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Fig. 1.

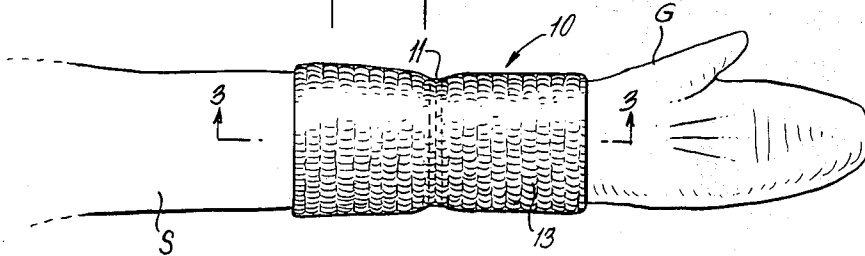


Fig. 2.

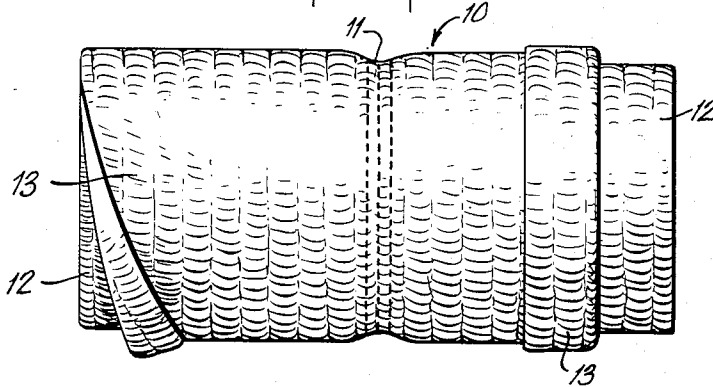
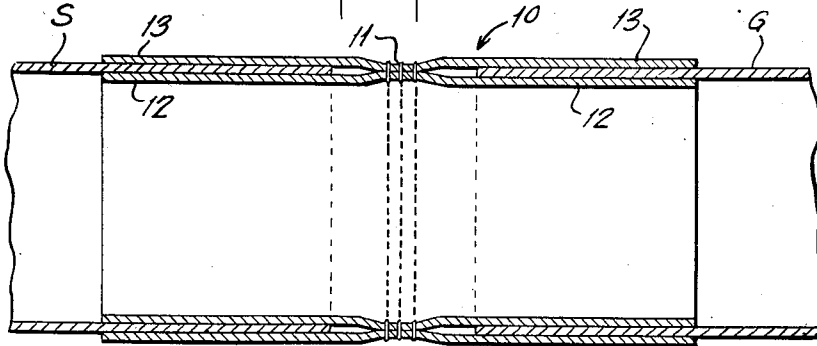


Fig. 3.



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The present invention relates to wearing apparel and, more particularly, to a sleeve and glove closure adapted to be worn as a protective garment in inclement weather.

In certain geographical locations throughout the world, snowstorms and extremely cold weather are not too frequent during the winter months and between occasional storms the weather is generally mild and pleasant. Consequently, persons living in such locations do not possess clothing primarily designed for cold wintry weather, such as persons would use during practically the entire months in locations where the winters are continuously severe. However, on extremely cold days in generally mild locations, persons find that they are not adequately equipped to cope with the weather. One of the commonest discomforts, when wearing so-called street clothing, for example a suit, an overcoat and gloves, is that snow, sleet, rain and cold air get into the wristlet of the gloves and/or under the coat sleeve.

Accordingly, an object of the present invention is to provide protective wearing apparel adapted to supplement normally worn clothing in cold weather.

Another object is to provide such apparel which encloses the coat sleeve and/or the wristlet of the glove to seal the same against rain, wind, sleet or snow.

Another object is to provide such apparel which is particularly useful when worn by children to enable them to play in snow without having the snow get into their gloves or coat sleeves.

A further object is to provide such apparel which is simple and economical in construction and practical in use.

Other and further objects will be obvious upon an understanding of the illustrative embodiment about to be described, or will be indicated in the appended claims, and various advantages not referred to herein will occur to one skilled in the art upon employment of the invention in practice.

A preferred embodiment of the invention has been chosen for purposes of illustration and description and is shown in the accompanying drawing, forming a part of the specification, wherein:

Fig. 1 is an elevational view illustrating the apparel as worn.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged elevational view of the apparel itself with the outer ends partially folded back.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view taken along the line 3—3 on Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawing in detail, there is shown a sleeve-like protective structure of the character described, which comprises a tubular article 10 constructed of yieldable, form-fitting fabric having a constricted annular zone 11 approximately at the middle thereof. Preferably the article is formed of knitted or woven fabric having rib-

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bing therein to render it form-fitting and yieldable, and the constricted zone is provided by stitching or a close knit or weave which is flexible but less yieldable than the other portions of said article.

As shown herein, the article is constructed of two tubular members 12 and 13, one within the other, to provide a separable double thickness of fabric at at least one end thereof, but preferably at both ends thereof, as about to be described. The inner member 12 and the outer member 13 preferably are of equal length and coextensive with each other and are connected together at the middle thereof.

In this manner, as shown in Fig. 3, the coat sleeve or shirt sleeve S is adapted to be placed between the inner and outer members 12 and 13 at one end of the article, and the glove wristlet G is adapted to be placed between the inner and outer members at the other end thereof. When so arranged, the glove wristlet and the coat sleeve are sealed in and enclosed to prevent rain, sleet, snow or wind from getting thereunder.

In applying the article 10, the coat sleeve S is first pulled back and the article is then slipped over the hand, wrist and arm. The upper outer member 13 is folded toward the stitching 11 and the sleeve S is pulled down and over the upper inner member 12, after which the upper outer member 13 is folded thereover. The lower outer member is folded toward the stitching 11 and the glove G is put on with the upper portion thereof around the lower inner member 12, after which the lower outer member is folded thereover to apply the article, as shown in Fig. 3, with the sleeve and glove wristlet within the inner and outer members 12 and 13, each at one side of the stitching. Alternatively, one end of the article 10 could be slipped over the coat sleeve S and the other end could be slipped over the glove to wear the apparel in a simplified manner which does not require the double thickness of material for lapping in the sleeve and glove.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that the present invention provides protective apparel which can be conveniently stored or carried in a coat pocket when not in use and thereby be readily available for wear in unusually cold or inclement weather. The apparel is durable, and lends itself for use to children as well as adults.

As various changes may be made in the form, construction, and arrangement of the parts herein, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention and without sacrificing any of its advantages, it is to be understood that all matters are to be interpreted as illustrative and not in any limiting sense.

What is claimed is:

A sleeve and glove closure comprising a unitary tubular article of predetermined length including a pair of tubular members, one within the other and stitched together to provide a constricted annular zone intermediate both ends thereof, said zone being flexible but less yieldable than other portions of said article, and a separable double thickness of fabric at at least one end thereof.

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