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Fig. 1

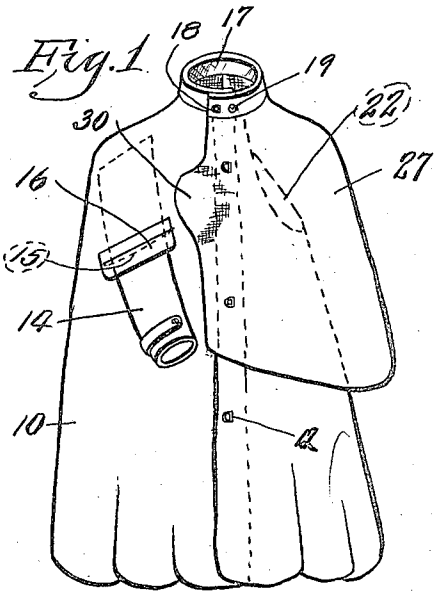


Fig. 2

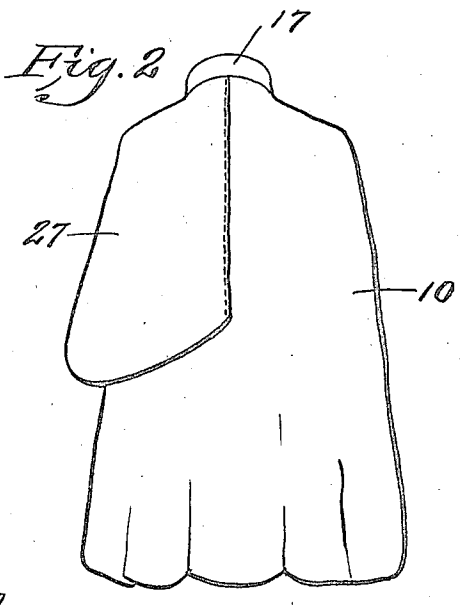


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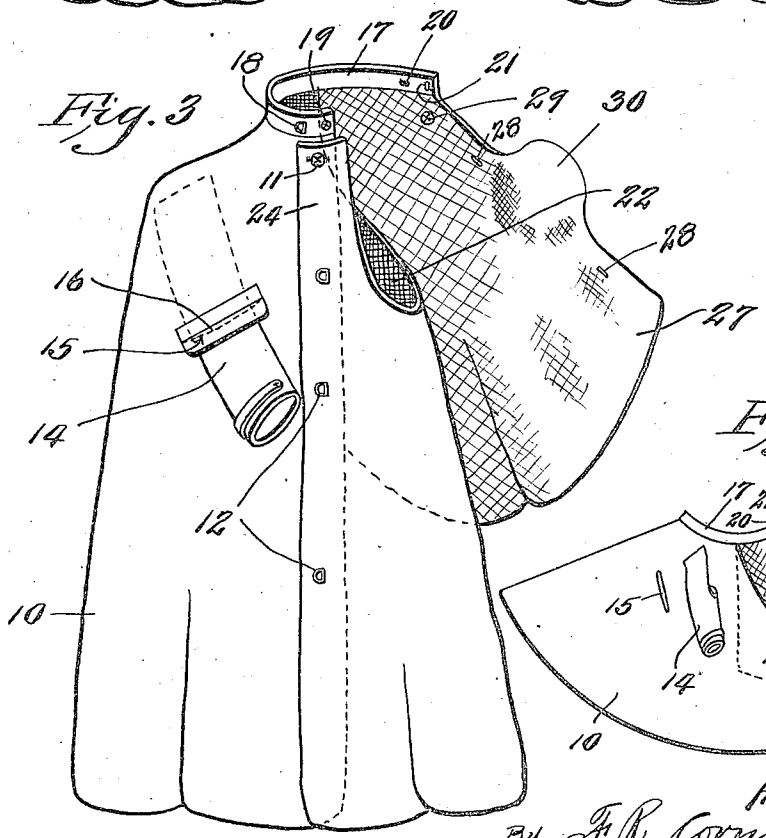


Fig. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT P. HANDLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Combined Rain Coats and Capes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to water-proof garments and the objects of my invention are to provide a combination rain-coat and cape for persons whose calling requires them to spend a great deal of time out of doors during inclement weather, such as mail-carriers, canvassers, and others; and to provide a garment so designed that it does not interfere with the free use of the wearer's arms and when used by mail-carriers protects the mail-pouch and its contents from rain, snow, dust, etc., but does not hinder or obstruct access to said pouch. Another object of my invention is to provide a garment having a cape designed to overlie and cover one shoulder and the arm of the wearer and the mail-pouch suspended from said shoulder and which cape can be thrown back over the shoulder and kept out of the way when so desired. Still another object of my invention is to provide a combined rain-coat and cape which will provide protection for the wearer which is of simple design, light in weight and which can be manufactured at low cost.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction, hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a front view of the garment.

Figure 2 is a rear view of the garment.

Figure 3 is the front view of the garment showing the cape portion unfastened to more clearly illustrate my invention.

Figure 4 is a view of the garment spread out.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings, 10 represents a coat portion of the garment which is fastened or buttoned in the front by means of a button 11 and buckles 12. One side of the coat portion, preferably the right, is provided with a sleeve 14 which is sewed to the inner side of the coat and the lower end or the elbow portion of said sleeve is adapted to project outwardly through an opening 15 formed in the coat portion and arranged to be covered by a flap 16 sewed to the coat above and overlapping said opening. To the upper edge of that half of the coat which is provided with a sleeve is sewed a collar or neck-band 17. That end of the collar 17 to which the coat is fastened is provided with a buckle 18 and a button 19, while the opposite end of said collar has a buckle opening 21 and a buttonhole 20 arranged to engage the buckle and button carried by the other end of the collar 17 when the garment is in use. The shoulder portion of the opposite side of the coat 10, and in this instance, the left side, is cut away, the cut away portion extending downwardly from the rear center of collar 17 and from the upper edge of the left portion of the coat to form a large armhole 22 and thus provide the left half of the coat with an upwardly extending flap 24 having a buttonhole 25 which, when the garment is worn, engages a button 11 carried by the right front portion of the coat and slightly below the collar 17. The remaining portion of the coat is fastened by means of buckle openings 26 formed in the left side of the coat and arranged to engage buckles 12.

Cape 27, the upper edge of which is sewed to the left-half of the collar 17, extends downwardly, to overlie and cover armhole 22 in the upper portion of the left-half of coat 10. The rear edge of the cape 27 is sewed to the coat and the front portion is provided with buckle openings 28 which are designed to engage buckles 12. The inner face of the front portion of the cape is provided with button 29 to which the flap 24 is buttoned by means of buttonhole 25 when the garment is not used in order to prevent the flap 24 and the corresponding portion of the coat from sagging or hanging down. The lower edge of the cape 27 is curved so that when the garment is worn, the lowermost portion of the cape is centrally disposed with respect to its front and rear edges, the edge of the cape sloping upwardly in front as well as in the back. The front edge of the cape is provided with an extension 30 which curves outwardly and away from the wearer and is designed to protect the hand and wrist of the mail-carrier as well as the mail carried in said hand.

It is the custom among mail-carriers to generally carry the mail-pouch suspended

from the left shoulder and to carry that portion of the mail which is being delivered in the left hand, leaving the right hand free to open doors, ring bells, etc. For this reason, the garment is shown and described as being provided with a cape on its left side, but it is obvious that when desired, the right side of the garment can be provided with a cape and the left side with a sleeve. The cape protects the arms of the mail-carrier and the mail-pouch and permits the mail-carrier to remove any mail from the pouch without exposing his arm, the mail, or the pouch. The extension 30 formed on the front edge of the coat protects the hand and the mail carried in it and provides an easy access for the other hand when selecting and delivering the mail. When it is not desired to use the cape, the cape can be thrown back over the shoulder.

A garment of my design is simple and provides efficient protection in all sorts of weather and the cape being fastened in the rear to the coat and in front by means of buckles cannot be displaced by wind or storm, thereby protecting the mail-pouch and the person under all conditions of weather.

I claim:

A garment comprising a body portion provided with a sleeve on one side while the opposite side is sleeveless, a cape permanently fastened to the back and the neckband of said body portion, and an extension projecting forwardly from the front edge of said cape to form a shield for the hand of the wearer.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature this 8th day of November, 1920.

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