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Fig. 1.

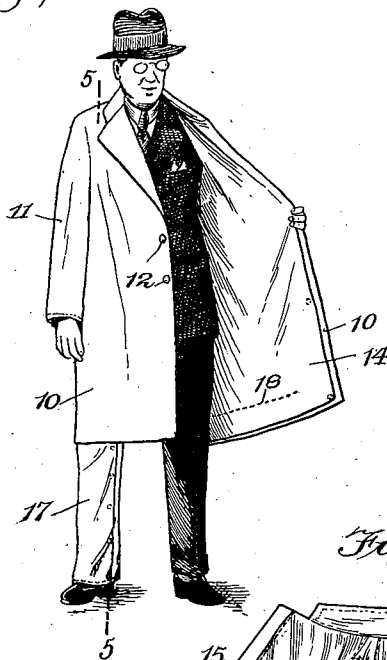


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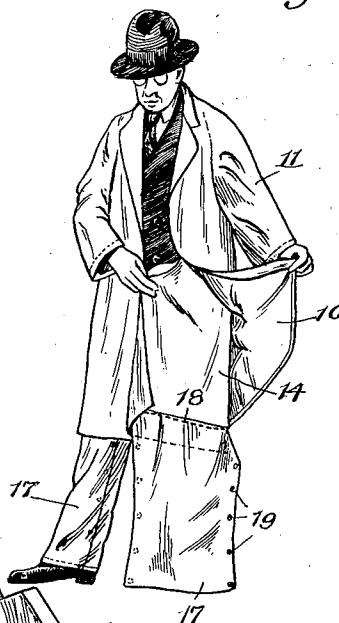
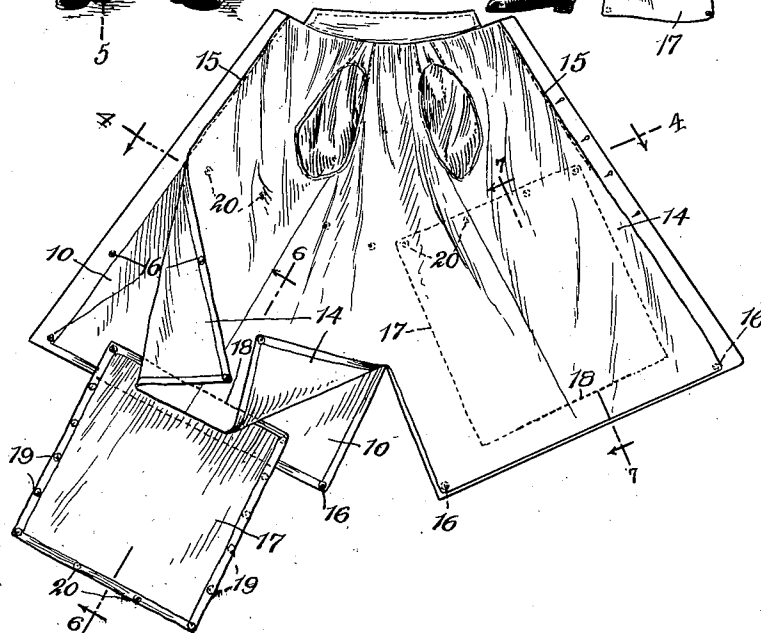


Fig. 3.



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Fig. 4.

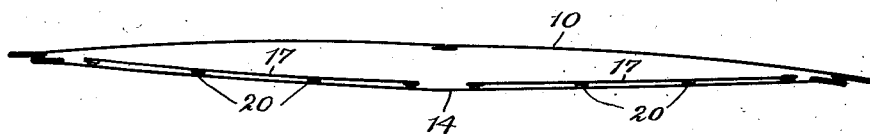


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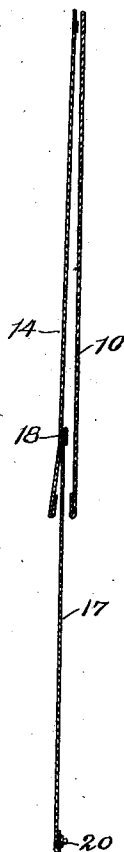


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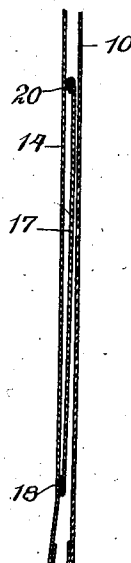
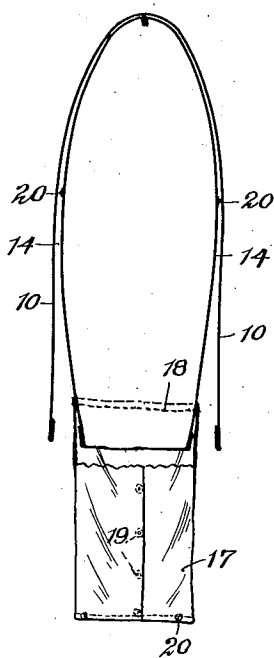


Fig. 5.



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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—86)

This invention relates to improvements in coats and has particular relation to improvements in storm coats and the like.

It is an object of my invention to provide an improved storm coat having associated therewith suitable leg protecting means which may be applied to the legs of the wearer in a simple and convenient manner so as to afford protection during a storm, and which may be releasably secured in compact form concealed from view inside the coat when not in use.

Storm coats of the type now in use afford little protection to the lower portion of the legs of the wearer, especially during a driving rain storm. It is a particular object of my invention to correct this defect and to supply improved means for protecting the lower portion of the legs of the wearer.

A further object is to provide improved leg protecting means in association with a storm coat which will not interfere with the freedom of movement of the wearer and which, when the user moves about as in walking, will not cause the coat to partially open and expose the garments beneath the coat.

For a fuller understanding of the invention reference should be had to the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 shows a coat embodying my invention illustrated as being worn by a man and showing one of the leg protecting means in assembled position ready for use, and the other in elevated position concealed inside the coat;

Fig. 2 shows the coat having one leg protecting means in assembled position, and the other ready to be assembled around the leg of the wearer;

Fig. 3 is a view of the inside of the coat showing one of the leg protecting means in lowered position ready to be assembled, and the other in elevated position;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view in the direction of the arrows on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a longitudinal section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a section in the direction of the arrows on the line 6—6 of Fig. 3; and

Fig. 7 is a section in the direction of the arrows on the line 7—7 of Fig. 3.

My invention may be employed in association with a coat of any desired construction, preferably having a body portion 10, arm portions 11 and suitable fastening means, such as buttons 12, for securing the coat in closed position.

As my invention is particularly adapted for use in association with storm coats, the body and arm portions are preferably made of a suitable water-

proof or water-resisting material such as a rubberized or otherwise treated fabric, oil silk, rubber, or the like. However, it is to be understood that any suitable fabric or other material may be employed. If desired, of course, pockets and suitable collar and cuff portions may be formed on the coat.

Inside the coat I provide a lining member 14 formed of a suitable textile fabric, or similar material, and the lining is preferably permanently secured adjacent its upper edges, as by a line of stitching 15, to the inside of the coat. The lower portion of the lining, however, is preferably free of any permanent connection with the coat as most clearly appears from Figs. 2, 3 and 5, but suitable releasable fastening means, such as snap fasteners 16, are preferably provided adjacent the lower portion of the lining and inside the coat for releasably holding these portions together.

My improved leg protecting means are preferably carried by the lining portion of the coat so as to cause a minimum of interference with the movement of the wearer while walking. The leg protecting members are of similar construction, each being formed of a generally rectangularly shaped piece of fabric 17 which is preferably formed of a waterproof or water-resisting fabric. The members 17 are secured to the under surface of the lining member 14 adjacent the lower end thereof on the two sides of the coat, as by means of lines of stitching 18 extending through the lining member and the central portion of the upper end of the members 17. The members 17 are of such a size and shape and are so positioned that when they are in extended position they may be assembled around the legs of the wearer as shown, and to secure them in assembled position the side edges of each member are provided with suitable releasable fasteners such as snap fasteners 19.

When not in use the leg protectors may be raised upwardly inside the coat between the lining member and the body portion of the coat, concealed from view from both the inside and outside of the coat. To releasably retain the leg protecting members in elevated position inside the coat, I provide suitable fasteners such as snap fasteners 20 along the lower edge of the leg protecting members and on the under surface of the lining member.

During fair weather or during a light rain storm, the leg protecting members may be fastened in elevated position as shown on the right-hand side of Figs. 1 and 3 and the lower portion of the lining is secured to the coat by means of the snap fasteners 16 with the result that the

coat presents an attractive appearance with the leg protecting members concealed from view between the lining and body portion of the coat. However, during a heavy or driving rain storm, 5 the fasteners connecting the lower portion of the lining to the coat are released and the leg protecting members are lowered and assembled around the legs of the wearer as shown in the first two figures of the drawings. In this way 10 the coat affords complete protection to the wearer from head to foot and because of the fact that the lining is free from connection with the coat at its lower end, the leg protecting members will not interfere with the movements of the wearer. 15 In the accompanying drawings my invention is illustrated as applied to a man's coat. However, it is to be understood that it may be used in connection with women's and children's coats

as well. It is also to be understood that my invention may be used in association with a coat of any desired design or style and is not limited to the type of coat illustrated in the drawings.

I claim:

5 A storm coat comprising body and arm portions formed of a weather resisting material, a lining inside said body portion and having releasable connection therewith adjacent its lower end and leg protecting members consisting of ex- 10 tensions secured adjacent the lower end of the lining and being of a size and shape to fit around the legs of the wearer, said extensions having fasteners for securing them around the legs of the 15 wearer when in use and for securing them between the lining and body portion inside the coat when not in use.

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