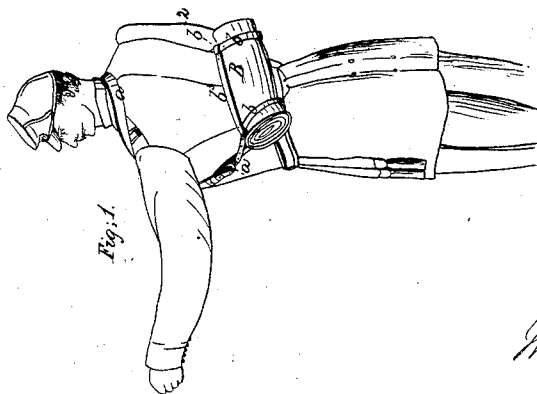
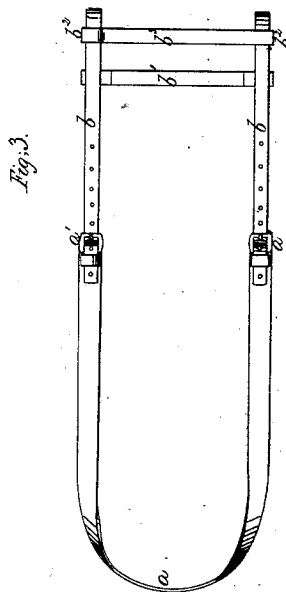
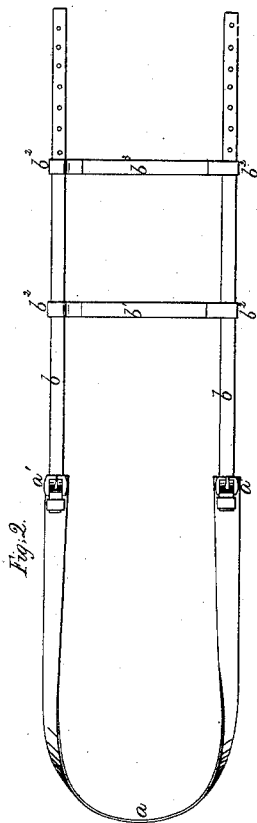


J. Short,

Accouterments,

Nº 35,002

Patented Apr. 15, 1862.



Witnesses.
Guillem D. Dutcher
E. S. Frost.

Inventor.
Joseph Hook.
By
Maam Hurst & Lawrence
attys.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JOSEPH SHORT, OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS, ASSIGNOR TO CHAS. SHORT, OF
SAME PLACE.

IMPROVED SLING FOR CARRYING BLANKETS AND OVERCOATS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 35,002, dated April 15, 1862.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH SHORT, of Salem, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Officer's Blanket and Overcoat Sling; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this my specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing the sling in proper position upon the shoulders and back of a soldier and with a blanket or overcoat suspended thereby. Fig. 2 is a plan view of my improved sling and in proper position to have an overcoat or blanket, when rolled up, laid thereon; and Fig. 3 is a plan view showing the blanket-straps turned over the blanket or overcoat and buckled to the shoulder-strap preparatory to slinging it upon the shoulders, as represented in Fig. 1.

In the drawings, *a* indicates the shoulder-strap, which may be of any proper material and three inches in width by three feet in length, between the buckles *a'*, which receive the ends of the blanket-straps, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

The buckles *a'* are permanently attached to the shoulder-strap, as shown, below which point the blanket-straps *b* extend down a sufficient length to embrace an ordinary military blanket and overcoat, when rolled up, in the condition as seen in Fig. 1.

I prefer to make the shoulder-strap and blanket-straps in one connected piece of leather or other proper material, and I connect

therewith cross-straps *b'* *b*³, having their ends made into loops *b*², by means of which they are run up upon the straps *b*, said straps *b* passing through said loops. Thus the cross-straps *b'* *b*³ may be adjusted so as to confine and clasp the blanket *B* or overcoat, or both, when the same is in position as shown in Fig. 1, and also prevent the straps *b* from slipping off the ends of the bundle suspended, as indicated in last-named figure.

In use my improved "blanket and overcoat sling" rises from beneath the pit of one arm up in front of and over its shoulder, thence around the nape of the neck, thence down over and in front of the other shoulder, and terminating in its descent at a point beneath the pit of the other arm. The weight is thus properly suspended upon the soldier and in a manner which gives the greatest ease to the wearer, leaving the entire muscles of the chest free and unconstrained. I thus produce a most necessary appendage adapted to forced marches of the soldier under circumstances where it becomes imperative to throw aside the ordinary knapsack, and yet where the blanket or overcoat is indispensable.

Having thus described my said invention, what I claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

As a new article of manufacture, the officer's overcoat and blanket sling, as and for the purpose described.

JOSEPH SHORT.

Witnesses:

ROBT. W. FENWICK,
DEWITT C. LAURENCE.