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LAP ROBE AND FOOT POCKET.

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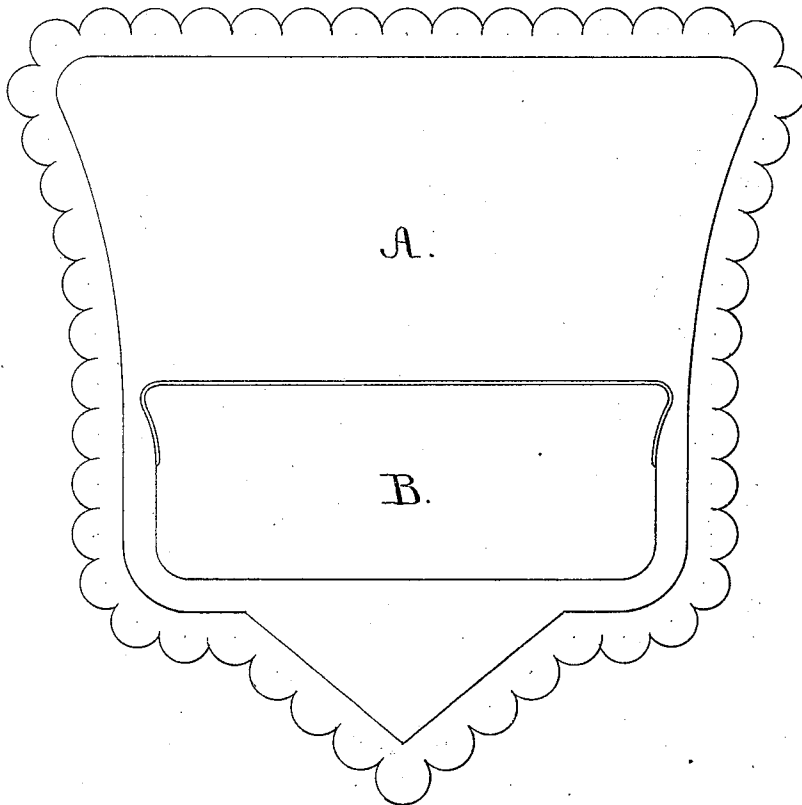


FIG. 1.

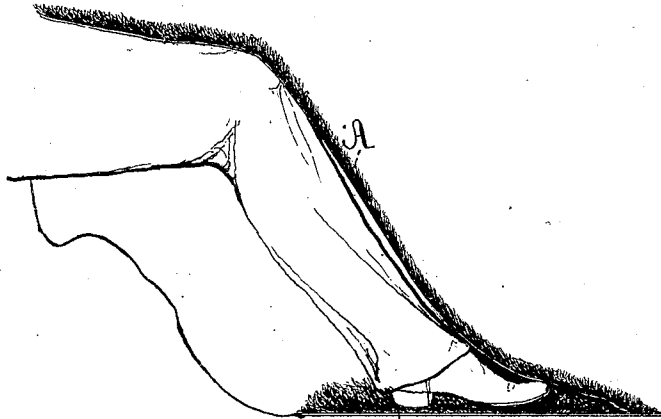


FIG. 2. B

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IMPROVEMENT IN LAP-ROBES AND FOOT-POCKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES MILWAIN, of the city and county of Albany, and State of New York, have invented a Combined Lap-Robe and Foot-Pocket, of which the following is a full and exact description.

The object of my invention is to secure greater protection against the cold for the feet of persons during their vehicular riding than is to be derived from the use of lap-robcs made in the ordinary manner; and in order to effect this purpose I combine with the lap-robe a pocket, forming a part thereof, for receiving the feet, as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawing, making a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents the under side of a lap-robe containing my improvement, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section.

As shown in the drawing, A is the lap-robe, which may be made of any suitable material, but preferably I make them of the furs commonly used for this purpose. They may also be made of any size, form, or style most desirable. Near its lower edge, and extending either partially or entirely across its width, a foot-pocket, B, is attached thereto. This pocket may be made of the rough refuse pieces of fur, that are of but little value for other purposes, the hair side being placed uppermost for the purpose of affording to the feet a soft and easy cushion; and to secure the greatest degree of warmth attainable therefrom.

By reference to Fig. 2 of the drawing, the manner of using my invention will be clearly understood. The robe A being placed over the lap in the usual manner, the piece forming the pocket B falls flat upon the bottom of the vehicle, leaving the mouth of the pocket sufficiently open for the free introduction of the feet, which naturally enter therein. When in the pocket, the weight and pressure of the feet aid greatly in keeping the robe in its proper place.

By combining the foot-pocket with the lap-robe in the manner herein described, a great saving of material is effected, as, by utilizing for covering the lap and limbs, that part of the robe that is commonly folded under for the protection of the feet, (which often equals one-third of the entire length of the robe,) a much smaller robe may be used, and a greater degree of protection derived therefrom, as the closed ends of the pocket excludes the cold air from coming into contact with the feet from that direction, thereby remedying one of the greatest defects in the use of the lap-robe as commonly made.

I claim as my invention—

The combination of the lap-robe A, with the foot-pocket B, substantially as and for the purpose herein specified.

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