

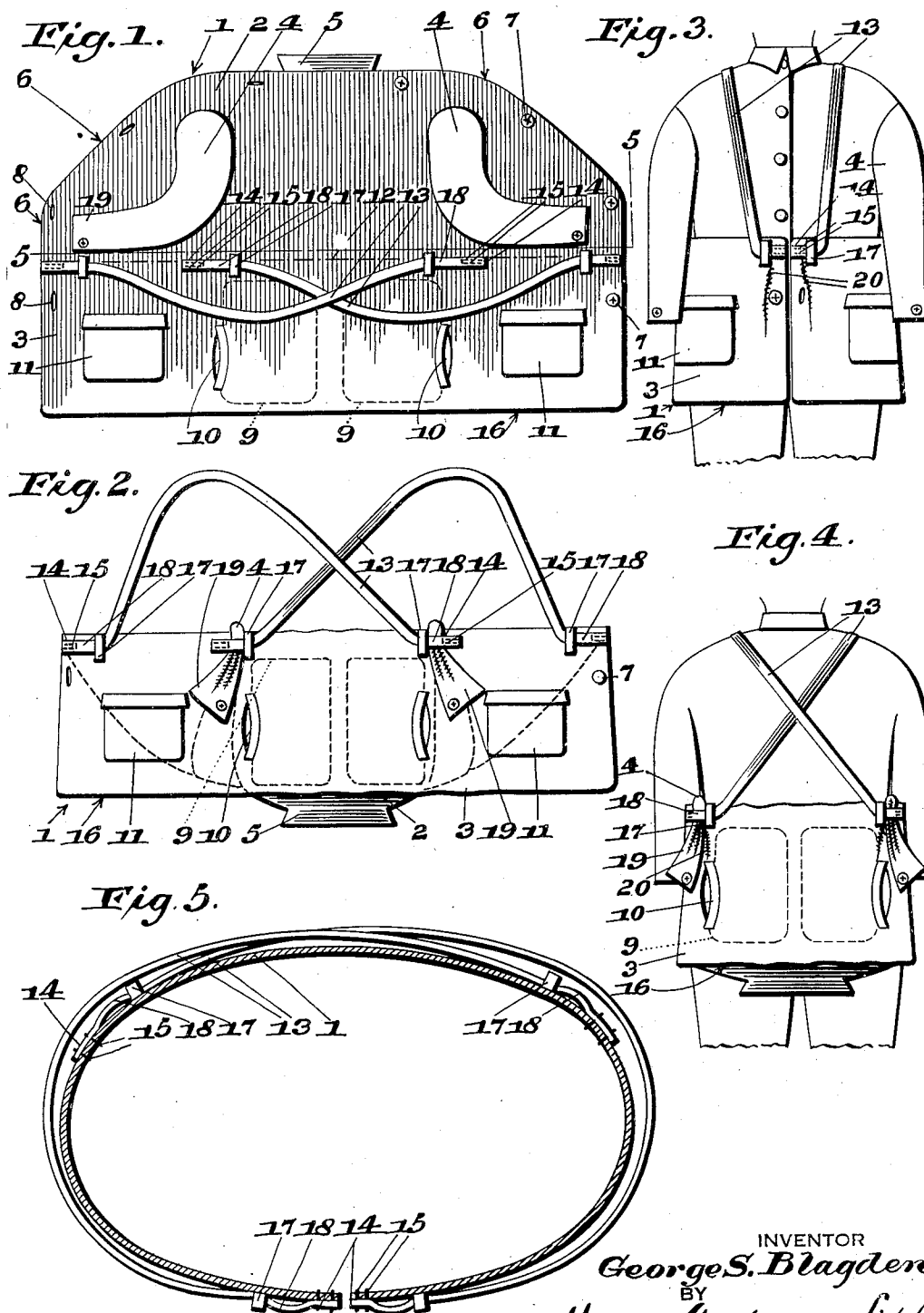
Oct. 7, 1941.

G. S. BLAGDEN

2,257,935

OUTDOORSMAN'S COAT

Filed Jan. 21, 1939



INVENTOR
George S. Blagden
BY
Munn, Anderson & Liddy
ATTORNEY

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

2,257,935

OUTDOORSMAN'S COAT

George Samuel Blagden, Memphis, Tenn.

Application January 21, 1939, Serial No. 252,194

4 Claims. (Cl. 2-94)

This invention relates to improvements in sports wear, and it is particularly concerned with a garment such as is used by hunters. A hunting coat is customarily quite heavy to protect the wearer against sharp wind, cold and rain.

Since a garment of this character is often worn during seasons of the year which are commonly visited by sudden upturns in temperature, it is herein regarded as essential to make the garment of a convertible nature so that the wearer will always have every advantage of a coat to protect himself against the cold, and yet be able to throw the coat off, so to speak, when the weather turns warm, and yet retain the benefit of still having his coat worn in such a manner that any ammunition and game pockets that it might contain will still be available, and yet the coat be worn in such a manner as to leave the wearer's arms free to use a gun or other implement. With this premise in mind the objects of the invention are as follows:

To provide a garment adapted to outdoorsmen's use, having as its outstanding feature provision for folding the top of the coat down against the bottom of the coat so that the garment can be supported by suspenders, and the heat of the coat dispensed with in warm weather.

Other objects and advantages will appear in the following specifications, reference being made to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is an elevation showing the garment thrown open to illustrate the relation of the suspenders with the rest of the coat.

Fig. 2 is a view showing how the top portion of the coat can be folded down and the suspenders brought into use to decrease the warmth of the garment.

Fig. 3 is a front elevation illustrating the appearance of the garment when worn folded down.

Fig. 4 is a rear elevation illustrating the appearance of the garment when worn folded down.

Fig. 5 is a cross section taken substantially on the line 5-5 of Fig. 1, but showing the coat in its closed position, or in other words, when it is being worn as a coat.

In carrying out the invention the garment 1 is shown to comprise a top portion 2 and a bottom portion 3. Both portions ordinarily constitute a coat, that is to say, the garment is worn as a coat when the two portions are in the extended relationship to each other shown in Fig. 1.

At this time the arms of the wearer are thrust into the sleeves 4, the collar 5 encircling the neck more or less completely in accordance with com-

mon practice. The top and side margins 6 of the coat are provided with buttons 7 and button-holes 8 to enable the fastening of the garment in the customary way.

The bottom portion 3 of the garment may contain a game bag. To this end it may contain one or more pockets 9 which may be incorporated in any desired manner, or be left out of the garment entirely. Each of these pockets, when they are incorporated in the garment may have one or more openings 10 which may be placed at any desired position. The specific location of the openings to the pockets is not material.

In the sides of the lower part of the garment there can be placed conventional pockets 11. Their detail is of no consequence, but it will be found best to locate them so that they are still available to the wearer when the garment is worn folded down, the same as they are shown located in 11, Fig. 2.

A line 12 drawn transversely of the garment Fig. 1, and substantially medially thereof is to be regarded as the demarcation between the top and bottom portions of the garment. The garment carries a pair of suspenders 13. The ends 14 of these suspenders are secured at 15 on the dividing line 12. Thus the line which connects the points of securement of the suspender ends 15 of the garment is parallel to the bottom margin 16 of the garment.

At places fairly closely spaced from the points of securement 15 the suspenders are loosely held down by loops 17. These loops are also secured to the garment in any appropriate way. By reason of the foregoing relationship of the loops to the points of securement of the suspender ends the latter are distinguished by portions 18 which appear between the points of securement and the loops 17 and are adapted to constitute gripping means in the manner presently explained.

In wearing the garment in cold weather it will be put on and off in the manner of a coat. The top and bottom portions 2, 3 will then be in the extended relationship shown in Fig. 1. Should the weather turn warm the top portion 2 will be folded down inside of the lower portion 3 (Fig. 2) so that the collar 5 either comes flush with, or hangs slightly below the bottom margin 16. The folding is done substantially along the line 12, but in most instances perhaps a little above that line. The free ends 19 of the sleeves 4 may be inserted through the pair of loops 18 (either the back or the front pair) Fig. 2. This

prevents the sleeves from dragging below the bottom margin of the garment 16. However this arrangement of the sleeves is not important and can be altered. For instance the buttons that are usually placed on the sleeves of coats might be fastened into holes placed conveniently in the suspenders or other parts of the garment to prevent the sleeves from dragging down.

When the garment is donned folded down (Fig. 2) the weight of the garment causes the securing points 15 to draw up more closely to the loops 17 than shown in Fig. 1. In other words, when the suspenders 13 are emplaced on the shoulders of the wearer the downward pull of the weight of the garment will cause some of the loop portions 18 to draw through the loops 17. This increases the apparent length of the suspenders and makes the garment adaptable to the wearer. The suspenders might just be secured to the garment along the line 12 without any loops 17, and serve the purpose, but not so well. The inner loops 18 draw tightly upon the sleeves' ends 19, due to the weight of the garment, gripping them firmly enough to prevent their slipping out and dragging below the bottom margin of the garment 16.

I claim:

1. A garment comprising a coat having a sleeved top portion and having a bottom portion with pockets and openings thereinto located on back of said bottom portion, suspenders carried by the coat, means securing the ends of the suspenders to the coat on a line located transversely of the coat and substantially medially thereof, and loops secured to the coat in spaced relationship to end securements of the suspenders, loosely containing the contiguous parts of the suspenders and providing gripping means to hold the sleeves when the coat is folded along the securing line to convert it into a game bag.

2. A garment comprising a coat having a sleeved top portion and a bottom portion, suspenders carried by the coat and being adapted to go over the shoulders of the wearer, the straps of said suspenders having forward and rear ends, means securing the forward ends of the suspenders on opposite sides of the front of the coat, means securing the rear ends of the suspenders to the back of the coat at approximately the same altitude as said forward ends so that the suspenders are supported substantially coincidentally with the waist line, said suspenders being on the outside of the coat to permit the folding

down inward of all of the portion of the coat above the points of securement of the suspenders to bring the undersurfaces of the top and bottom portions of the coat together below the suspenders and thereby convert the garment into a skeleton coat.

3. A garment comprising a coat having a sleeved top portion, and a bottom portion, said bottom portion carrying at least one side compartment on each of the two sides of said bottom portion, said side compartment having an opening to the outside of said bottom portion of the coat, suspenders carried by the coat and adapted to go over the shoulders of the wearer, the straps of said suspenders having forward and rear ends, means securing the forward ends of said suspender straps to the coat above and forward of the center of said side compartments, means securing the rear ends of said suspender straps to the back of the coat at substantially the same altitude as the forward ends, said suspenders being on the outside of the coat to permit all of the portion of the coat above the points of securement of said suspenders to be foldable down inward below the suspenders, this arrangement suspending said side compartments and the openings thereto in substantially the same position and accessible from the outside whether the garment is worn full length as a coat, or folded and supported by the suspenders as a skeleton coat.

4. A garment comprising a coat having back and side portions, a pair of suspenders especially adapted to go over the shoulders of the wearer and being carried by the coat, the straps of said suspenders having forward and rear ends, means by which the forward ends of the suspenders are attached to the forward part of the sides of the coat, means by which the rear ends of the suspenders are attached to the back of the coat, said suspenders normally lying transversely of the coat beltwise well below the shoulders of the coat, said suspenders being of substantially the same girth as the part of the coat they normally encompass, said suspenders being on the outside of the coat so that all of the portion of the coat above the suspenders can be folded down inward below the suspenders, thus exposing the suspenders for use over the shoulders for the support of the folded coat about the waist of the wearer.

GEORGE SAMUEL BLAGDEN.