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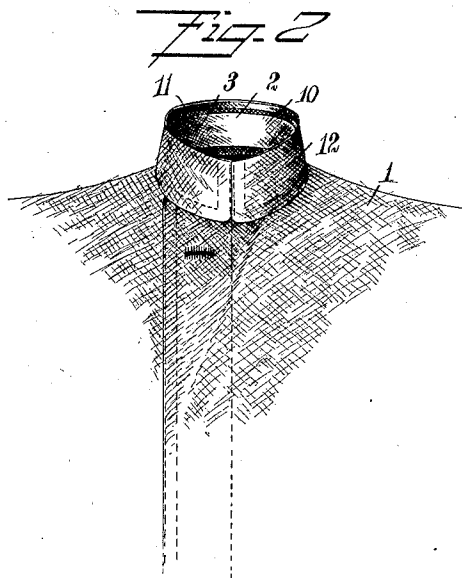
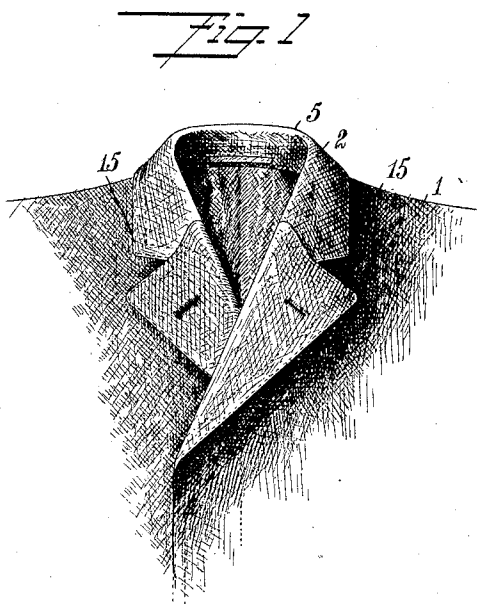


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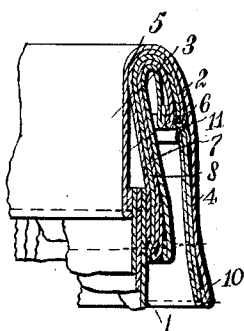
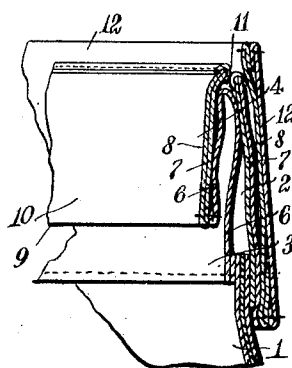


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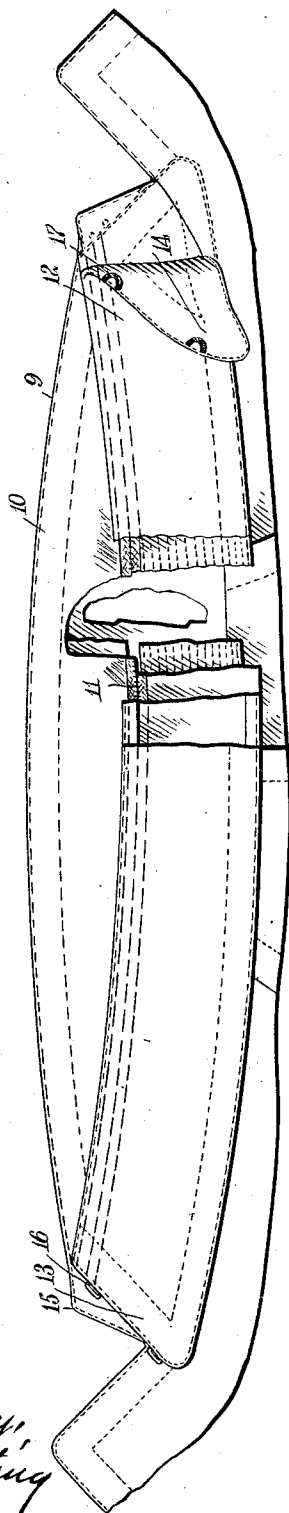
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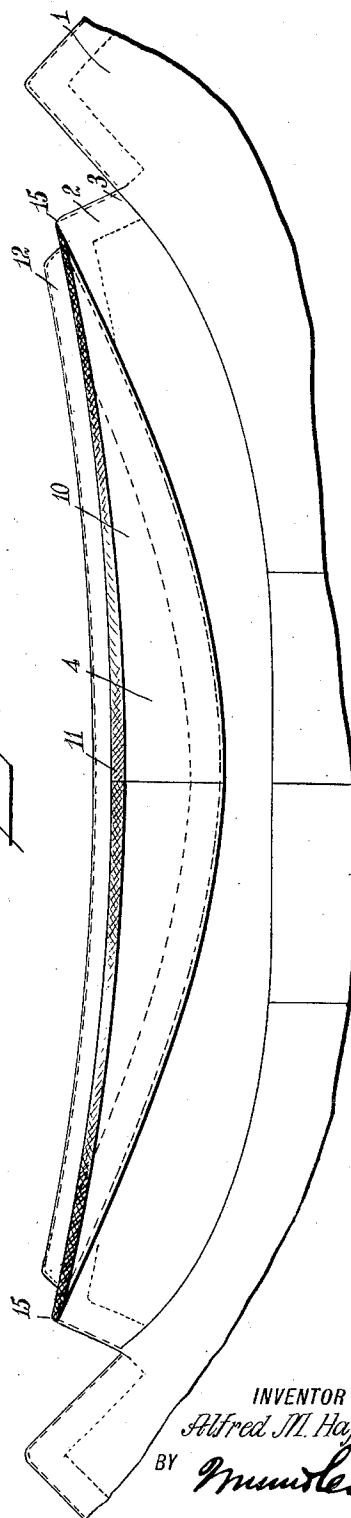
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED M. HAJEK, a subject of the Emperor of Austria-Hungary, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Convertible Collar, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to an improvement in garments, and particularly to a reversible collar, which may be changed from a perfect normal collar to a perfect military collar.

An object of this invention is to provide an article which will be simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, and reversible with the least possible trouble.

A further object of this invention is to provide a reversible collar, in which the outer or normally-visible surface of the normal collar is perfectly protected from being soiled when reversed to form the military collar.

These and further objects, together with the construction and combination of parts, will be more fully described hereinafter and particularly set forth in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front view representing the reversible collar as applied to a coat, in its normal, sunny-day position; Fig. 2 is a front view representing the collar reversed from the position indicated in Fig. 1, and showing it in its storm or military position; Fig. 3 represents a fragmentary vertical sectional view of the collar as illustrated in Fig. 1; Fig. 4 represents a fragmentary vertical sectional view of the collar in the position illustrated in Fig. 2; Fig. 5 represents an outside view in elevation, the successive layers being broken away to show the underlying structure; and Fig. 6 represents an inside view in elevation, with the lap of the normal collar turned in to form the military or storm collar, and for the purpose of protecting the outer surface of the normal or sunny-day collar.

Referring more particularly to the separate parts of the article, 1 illustrates the body of the garment to which my collar is attached, and which, although shown in the form of an overcoat, may be of any other

suitable form. The body 1 is so constructed as to form a neck, adjacent which is secured, in any well known manner, a reversible collar 2. As illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3, this collar is of the ordinary, normal, sunny-day form, and consists of a stand 3 and a leaf 4, separated from each other along the line designated as the break 5. The break 5 does not mean an actual cut or seam in the collar, but merely indicates a line of folding which exists between the stand 3 and the leaf 4 in forming the normal, sunny-day collar.

The collar 2 may be of any suitable structure, as for example, consisting of a surface layer of cloth 6, one or more layers of stiffening 7 of any suitable material, and a layer of backing cloth 8, also of any suitable material.

It is essential to the neat fitting of the collar 2 that the outer edge thereof, designated by the numeral 9, be of the proper curvature to lie in perfect, easy contact with the outer surface of the body of the garment 1 without wrinkling. However, if this collar 2 were turned up to protect the throat and neck during a storm, the excessive depth caused by the curvature of the edge 9 would bring the collar, in its turned-up position, against the back of the head of the wearer, permitting it to become soiled, and also causing extreme discomfort. In order, therefore, that when the collar 2 is turned up to form a storm or military collar, no discomfort to the wearer will be possible, and also so that the military collar will extend to the proper height at all points, I provide means whereby the excess body of the collar 2, which may be designated as the lap 10, can be folded down inwardly to the proper amount. For this purpose, I prefer to make an incision in the backing layer 8 and in the stiffening layer 7, forming a line of demarcation, indicated at 11, along which the leaf 4 is folded over on itself, as illustrated clearly in Fig. 6. The cut edges along this line of demarcation may be finished in any suitable manner, as by means of binding, and may be secured together in any suitable manner, with sufficient play for allowing the hinging of the lap 10 relative to the remaining portion of the leaf 4. The incision which forms the line of demarcation 11 may be located at any suitable distance from the edge 9, or, in other words, may be located in any suitable position between the break 5 and the edge 9, so that

this reversible or duplex collar can be fitted or adapted to persons having necks of different dimensions. In order that the collar, when reversed to its storm position, may have the proper military effect, I provide a properly-formed military false collar 12, made of any suitable material and of any suitable structure. This false collar 12 is secured to the back side of the normal or sunny-day collar 2 in any suitable manner, and preferably so that it projects a suitable distance beyond the line of demarcation 11, for the purpose of concealing the same.

The collar 12 is preferably provided with tabs 13 and 14 of a suitable form, at least one of which, 14, is free or loosened from the collar 2, as illustrated in Fig. 5, for the purpose of permitting the ready insertion of one of the corners 15 on the leaf 4 of the collar 2, beneath the tab 14, when the front edges are brought in close relation, as illustrated in Fig. 2. The ends of the collar, when in the military or storm position, illustrated in Fig. 2, are adapted to be secured together in any suitable manner, as by means of coöperating fastening members 16 and 17.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a simple and neat garment, in which the collar thereof may be reversed from a normal or sunny-day position to a storm or military position, with the least possible trouble. This is done in such a manner that a perfect normal collar is formed in one instance, and a perfect military collar is formed in the other instance, and in the latter instance, the normally-exposed surface of the normal collar is protected from the neck of the wearer, so that it will not be readily soiled.

It is to be noted that, if a purchaser does not wish a storm or military effect, and, in fact, objects to it, the outer false collar 12 can be readily ripped off without changing

or altering the normal collar or injuring it in any way.

While I have shown one embodiment of my invention, I do not wish to be limited to the specific details thereof, but desire to be protected in various changes, modifications and alterations which I may make within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. The combination with a collar, comprising a stand and a leaf, said leaf having a line of demarcation along which said leaf is adapted to be folded back on itself for the purpose of transforming said collar from a normal collar into a military collar, of a supplementary military collar secured to the back side of said first-mentioned collar.

2. The combination with a collar, comprising a stand and a leaf separated from said stand by a break line, said leaf having a line of demarcation along which said leaf is adapted to fold back on itself for the purpose of transforming said collar from a normal collar into a military collar, of a supplementary military collar secured to the back side of said first-mentioned collar.

3. The combination with a collar, comprising a stand and a leaf, said leaf having an incision therein forming a line of demarcation along which said leaf is adapted to fold back on itself to transform said collar from a normal collar to a military collar, of a supplementary collar secured to the back side of said first-mentioned collar.

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

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