

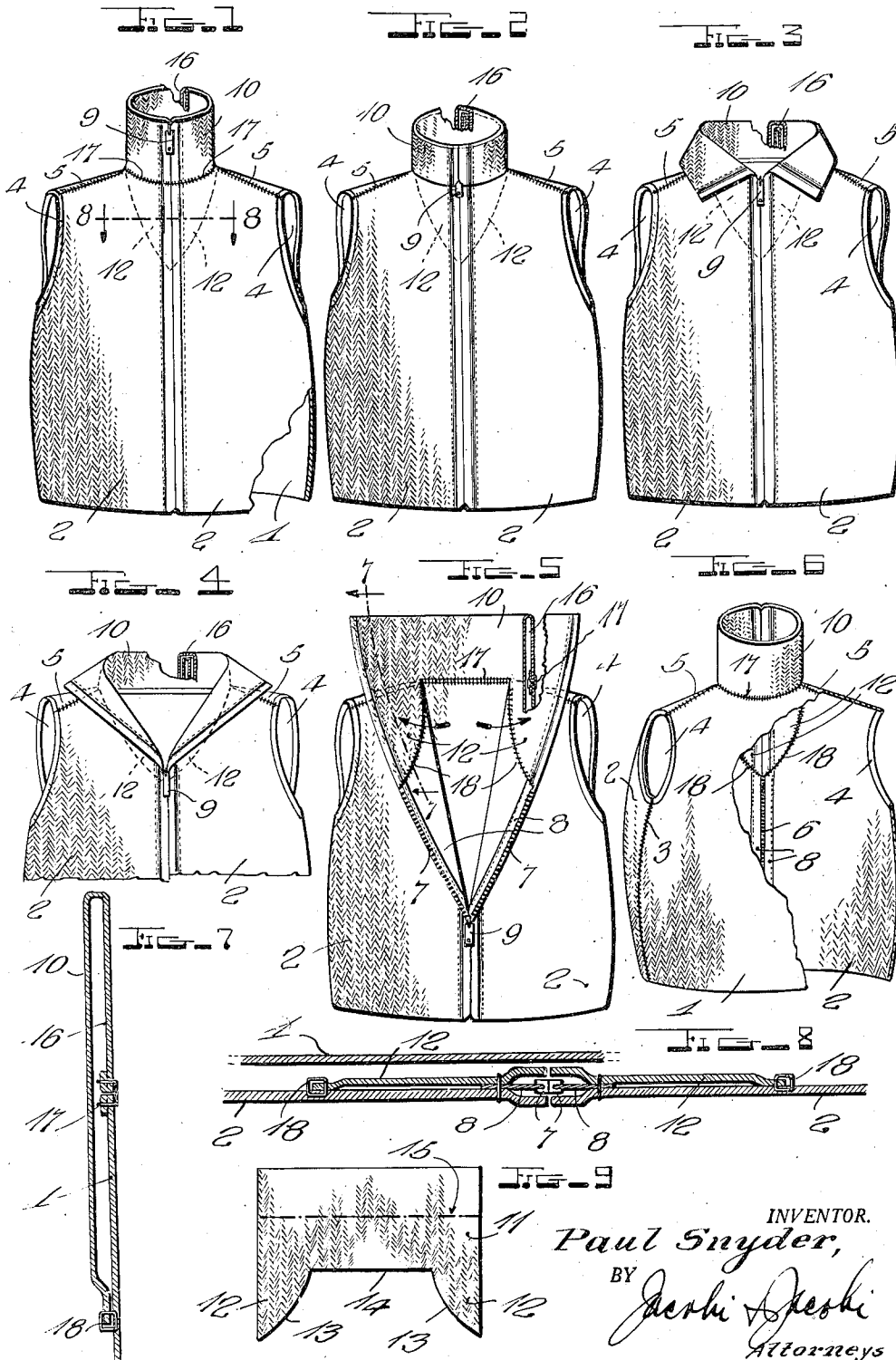
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## SPORT SWEATER

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## 1 Claim. (Cl. 2—90)

This invention relates to apparel and more particularly to a sweater known as a sport sweater and constituting an improvement over the garment disclosed in my pending application for patent upon a similar garment filed June 12, 1939, Serial No. 278,764.

It is one object of the invention to provide a sweater which may be worn under a coat and has a collar of such construction that it may be worn as a turned down collar or as a close fitting collar which stands up and fits snugly about the neck.

Another object of the invention is to provide the sweater with a collar of double thickness, the collar being so constructed and so applied to the body of the sweater that it will serve very effectively as a chest and throat protector during cold weather and also present a neat appearance when it is turned down to a lowered or reclining position during milder weather.

Another object of the invention is to so attach the collar to the body portion of the sweater that seams connecting its margins with the body of the sweater will be hidden from view and thus prevented from spoiling the appearance of the sweater.

Another object of the invention is to provide a sweater with a collar of double thickness of such shape that it may be folded and have its rear or outer portion sewed or otherwise secured along its lower edge to the body of the sweater about the neck opening thereof, the inner portion of the collar having its intermediate portion secured along the rear portion of the neck opening and its side portions extended downwardly and secured against the inner surface of the front of the sweater at opposite sides of the front opening thereof and serve as a chest protector as well as imparting a neat appearance to the collar when the collar is turned down.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved collar which may be applied to either a sleeveless sweater or to a sweater having sleeves.

With these and numerous other objects in view, my invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter referred to and more particularly pointed out in the specification and claim.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing wherein—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a sweater provided with a collar of the improved formation, the collar being extended upwardly its full height.

Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1 showing the collar folded to form a "turtle neck" sweater.

Figure 3 is a front view of the sweater, the collar being turned downwardly to form wings at the front of the neck.

Figure 4 is a view showing the collar turned down a greater extent to form an open neck sweater.

Figure 5 is a front view of the sweater with the zipper pulled downwardly and the collar spread transversely while in a flattened or raised position.

Figure 6 is a view looking at the back of the sweater with a portion thereof broken away.

Figure 7 is a sectional view upon an enlarged scale taken longitudinally through the collar along the line 7—7 of Figure 5.

Figure 8 is a sectional view taken transversely through the sweater along the line 8—8 of Figure 1.

Figure 9 is a view of the collar before being applied to the body of the sweater.

The improved sweater constituting the subject matter of this invention has a body formed of knitted fabric and provided with a rear section or back 1 and front sections 2 which are united to the back along side edges thereof by seams 3 between the arm holes 4 and the lower end of the sweater and also across the shoulders by seams 5. The inner meeting edges of the front sections 2 are detachably connected by securing means 6 of the "Zipper" type having the usual interengageable fasteners 7 carried by fabric strips 8 and a slide member 9 for moving the fasteners 7 into and out of interlocked engagement with each other. The sweater as so far described is of a conventional sleeveless, open-front construction and it is to be understood that it may be provided with sleeves if so desired.

The collar 10 is of a special construction and applied to the body of the sweater in a special manner. This collar is formed of knitted fabric and as initially made is in the form of a blank 11 shown in Figure 8. This blank is for the major portion of its area of substantially oblong outline but has depending extensions 12 having their outer side edges flush with side edges of the body portion of the blank and their inner side edges 13 arcuate and extending diagonally from the lower edge 14 of the blank to ends of the outer side edges of the extensions where they intersect lower ends thereof. When the collar is applied to the sweater body it is folded along the line 15 so that the upper portion of the blank extends

downwardly to form an outer ply 16 having its lower edge sewed to the front and rear sections of the sweater body about the neck opening as shown at 17. The lower edge 14 of the body portion of the collar blank is also sewed to the upper edge of the rear section 1 of the sweater along the back of the neck opening by the line of stitches 17 which secure the outer ply of the collar, thus being shown clearly in Figure 5. The depending extensions 12 of the collar are secured against inner faces of the front sections 2 by lines of stitching 18 along their diagonally extending curved edges 13 and it should be noted that upper portions of the tapes or fabric strips 8 carrying the fasteners 7 are disposed between marginal portions of the collar and extend to the upper end of the collar. Therefore, when the slide 9 is shifted upwardly the full extent, as shown in Figure 1, a closed collar will be formed which fits snugly about a person's neck and affords good protection for the throat in cold weather as it is of double thickness. The depending portions 12 of the collar provide the front of the sweater with a portion of double thickness which tapers downwardly, as indicated by dotted lines in Figures 1, 2 and 3 and serves as a chest protector. If so desired, the tubular collar may be folded downwardly as shown in Figure 2 to form a "turtle-neck" collar which is of four thicknesses, or upward movement of the slide 9 may be stopped before it reaches upper ends of the strips 8 and the collar folded downwardly, as shown in Figure 3, to form a turned down collar which is open at the front. Instead of forming a turned-down collar of the type shown in Figure 3 the slide may be disposed at approximately lower ends of the extensions 12 and the collar flattened against the back and shoulders of the sweater to form a collar of the "sailor" type having lapels extending downwardly therefrom at opposite sides of the front opening of the sweater as shown in Figure 4. These lapels are formed by the extensions 12, and since the extensions are integral with the body portion of the collar and the lines stitching 18 are spaced quite a distance from the meeting side edges of the front sections, the lapels will form uninterrupted continuations of the collar and the stitching 18 along their inner side edges will be hidden from view by portions of the front sections under which they lie. This adds very much to the appearance of the sweater when the upper portion

of its front is opened and the collar is adjusted to form a "sailor" collar having lapels formed integral therewith extending downwardly therefrom.

From the foregoing description of the construction of my improved collar, the operation thereof and the method of applying the same to use, will be readily understood. It will be seen that I have provided a simple, inexpensive and efficient means for carrying out the objects of the invention and while I have particularly described the elements best adapted to perform the functions set forth, it is obvious that various changes in form, proportion and in the minor details of construction may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the principles of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

In a garment of the character described, a body open at its front and having back and front sections cooperating to form a neck opening, a knitted collar formed from a substantially rectangular blank having integral extensions depending from its end portions with their outer side edges aligned with end edges of the blank, the front edge of the blank extending horizontally between upper ends of the extensions and terminating at upper ends of inner side edges of the extensions, said blank being folded midway its front and rear edges to dispose its front and rear edges flush with each other and form the collar with inner and outer plies having their upper edges integrally united and providing the collar with a smooth and rounded edge, the lower edge of the outer ply being seamed to upper edges of the back and front sections about the neck opening and terminating flush with upper ends of side edges of the front sections, the inner ply being seamed along its lower edges between the extensions to the upper edge of the back with the extensions extending downwardly against inner surfaces of upper portions of the front sections at opposite sides of the front opening of the body and stitched along their side edges to the upper sections, interengageable fastener members extending along side edges of the front sections and along registering end edges of the inner plies of the collar, and a slide member for moving the fastener members into and out of engagement with each other.

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