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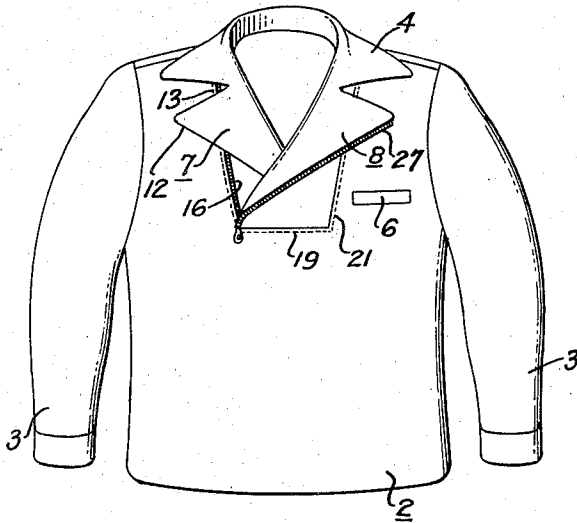


Fig. 1.

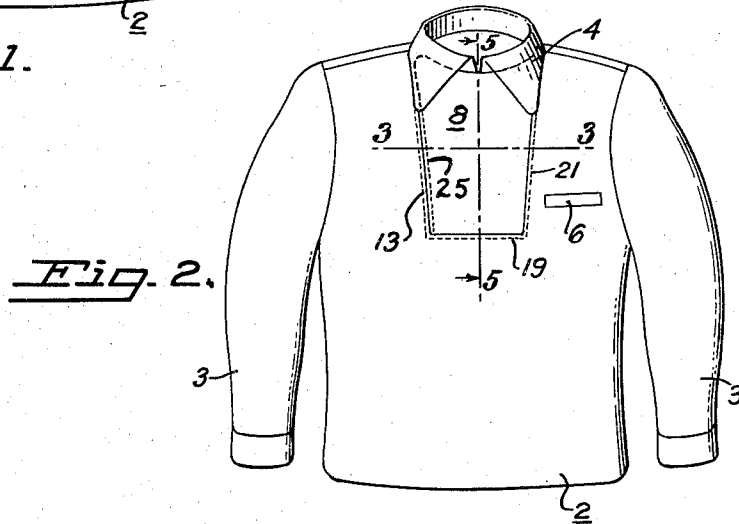
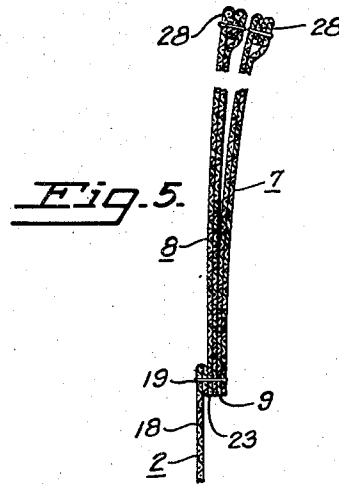


Fig. 2.

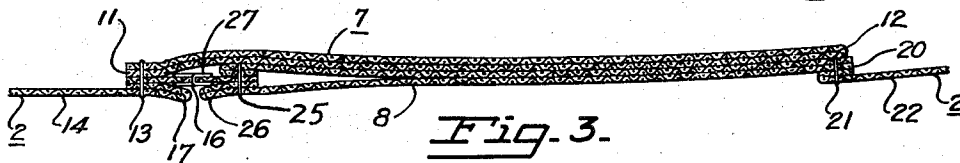


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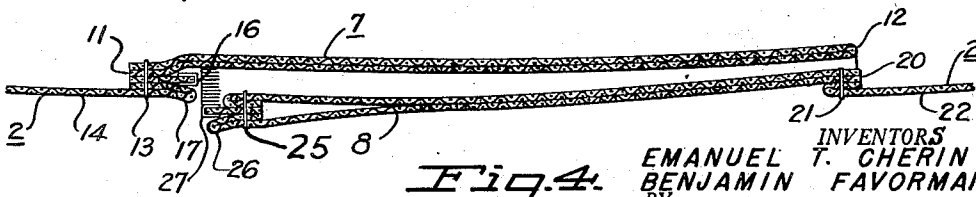


Fig. 4.

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Our invention relates to a blouse, and more particularly to a slip-over blouse.

It has as its objects, among others, the provision in a slip-over blouse, which may be in the form of a shirt, jacket, or similar body covering, of improved means providing chest covering and lapel forming flap portions that provide extra protection over the chest of the wearer in a closed position thereof, and at the same time may be opened to provide a lapel arrangement of pleasing appearance, that are of such character as to fix the lapel shapes when they are opened so that the pleasing appearance may be automatically obtained upon opening of the lapels, and which are of comparatively simple and economical construction. Other objects of our invention will become apparent from a perusal of the following description:

Referring to the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front view of our blouse with the chest covering and lapel forming flaps fully opened;

Fig. 2 is a similar view of the blouse with the flaps completely closed and in overlapping relationship;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged horizontal section taken in a plane indicated by line 3-3 in Fig. 2 with the flaps closed in;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged section similar to Fig. 3 with the flaps overlapped as in Fig. 3 but illustrating the fastening means unfastened and the flaps displaced with respect to each other, to disclose more clearly the construction;

Fig. 5 is a vertical section along the center line 5-5 in Fig. 2.

Our blouse may be made of any suitable flexible fabric or the like material, preferably cloth, which may be readily folded and sewed by stitching, and comprises main body portion 2 having the usual sleeves 3 sewed thereto. A neck band and collar portion 4 is preferably provided but it is to be understood that the collar may be omitted if desired. The body portion of the blouse is of the slip-over type, and consequently the front thereof is permanently closed for a substantial distance from its bottom. A pocket 6 is preferably provided at one side of the blouse.

In cutting the blouse, the chest portion of body portion 2 is formed open; and we provide two separate mating chest covering and lapel forming flaps adapted to be overlapped in closed position, and comprising an inner flap 7 and an outer flap 8 secured to said body portion 2 at said opening; the flaps being preferably of the same material as the body portion and being foldable, in

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the construction illustrated, the collar of collar portion 4 is preferably integral with both of the flaps, but need not be so.

Inner flap 7 is preferably trapezoidal in shape having a bottom edge portion 9, an upright right side edge portion 11 and an upright left side edge portion 12. In the closed position of the flaps, i. e. when they are completely overlapped over the chest of the wearer to provide at least a double thickness of material for protection, the side edges 11 and 12 are at opposite sides of the center line 5-5 and each of said edges is inclined inwardly from the top toward the center line. The inner flap is preferably formed so that the left hand edge 12 results from folding of the inner flap intermediate its width; while the edge 11 comprises two free edge parts which are stitched along inclined line 13 to the right hand side 14 of body portion 2. In this connection, it will be noted that edge 12 is permanently free of attachment to the body portion, and that the stitching 13 also secures one part of a hookless fastener 15 such as a zipper, between edge 11 and an inwardly turned hem 17 of the body portion.

Bottom edge 9 of the inner flap is stitched to the lower part 18 of body portion 2 horizontally all the way transversely across center line 5-5 by means of stitching 19; the center line bisecting such bottom edge 9. Thus, by the described arrangement, inner flap 7 may be fully closed as illustrated in Fig. 2 to cover completely the chest of the wearer; and it may be readily opened as illustrated in Fig. 1, namely, the lapel portion being folded over on the outside of the rest of the flap, to provide the lapel appearance illustrated in Fig. 1. In this connection, it is to be noted that the attachment of the bottom of inner flap 7 to the body portion controls the extent of opening of the flap to fix the lapel shape.

The outer flap 8 is of substantially the same shape and size as the inner flap 7, and comprises two thicknesses of material stitched at the upright left edge 20 along stitch line 21 to the left hand side 22 of body portion 2. Stitch line 21 is inclined inwardly from its upper edge toward the center line, but at the opposite side with reference to and at the same spacing as the stitch line 13 for the inner flap; the inclination of stitch lines 13 and 21 being substantially the same. Bottom edge 23 of the outer flap is stitched to part 18 of body portion 2 by the same stitching 19 which secures bottom 9 of the inner flap to the body portion; the bottom edge of the outer flap being secured between the bottom edge 9 of the inner flap and the body portion. Thus, the

bottom edges of both flaps 7 and 8 are secured to the body portion 2 of the shirt along the same transversely extending horizontally stitched line which controls the extent of opening of both of the flaps and fixes the lapels of such flaps in open position.

The right hand or opposite edge 26 of outer flap 8 has substantially the same inclination in the closed position of the flap as the stitch line 13 for the inner flap, and comprises two separate edge portions which are hemmed inwardly for appearance, and between which is secured the other half 27 of the zipper fastening means by stitching 25; and in the open position of the outer flap, edge 26 is free of attachment to the body portion, so that the lapel may be formed. The upper free edges 28 of both of the flaps are also provided with inwardly extending hems for sake of appearance which are stitched together.

Since inner flap 7 comprises a folded piece of material and outer flap 8 comprises two overlying sheets of material, it is seen that when the flaps are completely closed as in Fig. 2, four thicknesses of material are provided for protection in cold or inclement weather. In the closed position of the flaps, the zipper fastener 16-27 is closed to hold the flaps overlapped. When so overlapped, the left hand edge 12 of the inner flap although not secured remains in position because of the overlying covering provided by outer flap 8. However, the right hand edge 26 of the outer flap is secured to the body portion by the openable fastening means which the zipper provides. As previously explained, when the fastening means is opened, one need not adjust the lapels when they are unfolded; as the lapels may merely be turned outwardly, and the attachment of the lower edges of both of the flaps across the center line in the manner described, automatically controls the extent of opening of the flaps to fix the lapel shapes.

Although we preferably employ a so-called hookless fastener or zipper as the fastener means, it is to be understood that any other form of fastening means which is openable in the manner described, such as buttons or snap fasteners, may be employed in place of the zipper.

We claim:

1. A slip-over blouse comprising a main body portion; an inner chest covering and lapel forming flap having a bottom and two spaced upright side portions, one of said side portions being secured to said body portion at one side of the center line of said body portion, the opposite side portion being unsecured to said body portion, and the bottom being secured to said body portion across said center line; a mating outer chest covering and lapel forming flap also having a bottom and two spaced upright side portions, one of said side portions of said outer flap being secured to said body portion at the opposite side of said center line, the opposite side portion of said outer flap being adapted to be free of attachment to said body portion in an open position of said outer flap, and the bottom of said outer flap being secured to said body portion across said center line adjacent the bottom of said inner flap; the flaps being adapted to overlap in a closed position to provide a chest covering of at least two thicknesses of material; and openable fastening means for securing said opposite side portion of said outer flap to said body portion adjacent the secured side portion of said inner flap; the attachment of said bottoms of said flaps across said center line controlling the

extent of opening thereof to fix the lapel shapes when said flaps are opened.

2. A slip-over blouse comprising a main body portion; an inner chest-covering and lapel-forming flap of separate material having a bottom edge and two spaced upright side edges, one of said side edges being stitched to said body portion along a line spaced from one side of the center line of said body portion, the opposite side edge being unsecured to said body portion, and the bottom edge being stitched to said body portion across said center line; a mating outer chest-covering and lapel-forming flap of separate material also having a bottom edge and two spaced upright side edges, one of said side edges of said outer flap being stitched to said body portion along a line spaced from the opposite side of said center line, the opposite side edge of said outer flap being adapted to be free of attachment to said body portion in an open position of said outer flap, and the bottom edge of said outer flap being stitched to said body portion across said center line adjacent the bottom edge of said inner flap; the flaps being adapted to overlap in a closed position to provide a chest covering of at least two thicknesses of material; and openable fastening means for securing said opposite side edge of said outer flap to said body portion adjacent the sewed side edge of said inner flap; the attachment of said bottom edges of said flaps across said center line controlling the extent of opening thereof to fix the lapel shapes when said flaps are opened.

3. A slip-over blouse comprising a main body portion; a separate inner chest-covering and lapel-forming flap of a double thickness of material having a bottom edge and two spaced upright side edges, one of said side edges being stitched to said body portion along a line spaced from one side of the center line of said body portion, the opposite side edge being unsecured to said body portion, and the bottom edge being stitched to said body portion across said center line; a separate mating outer chest-covering and lapel-forming flap of a double thickness of material also having a bottom edge and two spaced upright side edges, one of said side edges of said outer flap being stitched to said body portion along a line spaced from the opposite side of said center line, the opposite side edge of said outer flap being adapted to be free of attachment to said body portion in an open position of said outer flap, and the bottom edge of said outer flap being stitched to said body portion across said center line adjacent the bottom edge of said inner flap; the flaps being adapted to overlap in closed position to provide a chest-covering of four thicknesses of material; and zipper fastening means for detachably securing said opposite side edge of said outer flap to said body portion adjacent the sewed edge of said inner flap; the attachment of said bottom edges of said flaps across said center line controlling the extent of opening thereof to fix the lapel shapes when said flaps are opened.

4. A slip-over blouse comprising a main body portion; an inner chest-covering and lapel-forming flap of a separate piece of material having an intermediate fold to provide a double thickness of material having a bottom edge and two spaced upright side edges, one of which side edges is formed by the fold, the unfolded side edge being stitched to said body portion along a line spaced from one side of and inclined inwardly from its upper end toward the center line of said

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body portion, the folded side edge being unsecured to said body portion and having substantially the same inclination toward said center line at the opposite side thereof when said flap is in closed position, and the bottom edge being 5 stitched to said body portion along a substantially horizontal line extending transversely across said center line; a separate mating outer chest-covering and lapel-forming flap of a double 10 thickness of material also having a bottom edge and two upright side edges, one of said side edges of said outer flap being stitched to said body portion along substantially the same line of inclination as that defined by the fold edge of said inner flap in the closed position of said inner flap, 15 the opposite side edge of said outer flap being adapted to be free of attachment to said body portion in an open position of said outer flap and

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in the closed position of said outer flap extending substantially along the same line of inclination as the stitch line of said inner flap, and the bottom edge of said outer flap being stitched to said body portion by the horizontal stitching securing the bottom edge of said inner flap to said body portion; the flaps being adapted to overlap in closed position to provide a chest covering of four thicknesses of material; and zipper fastening means for detachably securing said opposite side edge of said outer flap to said body portion adjacent the sewed edge of said inner flap; the attachment of said bottom edges of said flaps across said center line controlling the extent of opening thereof to fix the lapel shapes 15 when said flaps are opened.

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