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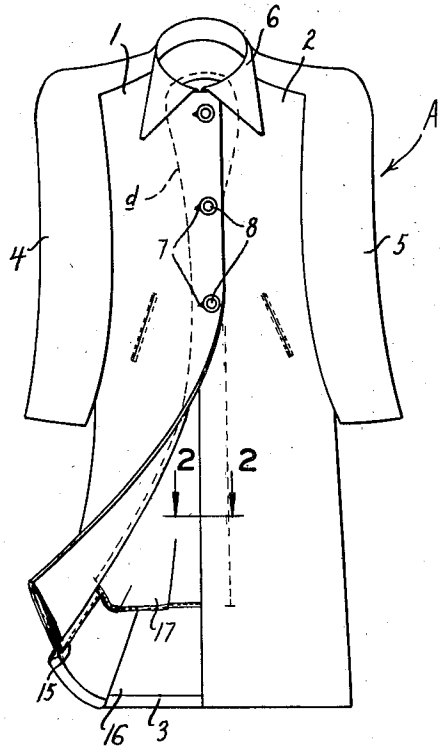


FIG. 1

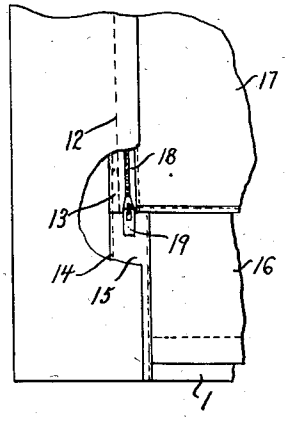


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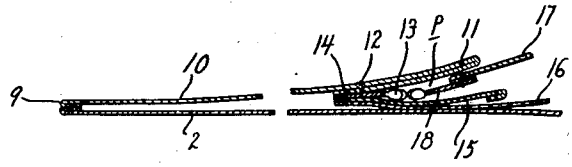


FIG. 2

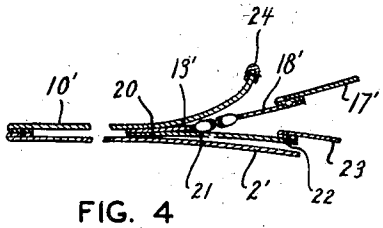


FIG. 4

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This invention relates in general to apparel garments and, more particularly, to a woman's outer garment or coat having a unique and novel removable lining.

It is the primary object of the present invention to provide a woman's outer garment or coat having unique means for enabling the interchangeable use, with the garment proper, of a warm inter-liner or removable lining.

The present invention has for a further object the constructing of a garment of the type stated in such a manner that the lining attachment structure is entirely concealed when the lining is removed, does not detract from the normal appearance of the garment, is comfortable when the coat is being worn, and will secure the lining element snugly and smoothly in proper position without buckling or wrinkling.

It is also an object of the present invention to provide a woman's outer garment or coat having a removable lining which may be inserted in addition to a lightweight permanent lining made of silk, rayon, or other similar material.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a woman's outer garment or coat with a permanent lightweight lining and a removable heavyweight lining or inner lining, in which the lightweight lining is fully and completely protected from the means by which the heavyweight lining is secured in place, so that when the heavyweight lining is either inserted or removed the lightweight permanent lining will not be snagged, torn, or otherwise damaged.

With the above and other objects in view, my invention resides in the novel features of form, construction, and arrangement, and combination of parts presently described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a woman's outer garment or coat equipped with a removable lining constructed in accordance with and embodying the present invention;

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary transverse sectional view taken along lines 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view of the rear or inside face of the garment partly broken away to illustrate the manner of complete concealment of the closure element;

Figure 4 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view of a modified form of lining-retaining structure.

Referring now in more detail and by reference characters to the drawing, which illustrates practical embodiments of the present invention, A designates a woman's apparel garment or coat. In the present instance, the garment A, as shown, is of the sport coat type and buttons up the front, so to speak, although it will be obvious that any other type of coat or apparel garment for outer wear may be employed and the present invention may be applied with equal facility to the men's topcoats as well as to women's garments. The coat A is formed with two front panels, 1, 2, and a back panel 3, which are held together across the shoulders and in the area of the sleeves by raglan sleeves 4, 5, and a collar structure 6. The front panels 1, 2, are designed to overlap in the conventional manner and are provided, respectively, with buttonholes 7 and buttons 8. The front panels, furthermore, are marginally turned under, as at 9, and stitched to an inner facing panel or strip 10 formed preferably of the same material as the panels 1, 2. The facing panel or strip 10 extends inwardly for a substantial distance and is turned under and back upon itself in the provision of a wide under flap 11 which is hemmed down by a line of stitches 12. Also secured by the line of stitches 12 upon the inside face of the under flap 11, extending from a point approximately ten inches above the lower hemline of the coat A upwardly around the neck, as schematically shown by the dotted line at *d*, is a zipper element 13. It should be noted in this connection that the dotted line *d*, or opening line, as it may be called, shown in Figure 1, is not visible from the exterior of the coat but is merely employed in the drawing in order to indicate the continuous line along which the zipper element 13 extends, beginning and terminating at points approximately ten inches above the hemline of the coat A. Thus, the two ends or termini of the zipper element 13 will match each other and both be positioned at the same height above the hemline of the garment A. It will, of course, be obvious in this connection that the abovementioned distance of ten inches is merely illustrative and may be varied as desired.

Secured by means of a line of stitches 14 to the inside or concealed marginal portion of the under flap 11 and the zipper element 13 is a placket flap 15 which extends outwardly beneath the zipper element 13 throughout the length thereof. It will be noted by reference to Figure 2 that the placket flap 15, at its free margin, projects a substantial distance beyond the free or turned under margin of the facing strip 10 to form a placket space *p* in which the zipper ele-

ment 13 is completely concealed and fully enclosed. Also secured by the line of stitches 14 to the under face of the placket flap 15, and extending outwardly therefrom across the inside face of the garment A is a permanent lining 16 formed of satin, rayon, or any other suitable material. Provided for properly fitted disposition within the coat A is a relatively heavy removable lining or inner liner member 17 marginally provided with a zipper element 18 adapted to match and mesh with the zipper element 13 for optional engagement and disengagement therewith by means of a slide fastener element 19. It should be noted that the combined width of the free sections is somewhat narrower than the width of the free portion of the under flap 11 so that when the lining 17 is in place the margin thereof will be concealed within the placket p.

In use the lining 17 is marginally inserted into the placket space p with the slide fastener element presented inwardly and the slide is then "zipped" in the conventional manner, detachably securing the lining 17 snugly in place, as shown in Figure 1. The lining 17 may obviously be removed by reversing this operation. It may also be noted in this connection that the lining 17 may be made with open armholes or may be provided with sleeve-like elements which are manually inserted into the inside of the sleeves 4, 5, as inner sleeves therefor, and the present invention may be employed in either case. By reason of the complete concealment of the zipper elements 13, 18, the coat A will assume a smooth appearance, either when open or closed, and the garment A will not have the appearance of an artificially lined coat, but, on the contrary, the lining will look as though it has been permanently fitted and stitched into the coat. Furthermore, the placket flap 15 completely underlies the region of the connection between the zipper members 13, 18, and the metallic slide element 19, thereby preventing the metallic elements of the zipper from wearing out the fragile permanent lining 16, and protecting the latter from becoming accidentally snagged or caught between the zipper elements 13, 18, as the lining 17 is being inserted and removed from time to time.

If desired, I may also provide a modified form of lining securement means, as shown in Figure 4, comprising a front panel 2', a facing strip 10', zipper elements 13', 18', and an inner liner 17', all substantially identical with the corresponding elements of the garment A previously described. The zipper element 13' is secured upon the under face of the strip 10' by means of a stitch line 20 and also secures in place a placket flap 21 which extends outwardly a substantial distance beyond the line of juncture between the zipper elements 13', 18', and is marginally secured by means of a line of stitches 22 to the inturned margin of a permanent lining 23. The facing strip 10' is, furthermore, marginally bound or edged in a folded-over strip of conventional binding 24. The lining 17' is removed and inserted in identically the same manner as the lining 17, previously described.

It should be understood that changes and modifications in the form, construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts of the apparel garment may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

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

1. An apparel garment comprising, in combination, a body portion provided with a permanent lining, an inwardly presented facing strip turned back upon itself along a fold line to form an under flap having a concealed inner margin, a placket flap disposed on the inner face of the under flap with its inner margin approximately coincident with the concealed inner margin of the under flap and being substantially wider than the under flap so that its outer margin lies outwardly with respect to the fold line of the facing strip, said under flap and placket flap conjointly forming a placket, a removable lining having a slide fastener tape along one margin thereof, and a mating slide fastener tape disposed entirely within the placket between the said flaps, the under flap being secured adjacent its free margin to the facing strip by a first line of stitches and the placket flap being secured to the permanent lining and the facing strip by a second line of stitches spaced inwardly from the first line of stitches, the free margin of the mating tape being spaced inwardly from the free margins of the said flaps by a distance greater than the distance between the outer margin of the removable lining and the edge of its associated tape for detachably securing the removable lining to the garment with the said removable lining margin concealed within the placket.

2. An apparel garment comprising, in combination, a body portion provided with an inwardly presented facing strip turned back upon itself along a fold line to form an under flap having a concealed inner margin, a placket flap disposed on the inner face of the under flap with its inner margin approximately coincident with the concealed inner margin of the under flap and being substantially wider than the under flap so that its outer margin lies outwardly with respect to the fold line of the facing strip, said under flap and placket flap conjointly forming a placket, a permanent lining disposed outwardly of the placket flap, a removable lining having a slide fastener tape along one margin thereof, and a mating slide fastener tape disposed entirely within the placket between the said flaps, the under flap being secured adjacent its free margin to the facing strip by a first line of stitches and the placket flap being secured to the permanent lining and the facing strip by a second line of stitches spaced inwardly from the first line of stitches, the free margin of the mating tape being spaced inwardly from the free margins of the said flaps by a distance greater than the distance between the outer margin of the removable lining and the edge of its associated tape for detachably securing the removable lining to the garment with the said removable lining margin concealed within the placket.

3. An apparel garment comprising, in combination, a body portion having an inwardly presented facing strip turned back upon itself along a fold line to form an under flap having a concealed inner margin, a placket flap disposed on the inner face of the under flap with its inner margin approximately coincident with the concealed inner margin of the under flap and being substantially wider than the under flap so that its outer margin lies outwardly with respect to the fold line of the facing strip, said under flap and placket flap conjointly forming a placket, a permanent lining secured to the free margin of the placket flap, a removable lining having a

slide fastener tape along one margin thereof, and a mating slide fastener tape disposed between the facing strip and the placket flap being secured to said facing strip and placket flap by a line of stitches, the free margin of the mating tape being spaced inwardly from the free margins of the facing strip and the placket flap by a distance greater than the distance between the outer margin of the removable lining and the edge of its associated tape for detachably securing the removable lining to the garment with said lining margin concealed between the facing strip and the placket flap.

4. An apparel garment comprising, in combination, a body portion provided with a facing strip which extends inwardly for a substantial distance and is turned under and back upon itself in the provision of a relatively wide under flap, a first zipper element disposed on the inner face of the under flap, said under flap and zipper elements being mutually secured adjacent their inner margins to the facing strip by a first line of stitches, a placket forming strip disposed upon said zipper element on the opposite side thereof relative to the under flap and being secured to said zipper element and the under flap by a

second line of stitches, said placket forming strip projecting beyond the free margin of the facing strip in forming with the under flap a placket space wherein the zipper element is concealed, and a lining having a second zipper element along one margin thereof adapted for mating engagement with the first zipper element, said first zipper element being spaced inwardly from the free margin of the placket forming strip by a distance greater than the distance between the outer margin of the lining and the edge of said second zipper element for detachably securing the lining to the garment with the said lining margin concealed within the placket space.

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