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Fig. 1

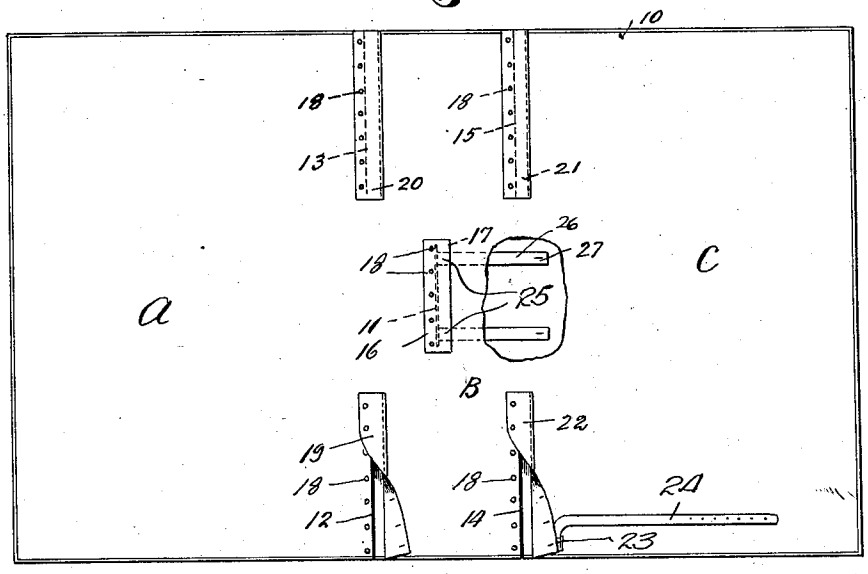


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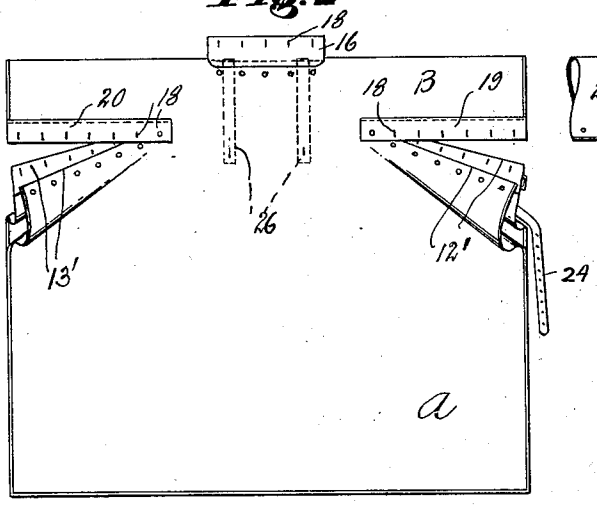
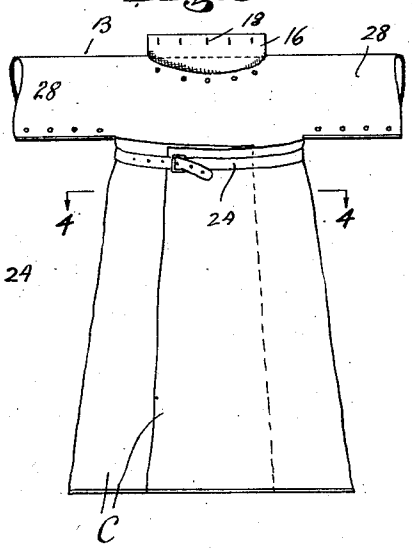


Fig. 3



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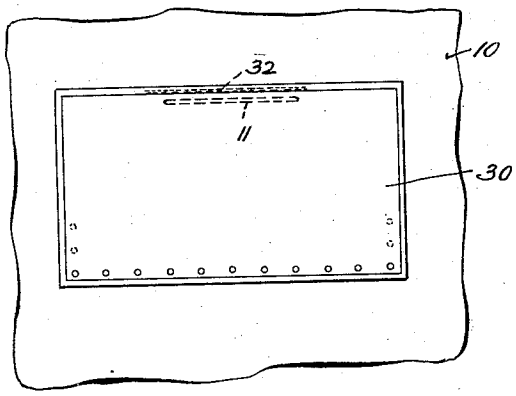


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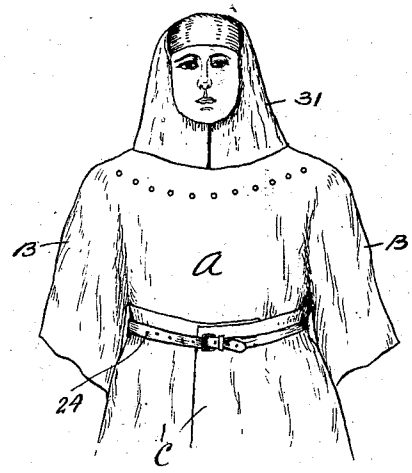
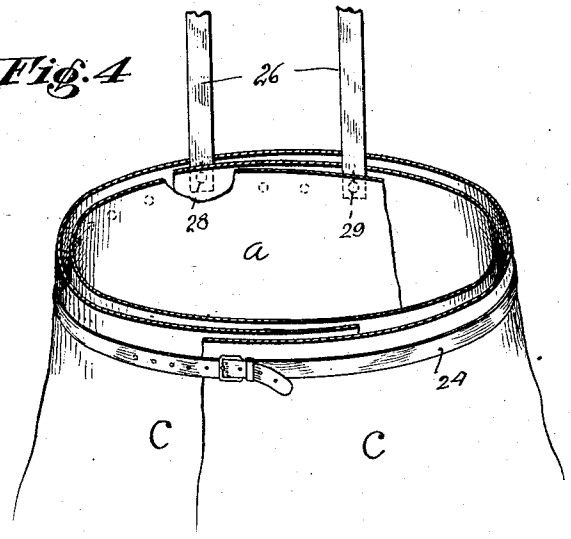


Fig. 4



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The present invention relates to an article of manufacture and has for its object to provide an article which can be interchangeably used either as a garment or a spread such as a blanket, head cover or the like, for use by military people, campers, hikers and the like. Such article is very useful in that it eliminates separate blankets, raincoats, overcoats or other protective garments with the consequent reduction of weight. Then also it affords great convenience of carrying such article along on a trip or march.

Another object is to provide a simple and cheap method of manufacturing such article to be readily interchangeable into a garment or spread.

Another object is to provide a method of making the article of a single piece of material or fabric so that by simply folding about a wearer and connecting together some of the folded parts, the article becomes converted into a coat or similar garment of neat appearance resembling one specially made as a garment.

A further object is to provide the piece of material with an extra flap which when folded into a garment will form a head covering.

A further object is to so construct the article, that the manipulation thereof in converting from garment to spread and vice versa will be extremely simple.

With these and other objects in view my invention consists of a new article of manufacture and a method of making it as will be hereinafter more fully described and defined in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings in which similar reference characters denote corresponding parts Fig. 1 is a top plan view of my article showing the slit and flap arrangement whereby I accomplish the above mentioned objects; Fig. 2 is a view showing the initial stage in the transformation from covering to garment; Fig. 3 shows a completely converted article now shown as a garment; Fig. 4 is a section on lines 4—4 of Fig. 2 showing more in detail the method of folding certain portions of said article to form the completed garment; Fig. 5 is a view of a modified detail and Fig. 6 shows the article in use as a garment and includes the modified detail of Fig. 5.

The new article comprises a substantially rectangular piece of fabric 10 which may be of wool, canvas, rubberized cloth or the like, or may consist of a material built up of several layers of cloth, rubber and the like. About centrally arranged in said fabric is a slit or incision 11 of sufficient size to readily permit the passage of a person's head, and at opposite edges of said cloth and symmetrically and parallelly arranged with respect to said slit 11 are slits or incisions 12, 13, 14, and 15 dividing the cloth into sections A, B, C, by means of which said fabric may be readily folded or converted into a garment.

The slit 12 has a flap 16 sewed or otherwise permanently attached by one edge to one side of said slit as at 17. The opposite edge of said flap is provided with suitable fastening means, such as button holes, snap fastener members or the like which will fasten on to corresponding buttons or snap fastener members 18 suitably arranged along the other edge of the slit 12. Likewise each of the slits 12, 13, 14 and 15 have similar flaps 19, 20, 21, and 22, respectively similarly attached and provided with similar fastening means whereby when the flaps are all fastened as is flap 16 the sections A, B, C will appear as a single rectangular piece of fabric and as such can serve as a spread, such as blanket, tent cover or the like.

Fastened as at 23, near one of the lateral slits, as 14 is a belt 24 or the like and on the inner or lower face of the fabric fastened near slit 11 as at 25 are supporting straps 26 having fastening elements 27. Said belt and straps are for the purpose hereinafter described.

The mode of converting the article from a spread into garment will now be described.

When the article is used as a blanket or the like the flaps 16, 19, 20, 21 and 22 are fastened along their open edges to the body portion, so that the latter forms a flat piece of substantially rectangular shape. To convert this piece into a garment the flaps mentioned above are unfastened and then the piece folded around the body of the wearer

as follows: First, the spread is folded transversely through the centre, or along the central slit (Fig. 2) through which the head of the wearer is passed. By this folding the lateral parts of section B will fold around the outstretched arms of the wearer and form sleeves after the flaps of one set of slits as 19 and 20 are fastened to the corresponding fasteners 18 associated with the other set of slits as 14 and 15 respectively. The section A which hangs in front of the wearer is then wrapped around the body of the wearer to extend rearwardly and one of the series of fastening members 18 along each of the upper edges 12′ and 13′ of section A is fastened to the supporting straps 26 as at 28 and 29 (Fig. 4) thereby supporting the section A in its wrapped position. The section C is then wrapped about the wearer to the front of his body and covering section A. The belt 24 which is attached to the rear part or section C of the piece is then folded around the wearer thus holding the section C in place. The flap 16 along the central slit 11 automatically forms a collar about the neck of the wearer.

The modification illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6 shows merely an enlarged flap 30 adapted to replace flap 16 (Fig. 1) which flap can be folded into a hood 31 shown in Fig. 6. The flap 30 is fastened along slit 11 only along part of its length as at 32, so that when the article is used as a garment this flap 30 may be wrapped about the head of the wearer in turban fashion.

It is obvious that the embodiments herein disclosed are only illustrative examples and are capable of wide variation and design without departing from the spirit of my invention. I, therefore, do not wish to restrict myself to the details shown and described.

What I claim is:

1. An article of manufacture consisting of a substantially rectangular piece of flexible material having a plurality of transversal incisions and serving in unfolded condition as a spread and in folded condition as a garment, one of said incisions serving to engage around the neck of the wearer and the other incisions forming sections foldable around the arms and trunk of the wearer, straps attached to one of the faces of said material and having means adapted to cooperate with cooperating means for retaining the section folded rearwardly around the trunk of the wearer when in folded position.

2. An article of manufacture consisting of a substantially rectangular piece of flexible material having a plurality of transverse incisions, said article adjusted to serve as a garment in folded position and as a spread in unfolded position, a flap fixed to one of the longitudinal edges of each incision and adapted to normally overlap the said incision, one of said incisions serving to engage around the neck of the wearer and the other incisions dividing said material into sections foldable about the arms and trunk of the wearer, and means for fastening said sections in folded position including straps attached to one of the faces of said material near the neck incision and adapted to cooperate with cooperating means on edges of said other incisions for retaining the section folded rearwardly around the trunk of the wearer in position.

3. In a device as per claim 1, in which a belt is attached to the opposite face of said material from said straps near one of said other incisions whereby the section folded forwardly about the trunk of the wearer may be retained in position.

4. An article of manufacture consisting of a piece of flexible material, means thereon whereby said material in folded condition may serve as a garment and in unfolded condition as a spread, said means including a section adapted to be folded rearwardly about the trunk of a wearer and a section adapted to be folded forwardly about the trunk of the wearer, an incision in said material adapted to engage around the neck of said wearer, straps attached to one of the faces of said material near said neck incision having means adapted to cooperate with cooperating means on said rearwardly foldable section for retaining said section in position about the trunk of the wearer and means for retaining said forwardly folded section in position about the trunk of the wearer.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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