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FIG. I.

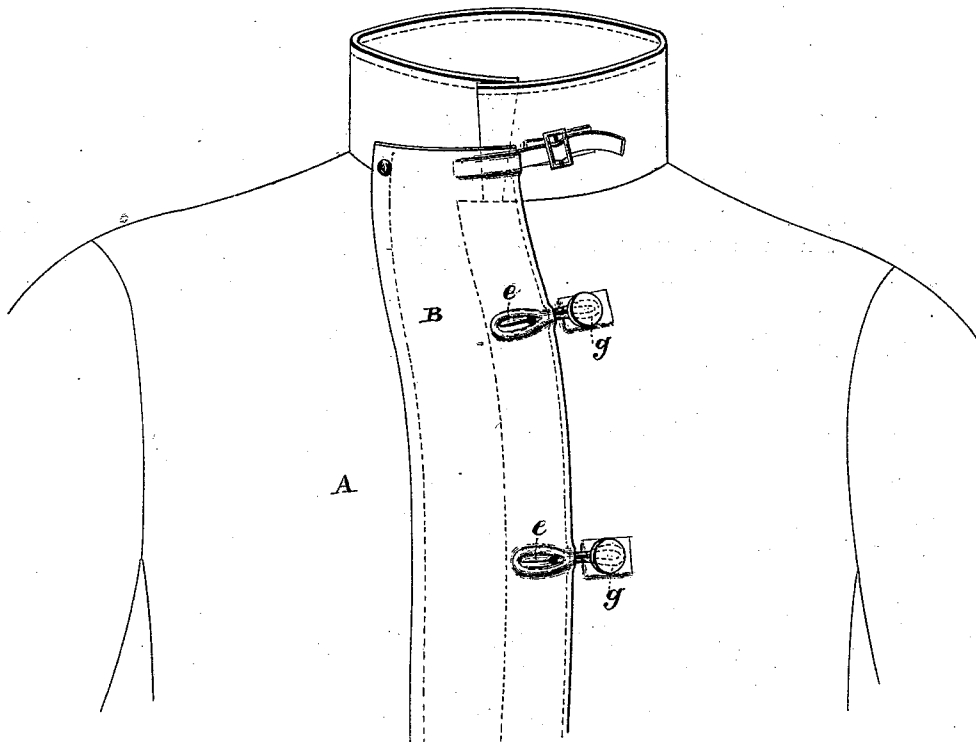
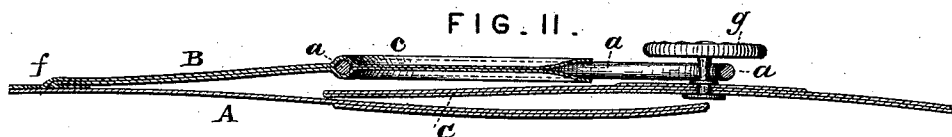


FIG. III.

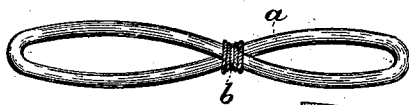
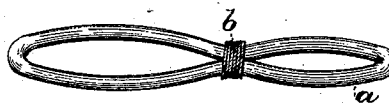
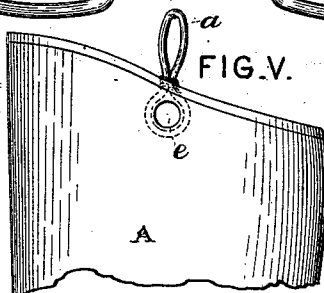


FIG. IV.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK M. SHEPARD, of East Orange, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful
5 Improvement in Loops for Articles of Apparel, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification.

This invention has reference more particularly to the construction of loops to be attached
10 to coats or other articles of apparel, and is specially applicable to rubber goods, though not confined thereto.

According to my invention a double loop is formed in shape like a figure 8, and is attached
15 to the garment or other article, so that one of the loops projects beyond the edge thereof, while the other lies within such edge. Preferably the loop is inclosed between the outside and the lining of the article. When the loop
20 is applied to a coat or like garment to fasten the same by engagement with a button, the fabric within the embedded loop may be slit to form a button-hole to which the loop acts as a stay. This inner button-hole can be used in
25 case the projecting loop wears out. The arrangement also practically renders the coat adjustable to fit different persons, or to be worn with a greater or less thickness of undergarments. When applied to a rubber overshoe, it
30 facilitates putting it on and off. The projecting loop can also be used to receive a button near the lower edge of the trousers and hold them up to prevent their becoming wet and soiled in rainy weather. The loop is also applicable
35 to rubber and other boots. The loop is fastened at the edge of the article in any suitable way as by a strong thread or by a metal clamp.

The accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, illustrate the manner
40 in which the invention is or may be carried into effect.

Figure I is a view of the upper part of a coat with the invention applied thereto; Fig. II, a partial cross-section thereof on a larger scale;
45 Figs. III and IV, details showing the loop, and Fig. V a view illustrating the application of the invention to a rubber boot.

The loops *a* are made of cord, and when applied to a rubber article are coated with rubber.
50 ber. They are constructed to form two loops

or a double loop resembling a figure 8 by crossing, as in Fig. III, or by fastening opposite sides together, as in Fig. IV. The shape of the loop is maintained by securing it with a thread, *b*, or otherwise.

In applying the loops to a garment, such as shown in Fig. I, one of the loops is inserted between the outside layer, *c*, and the lining *d* of the garment, (see Fig. II,) and is secured therein in any suitable way. As shown, the
60 coat is provided with a vertical flap, *B*, attached to the main portion *A* of the coat at *f*, and the opposite edge, *C*, of the garment is inserted under this flap, and loop *a* slipped over the button *g*. The fabric inside the embedded
65 loop is or may be slit, as at *e*, to form a button-hole, to which the said loop acts as a stay. The button-holes *e* can be used in case of breaking of the projecting loops or in case it is desired to button the garment more closely about
70 the person. The double loop may be applied in the same manner to other garments or articles of apparel—such, for instance, as a rubber boot—as shown in Fig. V. When thus
75 applied the material within the embedded part of the loop may be cut out to form a hole for insertion of the fingers; or it may be allowed to remain, in which case the embedded loop forms a ridge, which can be conveniently grasped in
80 drawing on the boot.

It is obvious that other applications of the invention could be made, and that it is not limited to those specified nor to the details of construction described and shown.

I claim—

85 The combination, with a coat or other article, of a cord shaped substantially like a figure 8, one of the loops being embedded between the layers of fabric composing the article, whereby a button-hole or finger-hole within
90 said loop is stayed, the other loop being left free, as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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