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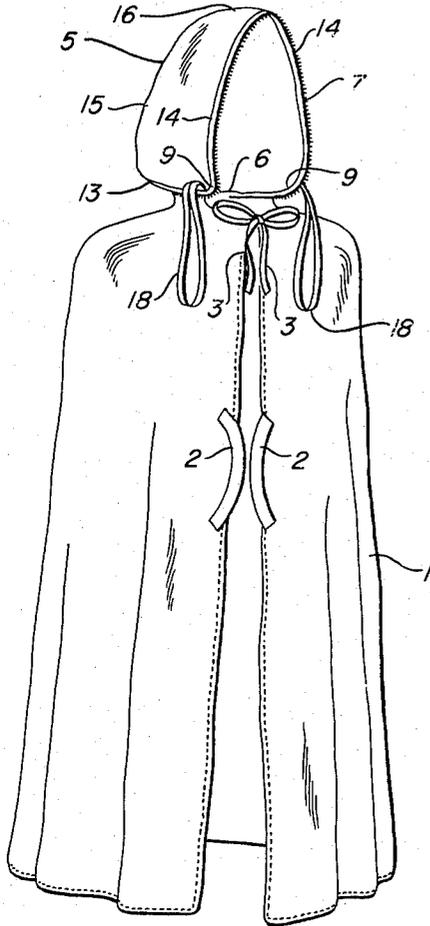


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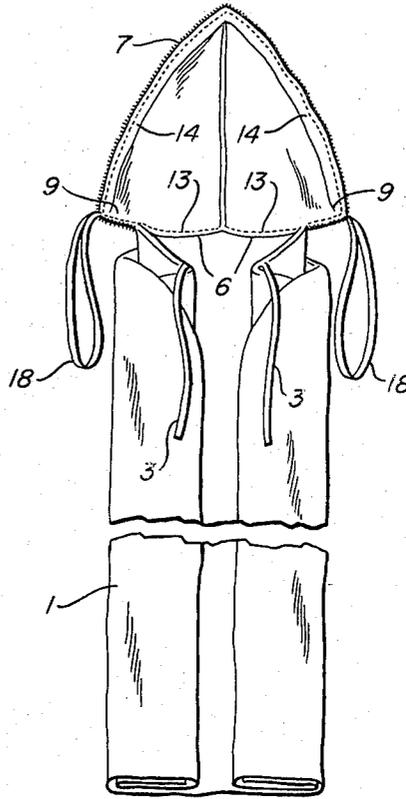


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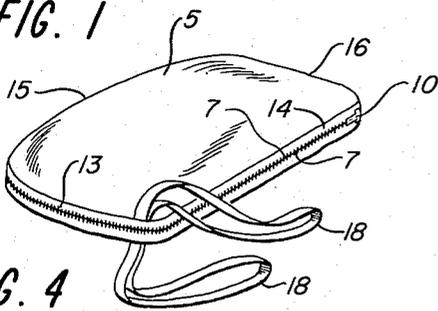


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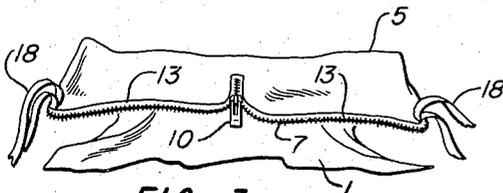


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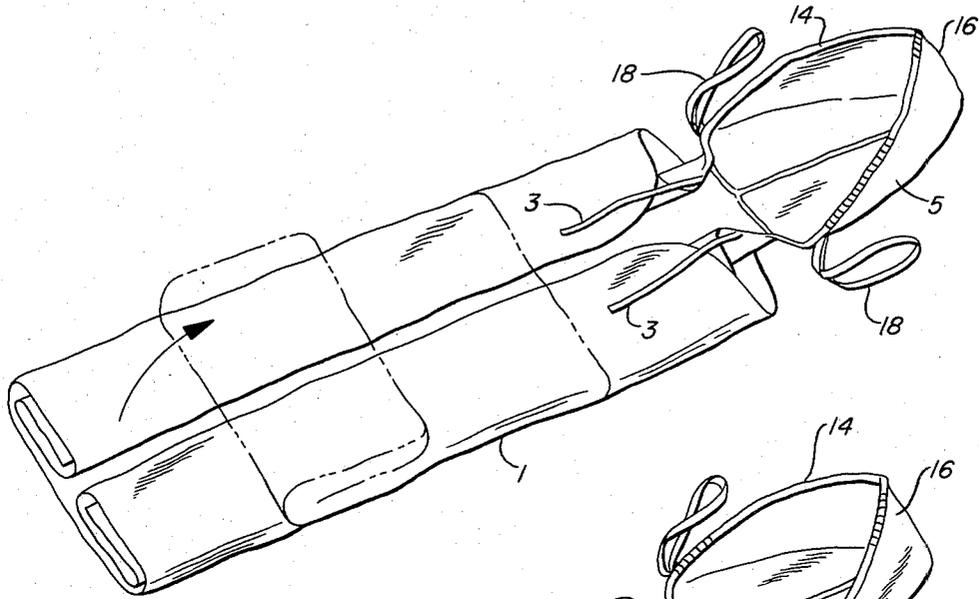


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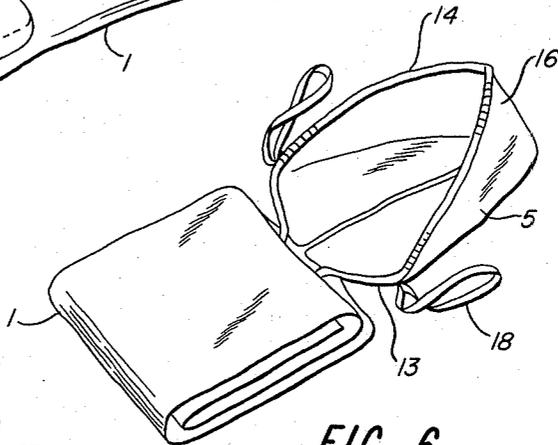


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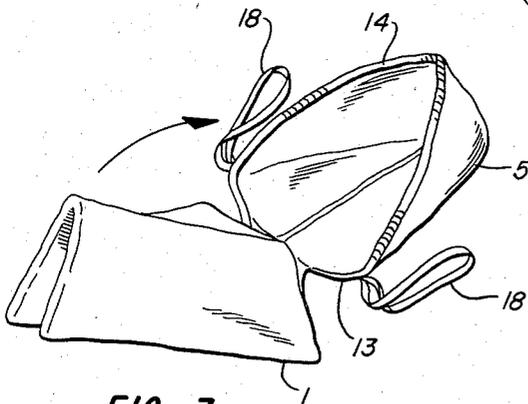


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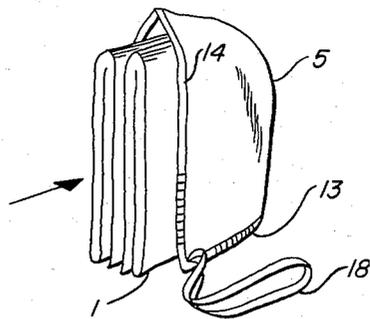


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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—84)

This invention relates to a rain cape with a hood designed so that the cape can be folded into the hood, and the hood is provided with releasable closing means so that it can be formed into a container about the folded cape. The cape can be carried in the hood container when not in use, and will be ready for immediate use.

The cape and the hood may be made of the same materials or different materials. Materials such as now employed may be utilized as, for example, transparent film materials, coated thin fabrics, etc. The cape may be fitted with snaps, tie strings, buttons or like means for closing it down the front, but this is not necessary. It may be of any suitable design. The hood is advantageously provided with loop tying means at the front of the neck to serve both (1) as means for tying the hood-and-cape assembly under the chin when worn, and (2) as a handle for the package formed of the cape in the closed hood.

The preferred means for closing the hood over the cape is a metal or plastic slide fastener, such as is commonly called a zipper. For this purpose the two opposite edges of the hood opening and the edges at the base of the hood which continue from said opposite edges around to the back of the hood are provided with opposite tracks for the slide fastener. The slide ordinarily will be located at the center of the back of the hood, although it might be located elsewhere as at the top center of the hood opening.

Instead of a slide fastener, other means may be provided for closing the hood as, for example, snaps or even tie means.

The cap when not in use is folded either by flat folds or rolling or by mere crumpling to form a small bundle which is then fit into the hood. Preferably, the sides are folded in, the resulting mass is folded over to the proper length to fit into the hood, and then this is folded backward, as will be explained in connection with the drawings. The opposite sides of the base and opening of the hood are then brought together, and by suitable fastening means such as mentioned, they are held together forming a container about the cape. Any suitable handle may be provided on the hood, although no handle is necessary.

The invention will be further described in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Fig. 1 shows a cape and hood opened as they would be when worn, with tie means fastened to the cape and holding the two sides of the cape together at the neck;

Fig. 2 is a view of the same except that the cape is foreshortened and its edges have been folded inwardly prior to being folded lengthwise to fit into the hood;

Fig. 3 is a detail of the back of the hood when opened out as in Fig. 2, showing the slide of the fastener at the back of the center of the neck.

Fig. 4 shows the completed package;

Fig. 5 illustrates how the full length of the cape is folded to a length to fit into the hood;

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Fig. 6 is a view of the cape and hood after this folding has been completed;

Fig. 7 illustrates how the folded mass is then folded backwardly to fit into the hood; and

Fig. 8 shows the cape being folded into the hood.

The cape 1 as illustrated is of the simplest design and includes grips 2 for holding the front of the cape together. It is tied together at the neck by the two tie strings 3 which are fastened to the cape at the neck. Snaps or other means for holding the cape together may be used. The hood 5 is of any usual design and is fastened to the hood at the seam 6 at the neck. The seam is advantageously formed by folding the bottom edge of the hood and the top edge of the cape outwardly and then binding them with tape, and if the hood is eventually to be closed by a slide fastener, the tape for binding the two edges will also hold a track 7 for the slide fastener. The tape and track are advantageously continued around the opening at the face of the hood, as clearly indicated in Figs. 1 and 2.

The attachment of the cape to the hood can come as far forward to the front corners 9 of the hood as desired, depending upon the protection required at the neck of the person wearing the garment.

When the garment shown is being worn, the slide fastener 10 is advantageously located at the back of the neck of the hood, as illustrated in Fig. 5 of the drawings. To fold the cape into the hood, both edges of the cape are folded in wide folds toward the center of the cape. Although Fig. 2 shows the edges folded forwardly they may be folded backwardly equally well. Then the bottom of the cape is folded up (Fig. 5) to form the folded bundle or mass shown in Figure 6. Then this is doubled back along the center line of the back of the cape, as shown in Fig. 7, into the hood as shown in Fig. 8. After the cape has been folded into the hood and the opposite track members 7 have been brought together, the slide fastener is run along the tracks so that the tongues on the tracks are interlocked and the package is closed as illustrated in Fig. 4. In order to open the package so that the garment can be worn, the slide fastener is moved in the opposite direction along the tracks so that the bottom edge 13 of the hood and the edges 14 around the opening of the hood are again opened. The two sides 15 and 16 of the hood are never opened. There may be a seam along these two sides, although generally one side, and preferably the top side 16, is seamless.

Loops 18 are provided at the two lower front corners of the hood to serve as handles when the package is completed as in Fig. 4. When the hood is being worn they may be used for tying the hood under the wearer's chin. Any sort of handle means may be provided on the completed package.

It is apparent that although a slide fastener is the most convenient and neatest type of fastener, other fasteners may be employed as by having one of the two edges of the hood 13 or 14 overlap the other, and having the overlapped edges provided with snaps of the type often used for holding two pieces of clothing together. Alternatively, little tie tapes may be used and in that event it is not necessary that the edges overlap. Any other suitable releasable fastening means may be provided to close the hood about the cape.

It is clear that modifications may be made with respect to the design of the cape, the shape of the hood, the means for attaching the hood to the cape, etc., without departing from the scope of the invention. Arm holes and even sleeves may be provided, as desired, although the latter make the package bulkier.

The invention is covered in the claim which follows.

What I claim is:

A combination rain garment which includes a generally

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rectangular hood and a cape with substantially vertical side edges, the entire central portion of the bottom edge of the rear of the hood being joined in flat contact to the central portion of the top edge of the cape with portions of both the bottom edge of the hood and the top edge of the cape extending forwardly on both sides of said portions which are joined together and being free of one another whereby the vertical edges of the cape can be folded inwardly independently of said free and outwardly extending portions of the hood, with means on the cape for fastening together and unfastening the tops of the vertical edges of the cape independently of said free and forwardly extending portions of the hood, separate means on the hood for fastening together and unfastening said free and forwardly extending portions of the hood, with slide fastener tracks on the opposite borders of the hood with the ends of the tracks joined at the center of the top of the front of the hood and the center of the bottom of the rear of the hood, and a slide fastener at one end of the tracks when the hood is open, the cape being foldable into the hood with said vertical edges folded toward the longitudinal centerline of the

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cape and the cape being folded transversely along said longitudinal centerline forwardly toward the hood to form a substantially rectangular mass which mass is then foldable backwardly along the centerline of the cape to form a smaller substantially rectangular mass which is smaller in dimensions than the dimensions of the hood whereby it is readily turnable into the hood by folding the garment along the juncture of the hood and the cape with said free portions of the hood closable about the cape and the cape being thereby enclosable in the hood by movement of the slide fastener along the tracks.

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