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REVERSIBLE GARMENT

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FIG. 1

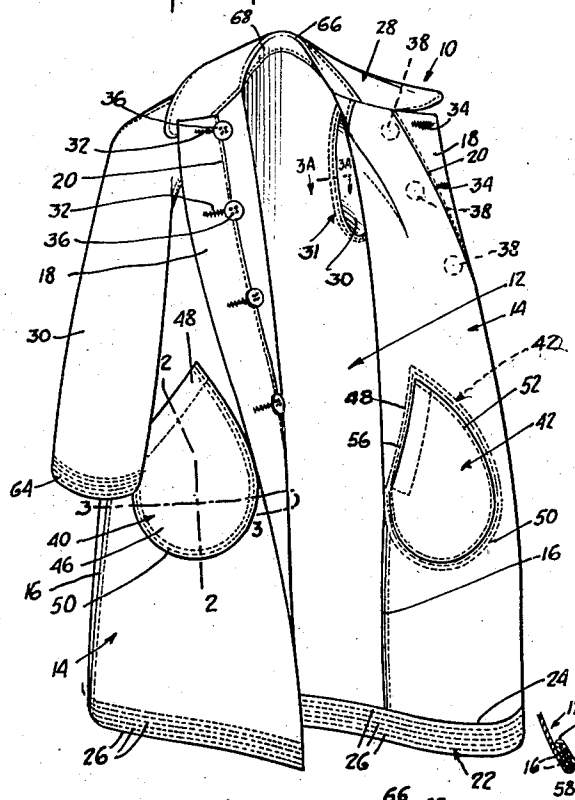


FIG. 2

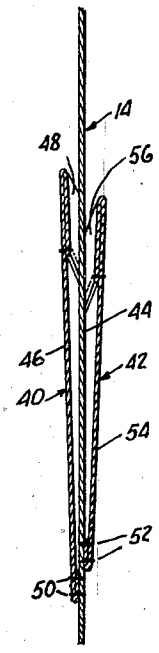


FIG. 3A

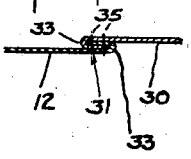


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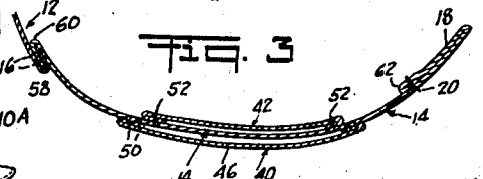


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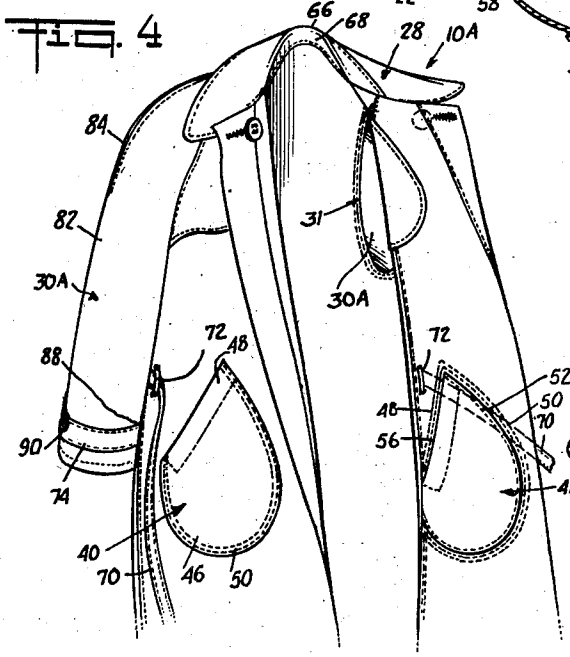


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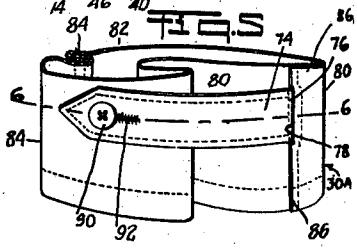
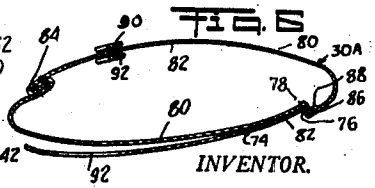


FIG. 6



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This invention relates to garments, and more particularly to reversible coats.

One object of the invention is to provide a reversible coat made of a single thickness of fabric, the opposite sides of which differ from each other in appearance or in other characteristics, the construction of the garment being such that the coat has a finished appearance, irrespective of the side thereof which is positioned as the outer side of the garment.

Another object of the invention is the provision in a reversible garment of sets of pockets on both sides of the coat so that when the latter is reversed, one of the pockets of the set is disposed in proper relation on the outer side of the coat without requiring any rearrangement of the pocket other than that incidental to the disposition of one side or the other of the coat as the outer side of the garment.

A further object of the invention, in reference to a type of coat in which the sleeves are provided with straps near the free ends thereof, is the provision of a construction which enables the same straps to be positioned on the outer sides of the sleeves in either of the reversible conditions of the garment.

A yet further object of the invention is generally to provide a reversible coat of improved construction whereby the coat can consist of a single thickness of fabric or other suitable sheet material and which has a finished appearance in respect to the seams and other details of construction of the garment.

The above and other objects, features and advantages of the invention will be fully understood from the following description considered in connection with the accompanying illustrative drawing.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front perspective view of a coat embodying the present invention, parts of the coat being folded back for the purpose of illustration;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view, on a larger scale, on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view, on a larger scale, on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3A is a sectional view on the line 3A—3A of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 1 showing another type of coat;

Fig. 5 is a view, on a larger scale, of part of the sleeve of the coat illustrated in Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a sectional view on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5, the end of the strap being detached.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the coat 10 embodying the present invention may be made of any suitable fabric or other suitable sheet material and is formed mainly of a single thickness of said material. Preferably, the opposite sides of the fabric or other sheet material of which the coat is made differ in appearance or in other characteristics. For example, when the coat is made of a woven fabric, one side of said fabric may have a satin finish while the other side of said fabric may have a twill finish. Also, it will be understood that said fabric may have a waterproof or water-repellent characteristic or finish on either one or both sides thereof.

As here shown, the coat comprises a body portion including the back 12 and the front portions 14, each consisting of a single thickness of the fabric or other material, said front portions being secured to the back portion by seams 16. Said front portions have facings 18 constituted by integral folded portions stitched down by the seams 20. The lower edge of the coat has a hem 22 constituted by an upwardly folded part of the back and front portions of the garment, said upwardly folded part being stitched in position at its upper edge by the seam 24. Also, preferably a plurality of lines of stitching 26 are run through said hem portions for adding stiffness thereto when such stiffness is desired. Said coat is also provided with a reversible collar 28 and with the usual sleeves, one of which is indicated at 30, which are also reversible. The sleeves 30 are attached by seams 31 which have a finished appearance on both sides of the coat. Said finished seam 31 is shown more clearly in Fig. 3A, and it will be noted that the stitched edges of the sleeve and of the garment at the armhole are folded inwardly as indicated at 33, and are stitched together in overlapped relation by the lines of stitching 35. The front portions 14 are provided, respectively, with rows of buttonholes 32 and 34 and with rows of buttons 36 and 38, the different rows of buttons 36 and 38 being on opposite sides, respectively, of the front portions of the garment, said two rows of buttonholes constituting similar but reversely located means on the front portions, respectively, of the coat for fastening said front portions to each other substantially in the same way, irrespective of which side of the body portion of the coat is arranged as the outer side thereof.

The coat is provided with pockets on both sides thereof, the outer pockets being indicated at 40 and the inner pockets being indicated at 42, it

being understood that when the coat is reversed from the condition illustrated in Fig. 1, pockets 40 will be positioned on the inside of the coat while pockets 42 will be positioned on the outer sides of the coat. By reference to Fig. 2, it will be noted that the pair of inner and outer pockets 40 and 42 has a part 44 of the front portion of the fabric common thereto, said part 44 constituting the inner side of each of said pockets. The outer side of pocket 40 is constituted by a piece of fabric 46 stitched to part 44 completely around said piece of fabric 46 except the top hemmed portion 48 thereof which provides the pocket opening. The seam by which pocket forming piece 46 is stitched to part 44 of the front portion of the garment is indicated at 50 and it will be noted that said seam is positioned beyond a similar seam 52 by which the part 54 of pocket 42 is secured to part 44 of front portion 14. In other words, pocket 42 is substantially the same in construction as pocket 40, but is preferably somewhat smaller than the latter so that the seams of the companion pockets are laterally offset, thereby eliminating excessive thickness in the garment at the edges of said pockets. The top opening of pocket 42 is indicated at 56.

The seams by which various portions of the garment are joined to each other are such that the garment has a finished appearance, irrespective of which side of the garment is disposed as the outer side thereof. Thus, for example, at the seams 16 by which the front portions 14 are stitched to the back portion 12 of the garment, the edges of said portions are inturned and stitched down as shown more clearly in Fig. 3 to provide the folded edge portions 58 and 60 at said seams. As described above, sleeves 30 are secured in the armholes of the garment by similar seams as shown in Fig. 3A. Likewise, as indicated at 62 in Fig. 3, the facing portions 18 have inturned folded edges 62 at the seams 20. The upper edge of the hem portion is similarly constituted by a folded edge as is also the upper edge of the hemmed portion 64 of sleeves 30.

It will be understood that in order to reverse coat 10 from the condition illustrated in Fig. 1, it is merely necessary to turn sleeves 30 of said coat inside out and to reverse the folded position of collar 28 at the edge 66 of said collar which is stitched to the upstanding band portion 68. When the coat is reversed, the buttons 36 will be on the outer side of the garment while the buttons 38 will be on the inner side of the garment, said buttons 36 being engageable in buttonholes 34 of the opposite front portion of the garment.

The coat 10A illustrated in Figs. 4 to 6, is constructed in substantially the same way as coat 10, although it will be noted that coat 10A is of a somewhat different type in comparison with that of coat 10. More particularly, in coat 10A the rows of buttons and buttonholes are omitted, except near the collar, said coat being provided instead with a belt 70 which passes freely through conventional belt loops 72 provided on both sides of the garment. Also, as here shown, the sleeves 30A of coat 10A are provided with straps 74 near the free ends of said sleeves. Strap 74 is stitched at one end thereof by the seam 76 to an edge portion 78 of one part 80 of the sleeve. Said sleeve part 80 and the companion part 82 of the sleeve are stitched to each other for their full lengths at the seam 84 and also at the seam 86, except at said part 78. This leaves a slit 88 in the sleeve through which strap 74 can be projected when the sleeve is turned inside out upon reversing the garment, so that the strap will be positioned on the outer side of the sleeve. Buttons 90 and 92 are provided on the part 82 of the sleeve at opposite sides thereof and strap 74 is provided with a buttonhole 92 for engaging either of said buttons which is positioned on the outer side of the sleeve. In Fig. 6 the strap 74 is shown detached from button 90 and it will be understood that when said strap is attached to said button, the outer end of the sleeve is gathered somewhat, shown in Fig. 5, for decreasing the size of the sleeve opening around the wearer's hand.

Thus it is seen that the garment construction described above is well adapted to accomplish the several objects of the invention. It will be understood that while the garments are illustrated as raincoats or top coats, the invention may be embodied in other types of coats or jackets for men, women and children. It will be understood also that in the illustrated embodiment of the invention certain changes in the details of construction and in the arrangement of parts may be made without departing from the underlying idea of this invention. Accordingly, I do not wish to be limited to the invention as herein shown or described except to the extent which may be required by the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A reversible coat comprising a main body portion formed of a fabric of single thickness, the opposite sides of said fabric constituting the inner and outer sides, respectively, of said body portion, and sleeves secured to said body portion, one side or the other of said body portion being disposed on the outer side of the coat by turning the sleeves inside out through the respective armholes of the coat, the attachment of said sleeves to said body portion being constituted by finished seams on the inside and on the outside of the coat, and pockets provided on said body portion, said body portion forming the inner side wall of each pocket, the outer side walls of said pockets being constituted by pieces of fabric stitched to said body portion on opposite faces thereof except at an edge portion of said pieces of fabric, said last mentioned edge portions defining the pocket openings, one of said pieces having its stitched edge or seam offset laterally of the stitched edge or seam of the other of said pieces.

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