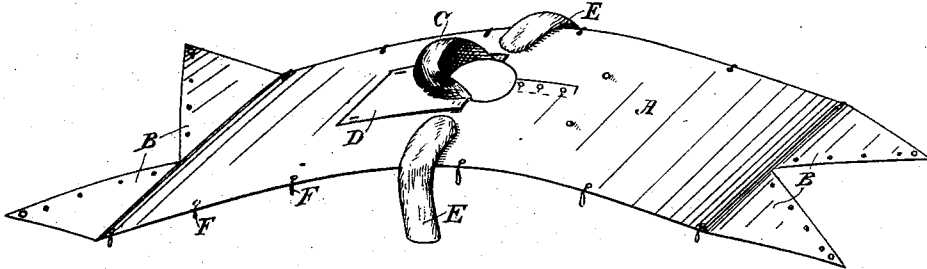


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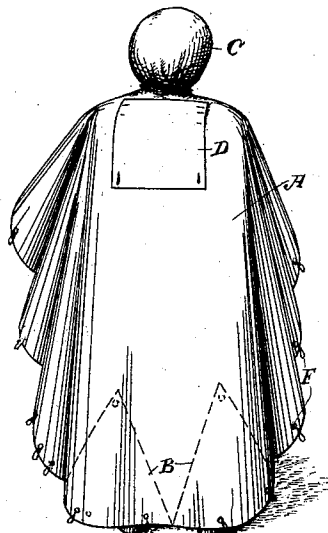


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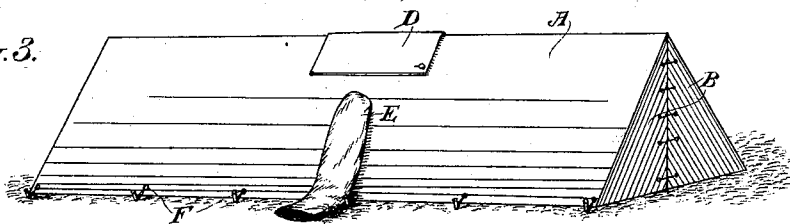


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## CONVERTIBLE GARMENT AND TENT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK TERRAMORSE, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Convertible Garments and Tents; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to a device which is especially designed for the protection of soldiers, travelers, and others who are liable to be exposed to the elements during the day or night.

It consists of the parts and the constructions and combinations of parts which I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

Figure 1 is a general view showing the device spread out. Fig. 2 shows it fitted to the person. Fig. 3 shows it set up as a tent. Fig. 4 shows it rolled up packed for transportation.

The object of my invention is to provide an article which during the day may be worn as a cloak and hood to completely protect the wearer from rain or storm and which may be spread out and set up as a shelter-tent to equally protect the user from the elements at night, the article being easily rolled up into small compass for transportation when not in use.

A is the body of the article, which is made essentially rectangular and at each end has triangular flaps B extending from it when the device is spread out flat. Near the center is an opening forming a hood C, and a square flap D is fitted adjacent to this opening and hood, so that when the device is extended and set up as a tent the flap can be folded over the central opening and cover it and the hood. When the device is to be worn as a garment, this flap is thrown backwardly, and the head being pushed through the central opening the hood C may be pulled up over the head, so as to leave only the face exposed. One end of the garment then hangs down behind the wearer and the other end in front, and the flap D will hang upon the back of the garment. The triangular projections B are then folded inwardly upon the inside of the garment, where they may be secured by buttons or otherwise, as shown, thus leaving the lower edge of the garment of essen-

tially the same length all around and clearing the ground.

The garment made in this way resembles a circular cloak or poncho without sleeves and can be gathered about the person by folding the sides toward the front by the use of the arms concealed beneath the sides in the usual manner for such garments.

If preferred, the garment may be made with sleeves, as shown at E, and in this case the wearer would put his arms through the sleeves.

When the device is to be used as a protection for the night, it is supported along the central line by a ridge-pole, which can either be cut at the point where needed if wood is available, or it may be carried as a part of the luggage, being in the form of three short lengths which fold or telescope together, making a total length of about seven feet. The ends of this pole may be supported by two uprights, like an ordinary tent, the whole height being about thirty inches and the spread at the bottom about four feet. Loops for pinning down the sides to the ground are formed or attached to the edges of the device, as shown at F, and when these are pinned down they, together with the ridge-pole and end supports, hold the structure firmly in place. The ends BB having been previously loosened from their attachment on the inside of the garment then hang down, as shown, forming closable ends, which are tied or otherwise secured together, and the device is then ready for use.

The flap D having been folded over the opening and head-piece, it may be buttoned or otherwise fastened, if desired.

If sleeves are formed in the garment, these sleeves would simply hang down upon the outside, as illustrated.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A convertible garment and tent consisting of an approximately rectangular body portion having triangular projecting end flaps, a central opening having a hood or head-piece connecting therewith, a flap adapted to hang upon the back when used as a garment and to fold over to cover the opening and head-piece when used as a tent.

2. A convertible garment and tent consist-

ing of an approximately rectangular body portion having a centrally-disposed opening and head-piece and a foldable covering-flap therefor, triangular end pieces projecting from the  
5 body portions, fastenings by which said end pieces may be folded inwardly and secured when the device is used as a garment, and means for fastening the edges together to form

a closure for the ends when the device is used as a tent.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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