

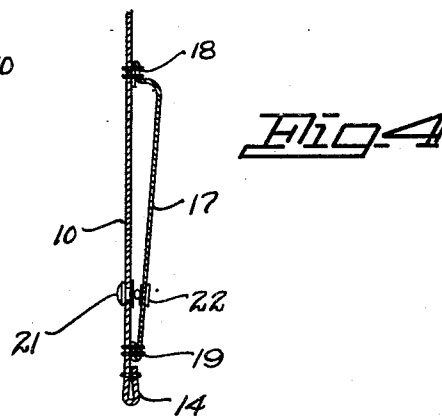
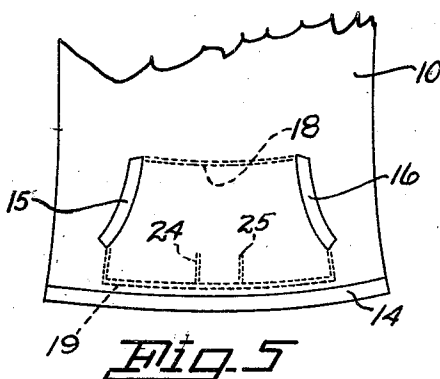
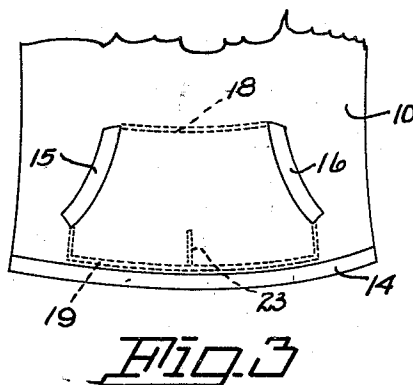
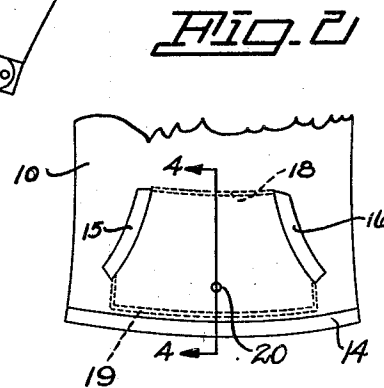
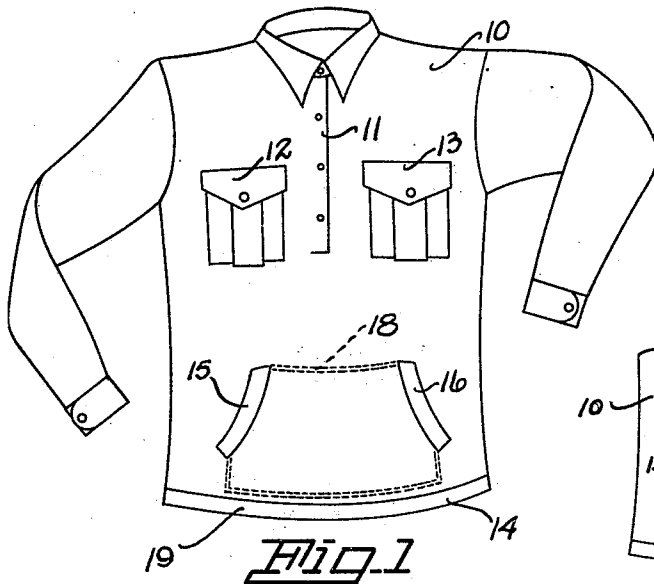
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My present invention relates to improvements in shirts of that type that is frequently referred to as a stag shirt, that is to be worn in place of a coat, jacket or blouse, and in which the skirt part is usually worn outside the trousers.

Among outdoor workmen, sportsmen, and for use in connection with outdoor sports it is convenient to have a slip-over type of shirt which allows freedom of movement and at the same time sufficient protection from the weather. In shirts of this type it is difficult to provide pockets in the usual manner that offer any satisfactory means for keeping the hands warm and otherwise providing a convenient and accessible means for carrying small objects that are frequently required for quick use. I am referring especially to hunters' and fishermen's needs where it is desirable to have an extra supply of shells handy and tackle that may be readily accessible.

My invention is particularly adapted for use among hunters. It is a well known fact that most hunting takes place during cool or cold weather, and for the proper handling of a rifle or shot-gun it is inconvenient to have gloves on the hands for the best results. I have therefore proposed in my shirt, to place a pocket across the front of the shirt over the abdomen and place pocket slits at a convenient angle to allow the hands to be slipped into the pocket where they can be clasped for warmth and be protected from the wind and cold. It is my purpose also to line the pocket with suitable material that will provide for warmth.

Another purpose is to provide means in a pocket whereby the hands may be inserted or withdrawn quickly and in such a position that the arm will be crooked to support a gun, golf stick, or other tool.

In addition to the above purposes, I also wish to provide in my pocket means for carrying articles that may come into more or less constant use such as extra shells or loads

for special purposes where it is desirable to change quickly to meet an emergency.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated one complete example of the physical embodiment of my invention wherein the parts are combined and arranged in the best mode I have thus far devised for the practical application of the principles of my invention.

Figure 1 is a front view of my shirt showing the pocket across the front lower part of the shirt, part of which is shown in dotted lines.

Figure 2 is a sectional view of the lower part of my shirt showing the pocket and a snap fastener for partially dividing the pocket.

Figure 3 is a sectional view of the lower part of my shirt showing a stitching to partially divide the pocket.

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view of the lower part of my shirt showing the pocket secured to the fabric of the shirt and the snap fastener of Figure 2.

Figure 5 is a section of the lower part of my shirt, indicating two stitchings to partially divide the inside pocket for carrying special objects.

In carrying out my invention I utilize the usual type of stag shirt 10 which may have the regulation collar and usual opening and buttons and fasteners 11. Pockets 12 and 13 may also be provided for carrying necessary articles.

On the lower part of the shirt I provide a pair of angular pocket openings or slits 15 and 16, these to communicate with the pocket 17 which may be made of any suitable material sewed to the underside of the garment across the front and above the hem 14. The pocket 17 may be made with a certain amount of slack in the material to provide pocket room for the hands and other objects.

My design is provided for outside work or sports and is to be worn over trousers or other covering. Since it is desirable to keep the

hands warm, there are also times when it is necessary to have the hands free, so I have set my pocket openings at an angle to be comfortable when the hands are in the pocket, and I provide the pocket as an elongated body so that the hands may be thrust through the pocket openings and clasped or retained therein for the purpose of warmth.

Due to the angle at which I place the pockets the arm is crooked naturally and offers a support for a gun in the crook of the arm or other object, yet they allow the hands to be withdrawn immediately and be free for handling a gun without the obstructions of gloves or other hand coverings.

As a means for holding the pocket section to the shirt proper I provide a snap fastener in which 21 is the head or female portion and 22 the male portion so that the user may have his choice in either fastening or having a loose, free pocket. The pocket is preferably stitched to the front lower portion of the shirt by stitching 18 and 19.

In some instances I have found it desirable to provide a line of stitching as 23 of Figure 3, extending from the bottom of the pocket upward for several inches and central of the ends of the pocket to provide a division so that desired objects such as shells of different loads may be maintained therein and be readily accessible for use on demand.

In Figure 5 I have shown two lines of stitching 24 and 25 which provide an extra section for the carrying of small objects that are to be divided from each other.

While the pocket herein shown is made of the usual goods out of which these shirts are manufactured, I have in mind in special cases such as in extremely cold country, to provide a lining of wool or fur or other suitable material that may be incorporated with the pocket or which may be removable and secured by suitable fasteners so that it can be taken out during that time of the year when its bulk would be undesirable.

In use, the pocket that I have provided acts as a muff to protect the hands against inclement weather, yet allows them to be readily withdrawn and free for any purpose desirable. Usefulness of the garment with the pockets so provided is expected to be quite extensive as it will apply to all outside workers who desire freedom in their clothing and whose efficiency is at its best when they are comfortable and have means whereby they can maintain their hands warm under all kinds of weather.

For school children and for use in various sports my design will be found to be highly useful.

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

The combination with a shirt having a closed skirt portion and front pocket open-

ings spaced at opposite sides of the vertical center line of the shirt, of a wall co-acting with the skirt portion to form a single pocket and secured against the inner side of the skirt front, said wall having its top edge extending between the upper ends of the openings, its lower edge spaced below the lower ends of the openings, and its opposite side edges extending between the lower edge of the wall and the lower ends of the openings.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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