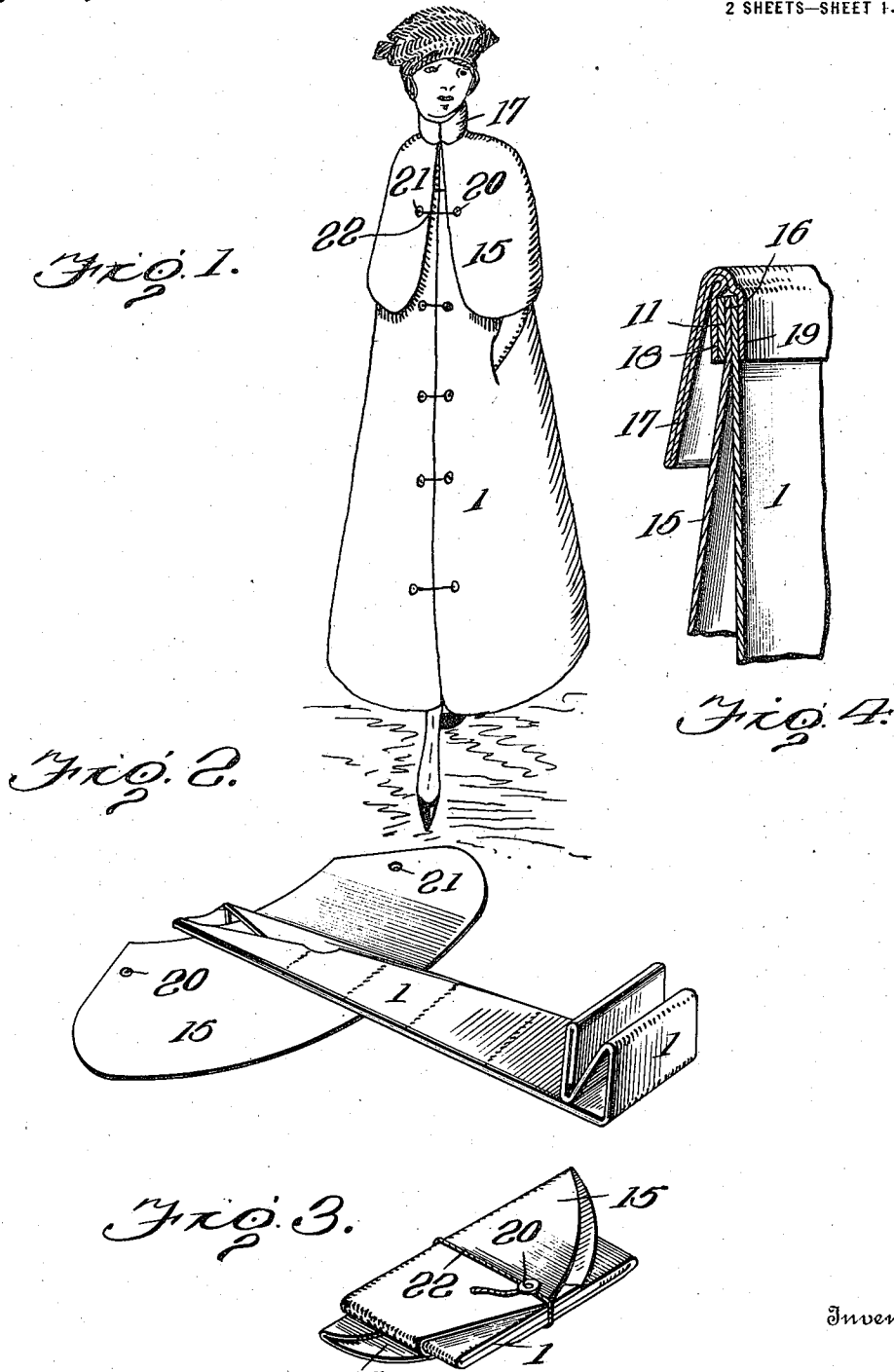


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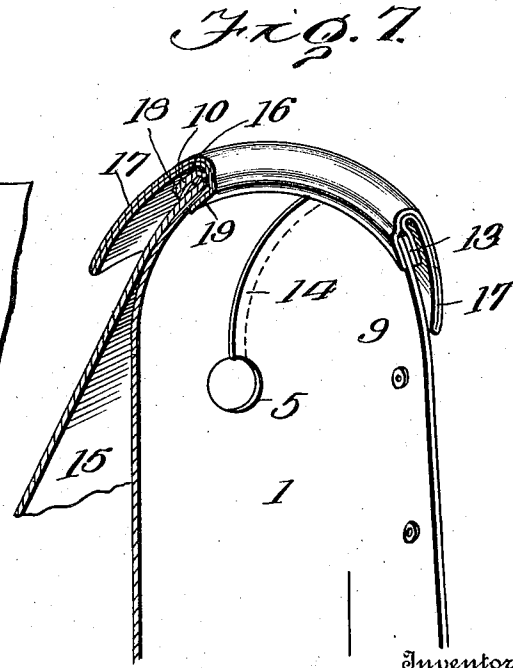
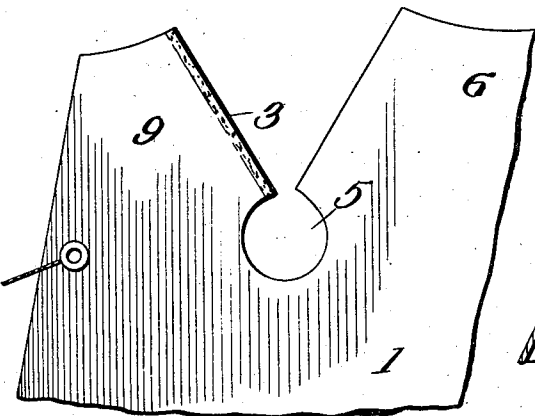
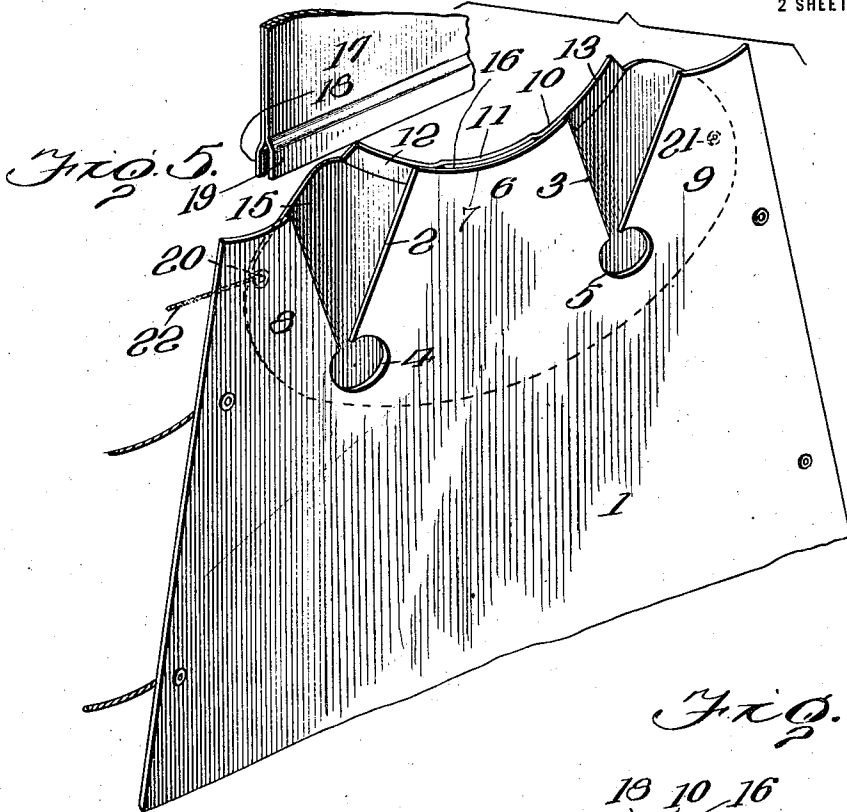
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MALCOLM C. DOUBLES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rain-Coats, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in rain coats.

The object of my invention is to provide a rain coat made of paper, or other cheap material, which can be cheaply manufactured and sold to the trade at a nominal sum and which can be folded into a very small package when not in use.

Another object of my invention is to provide a rain coat of this character in which the cape forms a protection for the arms and the collar serves as a means for holding the coat in its proper shape and forms a finish to the upper end.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a cheap, simple and effective coat of this character having certain details of structure hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawings—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my improved coat in use;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the coat partly folded;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the coat completely folded into the form in which it is sold;

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view through the upper end of the coat, showing the collar covering the ends of the material of which the coat and cape are formed;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the several parts of which the coat is made in their separated relation;

Fig. 6 is an enlarged plan view showing how the arm holes are formed;

Fig. 7 is a perspective view partly in section, showing the parts assembled and the arm hole formed.

Referring now to the drawings, 1 represents a sheet of water-proof paper or other water-proof material which forms the body portion of the rain coat. As shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings, this sheet is of gradually tapering or flaring form, flaring toward the lower end, and is made of the desired length. The upper edge of the sheet is provided with two V-shaped slots 2 and 3, which communicate at their lower ends with the two circular openings 4 and 5 which form

the two arm holes. The upper edge of the portion 6 between the slots 2 and 3 is curved at 7 to fit or form a portion of the neck of the coat and the portions 8 and 9 on the outside of the slots are also curved but in a different arc of a circle so as to form a round opening for the neck when the parts are assembled.

The portion 6 has secured thereto by water-proof cement the band 10 which is left free at the central portion and forms a loop 11, the purpose of which will be later described. The ends 12 and 13 of this band extend beyond the portion 6 and are adapted to extend across the upper edge of the portions 8 and 9 and are cemented thereto to hold them in the position shown in Fig. 7 of the drawings. The two portions 8 and 9 overlap the central portion 6 a slight distance and are cemented thereto, as indicated at 14, Fig. 7.

The cape 15 is provided at its upper edge with a central extension 16 which passes under the loop 11 and the loop is cemented thereto so as to support the cape. The cape thus forms a protection for the arms, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, and no sleeves are provided.

In order that a finished article may be had and at the same time provide a collar, I use a double piece of paper or other material like that used in the coat, as indicated at 17. The ends of the material of this collar are free, as indicated at 18 and 19. The portion 18 is cemented to the outer face of the band 10 and the portion 19 to the inner faces of the portions 8, 6 and 9 after the walls of the slots 2 and 3 have been overlapped, as shown in Fig. 7 of the drawings, and serves as means for more firmly binding the several parts together. The collar may be turned up to protect the neck, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, or may be turned down, as shown in Fig. 4.

My improved coat, as heretofore stated, is preferably made of a water-proof paper and is adapted to be sold to the trade at such a price that it could be used once and thrown away. The coat is adapted to be folded in the position shown in Fig. 1 and then rolled up upon the cape and the cape folded over to form a wrapper for the main body of the coat and thus forms a compact article. In order to hold the folded article in the position shown, the cape is provided with two buttons 20 and 21 and secured to

the button 20 is a cord 22 which is adapted to pass around the cape, as shown in Fig. 3. The cord is also used for holding the two ends of the cape together when in use, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

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

1. A coat composed of water-proof material comprising a body portion made of a single sheet having round openings and V-shaped cut-away portions communicating with the round openings forming the arm holes, a band secured to the upper end of the body portion and holding the parts between and on each side of the cut-away portion together, and having a free center portion, thereby forming a loop, a cape having

an extension passing under the loop and secured thereto, and a collar having two flaps one on the outside and the other on the inside and secured thereto to hold the several parts together.

2. A coat composed of water-proof material comprising a body portion made of a single sheet having round openings, and V-shaped cut-away portions communicating with the round openings forming arm holes, a cape secured to the upper end of the body portion and holding the parts on each side of the cut-away portion together, and a collar having two flaps one on the outside and the other on the inside and secured thereto to hold the several parts together.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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