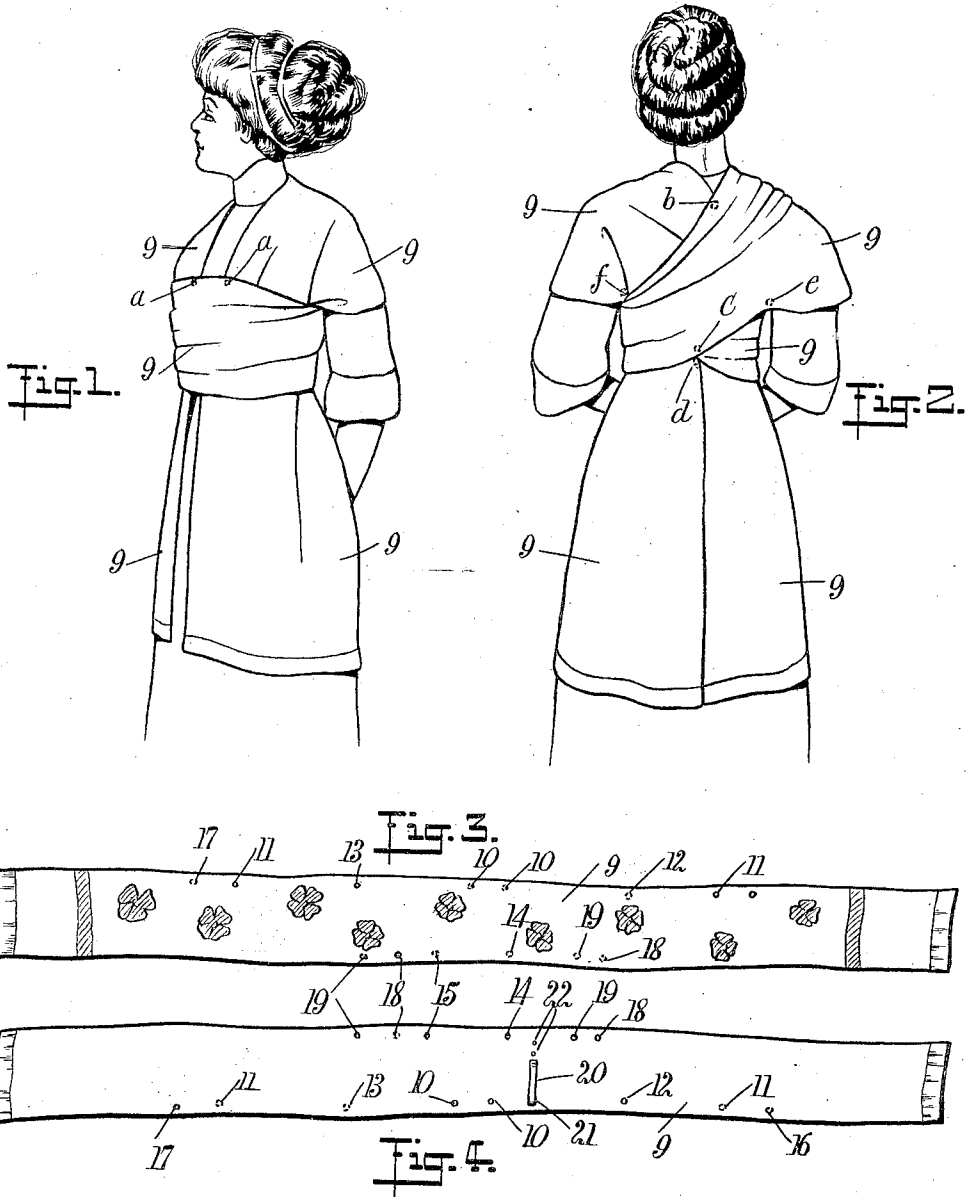


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROSABELLE F. COOPER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Scarf-Coat, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Among the principal objects which the present invention has in view are: to provide a scarf constructed and arranged to adapt the same for disposition as a coat; to provide a garment of the character shown which may, when removed, be closely folded for packing or for convenience of handling; and to provide a wrap garment with stays or fastening devices arranged to compel said garment to assume the characteristics of a fitted garment.

One embodiment of the present invention is disclosed in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification in which like characters indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a pictorial view of a garment constructed and arranged in accordance with the present invention, showing the same as worn, the view being taken from the front of the wearer; Fig. 2 is a similar view, the same being taken from the rear of the wearer; Fig. 3 is a detail view showing the outside of a scarf constructed and arranged in accordance with the present invention; and Fig. 4 is a similar view showing the reverse side of the scarf.

Heretofore the art to which the present invention relates has provided a scarf arranged to wrap upon the person to form a bodice-like chest-protector having a girdle portion, crossed back, and shoulder covers, with fastening devices arranged to secure the lower edge of the girdle portion to conform to the waist of the person, the ends of the shoulder covers, after passing from the back to the front, pass to the upper edge of and at the front of the girdle portion, the ends of the scarf overhanging the upper edge of the girdle portion. The objections to which this form of garment has been subjected has been that the shoulder covering portions, and particularly the outer covering, has sagged or worked down from the shoulder to interfere with the movement of the arm of the wearer. A further objection has been found to the garment in that the back of the wearer has been

exposed adjacent the shoulder, and the appearance of the covering thus arranged has been unfinished and has failed in proper protection for this portion of the person. A further objection has been found in that the garment, while protecting the body of the person, afforded no provision for the protection or for imparting warmth to the hips of the person.

The purpose of the present invention is to avoid the objections above noted.

As seen in the accompanying drawings, the scarf 9 is constructed from any suitable material of any width or length, this being determined by the use for which the scarf is designed. The scarf is provided at defined points with fasteners of any suitable description. The fasteners shown in the drawings are adapted to indicate ordinary snap fasteners of a type commonly used for securing the wrist openings of gloves. The fasteners consist of male and female portions which are applied to the scarf in such manner that when the scarf is folded about the person, as shown in the drawings, the male and female sections of the fasteners will register. Thus, as seen in Fig. 4, the fastener sections 10, 10 will register with the sections 11, 11 to secure the garment at the points marked *a, a* in Fig. 1 of the drawings. It will be noted that the fastener sections 10, 10 are disposed upon the mid-portion of the scarf, it being preferable that both extensions of the scarf from the fastener sections shall be substantially of even length.

In adjusting the garment to a person, it is preferable that the mid-portion of the scarf 9 shall be placed in the front of the wearer. The end sections of the scarf are then folded backwardly under the arms and each section is there in turn lifted and carried over the shoulder opposite the side from which the section is drawn, and permitted to hang in front of the person, the two sections crossing at the back as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. Where the scarf sections cross in the back, I have provided at the points marked *b* and *c* in said figure, fastener sections 12, 13 and 14, 15. When the sections 12, 13 and 14, 15 are mutually secured, it will be seen that the garment is prevented from relaxing the strain upon the front or girdle portion thereof. The ends of the garment are then passed under the girdle, or front portion, until the fas-

tener sections 11, 11 register with the fastener sections 10, 10, to be then secured in the usual manner. The four above mentioned securements having been effected, it
 5 will be noted that the body portion of the garment is established in its position on the person.

In some instances, I prefer to provide a short scarf not having the end portions
 10 shown in Figs. 1 and 2, producing in the complete garment, a jacket effect. When, however, the scarf is of sufficient length to form the tails, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, I provide a further fastening on the point
 15 marked *d*, as seen in Fig. 2 of the drawings. Where the scarf ends register to make this connection, I provide the fastener sections 16, 17. When the edges of the scarf are drawn together, as shown in Fig. 2 of the
 20 drawings, and the fastener sections are registered, this portion of the garment is rigidly secured in the usual manner. Thereafter, the garment will not shift upon the person other than that the natural action
 25 of a coat.

To better imitate a short sleeve effect, I provide the garment, at the points marked
 30 *e* and *f*, with fastener sections which, when registered and fastened, draw the interior of the scarf from the front backward, and from the back forward under the arms, forming thereby a loop in the material constituting the edge of the scarf through which
 35 the arm extends, as through a sleeve. The fastener sections for this purpose are designated in the drawings as 18, 19 and 18, 19.

To obviate any tendency of the garment
 40 to sag over the shoulder supporting that section of the scarf which may be termed the "overlaid" section, I provide a short strap 20 which is rigidly secured at the end 21 and

is fastened at the points 22, 22, as seen best in Fig. 4 of the drawings. When the strap
 20 is employed to hold the material in ad- 45 justed position, the shirred or gathered effect shown in Fig. 2, at the right of said figure, is produced.

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

A coat such as described, comprising a scarf having disposed thereon corresponding fastening devices arranged to hold the scarf
 55 in wrapped position on the body of a person, said wrapping providing a front girdle section the upper edge whereof is exposed, a crossed back, and shoulder coverings, said
 60 fastening devices being disposed one adjacent the edges of the folded sections at the back where the same separate close to the neck of the wearer, a second fastening
 65 disposed close to the edge of the folded sections where the same separate near the waist of the wearer, a third and fourth fastening disposed adjacent the upper edge of the
 70 front girdle section and the juxtaposed edges of the scarf where the ends of the same pass under the front girdle section, and a fifth and sixth fastening being each disposed adjacent
 75 the edge of the scarf at opposite sides of the shoulder coverings to register beneath the arm of the wearer to form sleeve portions; and a strap secured on one of said shoulder coverings to fold the material adjacent the neck of the wearer to prevent the sagging of the material over the shoulder.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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