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SPORTSMAN'S GARMENT

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Fig. 1

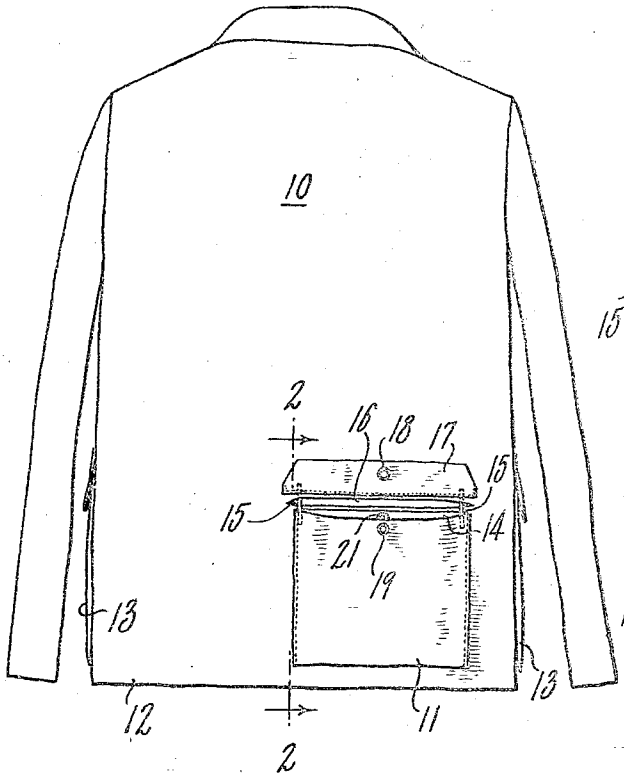


Fig. 2

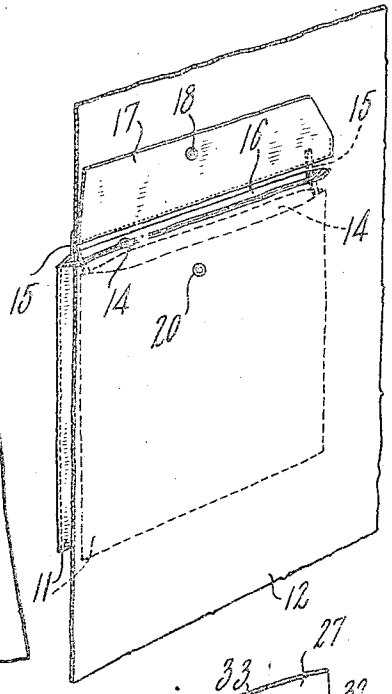
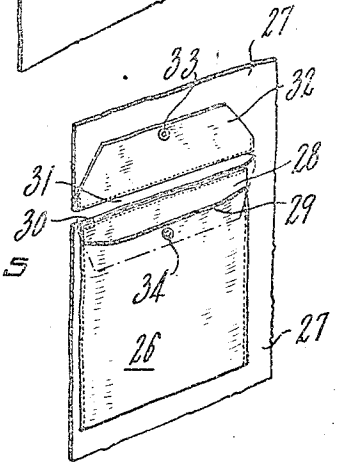


Fig. 5



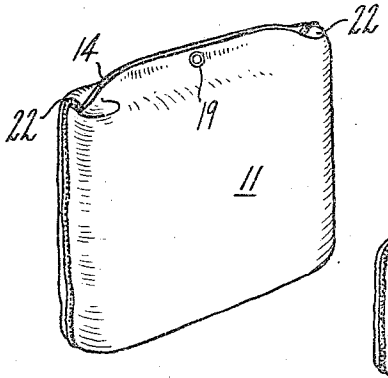


Fig. 3

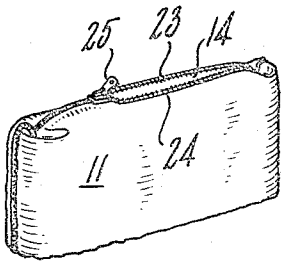


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to garments, and more particularly relates to a novel sportsman's coat or jacket construction containing an integral pocket or pouch into which the coat may be folded for convenient carrying or storage.

It is among the objects of the present invention to provide a novel garment particularly sportsman's apparel, such as a coat, shirt, jacket, or the like. The garment is provided with a pocket, pouch or auxiliary bag, integrally combined therewith in a manner to permit ready folding of the garment therein. Means are provided wherein the pouch may be used as a regular or auxiliary pocket on the garment when worn. For example, the pouch may be arranged in the back side of a golfer's jacket to retain golf balls accessibly, in a manner so as not to interfere with the golfing swing; or in the back of a fisherman's or hunter's jacket, to contain bait, shells, or other paraphernalia. By providing a horizontal opening or slit adjacent the mouth portion of the pouch, the pouch is accessible for use from either the inside or outside of the garment. In accordance with the invention, these objects are accomplished in a simple and inexpensive manner, without interfering with or changing the usual appearance of the garment. The garment, when arranged in the pouch, may be conveniently carried about or stored, keeping it clean and readily accessible.

The above features, objects, and advantages of the present invention will become more fully evident from the following description of preferred embodiments thereof, illustrated in the drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a back view of a jacket or coat, with the auxiliary pouch shown on the outside.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged detailed view of the retaining pouch shown on the inside of the garment, corresponding to the view along the lines 2—2 in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective illustration of the auxiliary pouch containing the garment for convenient carrying or storage.

Figs. 4 and 5 are perspective views of modified forms for the pouch construction in accordance with the present invention.

Referring now to Fig. 1, a garment 10 is illustrated with the auxiliary pouch 11 arranged on the rear or back side 12. The garment is in the form of a coat and may be of any known construction or material. For example, the garment 10 may be a sportsman's jacket of a light or heavy material, useful for golfing, fishing, hunting, hiking, or the like. It may be of light water-proof material, cloth, knitted material, leather, etc. It is to be understood that the present invention is not confined to the particular nature of the general garment 10 or to its material. The auxiliary pocket 11 may be located on the rear 12 of jacket 10, as shown in Fig. 1; on the sides thereof, corresponding to the position of the indicated pockets 13; or on the front or any other desired location. The pouch 11 at the location of the usual pockets 13 may be used in conjunction with the adjacent pocket 13 or in lieu thereof, as will be more evident from the following details of the invention.

An important feature of the pocket or pouch arrangement 11 of the invention is that it is hinged to a portion of the garment 10 adjacent the mouth 14 of the pouch, and the remainder of pouch 11 is detached from the garment. In Figs. 1 and 2 the pouch 11 is shown hinged to the body of garment 10 by strips 15, 15. Strips 15 may be of the same cloth the pouch and garment are made of, or of other material such as leather, metallic links, or the like. Pouch 11 is preferably of a rectangular form and the size of a usual pocket. Its internal volume is such as to comfortably contain the garment 10 when it is folded therein.

An important feature of the present invention is to provide means permitting the pouch 11 to be used either from the inside or outside of the garment. Towards this end a slit or opening 16 is arranged adjacent the mouth 14 of the pouch 11. The length of slit 16 corresponds to the width of the pouch and extends to the position of hinges 15, 15. Pouch 11 may be thus readily drawn from the inside of the garment to the outside position shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 2 shows pouch 11 on the inside of the back face 12 of the coat 10. The slit 16 permits one to reach into pouch 11 from the outside when the garment is worn. Thus the pouch may be used as a pocket to store items, with the pouch 11 either on the inside or the outside of the jacket. The advantages of such construction are readily apparent. The location of pocket 11 on the rear face 12 of the garment, towards one side, such as the right side as shown in Fig. 1, permits golfers, for example, to hold golf balls, tees, etc. for ready access, and yet does not interfere with the golfer's swing or play. Where bulky items are held in pouch 11 the outer position thereof as shown in Fig. 1 is the preferable one for minimum interference with the comfortable wearing of the jacket. The inside position, corresponding to Fig. 2 is the less conspicuous one. A flap 17 is provided above slit 16. A snap fastener element 18, such as a

socket, on flap 17, coacts with an element 19, such as a stud, on pouch 11. Thus, when pouch 11 is on the outside, the flap 17 closes the mouth 14 thereof. A similar stud 20 is preferably arranged on face 12 of the coat so that the flap 17 may be snapped down thereon when pouch 11 is on the inside position corresponding to Fig. 2. It is however to be understood that the provision for the snap fastener elements is optional and may be otherwise if desired.

A socket 21 is arranged on the opposite face of pouch 11 in order to coact with stud 19 to close the mouth 14 of the pouch when the garment 10 is contained therein. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the pouch 11 with the garment folded therein. Socket 20 on the face of pouch 11 closes the pouch when in this condition. In order to store the coat 10 in the pouch, the coat is first folded and rolled up. The folding of the coat is such that it ends at the hinges 15, 15 with the pouch 11 projecting from the folded body. Since the hinges 15 space the mouth 14 of the pouch from the garment, and the remainder of pouch 11 is separated therefrom, it will now be evident that the garment may be stuffed or otherwise inserted into the pouch. The hinges 15, 15 are carried into the pouch 11 when the garment is therein, resulting in the bent-in corners 22, 22 shown in Fig. 3. The pouch 11 becomes a carrying case for the garment and protects the garment from soiling, or the elements. The snapping down of the mouth or opening 14 of pouch 11 prevents the contained garment from wobbling about and provides a proper closure for the pouch. It also affords a compact storage arrangement for the garment.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modified arrangement for the mouth or opening of pouch 11. In place of the snap fastener elements 19, 21, the open edges of the pouch are provided with coacting slide fastener strips 23, 24. A slide member 25 for the fastener or zipper elements 23, 24 effects a complete closure of the mouth 14 of pouch 11 when slid along the opening in a manner well known in the art. The slide fastener arrangement for pouch 11 may also be utilized to open and close the mouth 14 of the pounch when the coat is worn, providing a safety pocket to contain items.

A further form of the invention is illustrated in Fig. 5. The carrying pocket or pouch 26 is arranged on a face 27 of the garment, which face may be the rear corresponding to 12 in Fig. 1, or the sides corresponding to the location of pockets 13 thereof. The modification of Fig. 5 lends itself to the construction wherein the pouch is used to replace the regular patch pocket of the garment. However, it is to be understood that the pouch 26 may be used in conjunction with a patch pocket on the garment so that both have their separate utility. One face of pouch 26 contains an extended portion 28, which portion is tacked or sewn horizontally along the garment portion 27. The edge 29 of the forward face of pouch 26 is lower than the edge 30 of the rear face thereof seen in Fig. 5. The extending portion 28 constitutes a hinge for the pouch which permits the pouch to be inserted into the opposite side of the garment face 27 through a slot 33 arranged parallel with and adjacent to the upper edge 30 of the pouch. Slot 31 corresponds to slot 16 in Fig. 1 and permits the pouch to be worn on either side of the garment. It is to be understood that the provision for such slots is optional. An important feature in the invention however, is the detached arrangement of the pouch from the garment and the mouth or opening of the pouch being spaced substantially from the plane of the face of the garment to which it is attached. In this manner the garment may be folded up and fitted into the pouch through the spaced opening or mouth thereof, without tearing, stretching, or any forcing action. The flap 32 is arranged on the inner slot 31 above the edge 30 of pouch 26. A snap fastener element 33 is provided on flap 32 to coact with a snap element 34 on the pouch 26.

Although I have shown preferred embodiments for carrying out the principles of my present invention, it is to be understood that variations and modifications may be made falling within the broader spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

What I claim, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent, is:

1. A combination body garment and container therefor, said body garment being provided with a pouch of a size to contain the garment in a folded condition thereof and comprising a pair of opposite side walls connected together along edges thereof, the garment having a slot disposed adjacent the top of the pouch and extending in substantial parallelism therewith and substantially co-extensive with the width of the pouch, the pouch having a connection at its top with the garment and adjacent the slot and from which connection the body of the pouch is loosely suspended and otherwise free from the garment, said connection being such as to permit of the pouch being passed through the slot in the garment from either side thereof to lie loosely suspended from said connection selectively at opposite sides of the garment, the top edges of the pouch being mutually unconnected between the ends of said edges, and said unconnected edge portions defining therebetween an entrance opening for the pouch and through which the garment in a folded condition may be introduced into the pouch.

2. A combination body garment and container therefor, said body garment being provided with a pouch of a size to contain the garment in a folded condition thereof and comprising a pair of opposite side walls connected together along edges thereof, the garment having a slot disposed adjacent the top of the pouch and extending in substantial parallelism therewith and substantially co-extensive with the width of the pouch, the pouch having a connection at its top with the garment and adjacent the slot and from which connection the body of the pouch is loosely suspended and otherwise free from the garment, said connection being such as to permit of the pouch being passed through the slot in the garment from either side thereof to lie loosely suspended from said connection selectively at opposite sides of the garment, the top edges of the pouch being mutually unconnected between the ends of said edges, and said unconnected edge portions defining therebetween an entrance opening for the pouch and through which the garment in a folded condition may be introduced into the pouch, and means for detachably securing together the side walls of the pouch at the unconnected top edges thereof.

3. A combination body garment and container therefor, said body garment being provided with a pouch of a size to contain the garment in a folded condition thereof and comprising a pair of opposite side walls connected together along

edges thereof, the garment having a slot disposed adjacent the top of the pouch and extending in substantial parallelism therewith and substantially co-extensive with the width of the pouch, the pouch having a connection at its top with the garment and adjacent the slot and from which connection the body of the pouch is loosely suspended and otherwise free from the garment, said connection being such as to permit of the pouch being passed through the slot in the garment from either side thereof to lie loosely suspended from said connection selectively at opposite sides of the garment, the top edges of the pouch being mutually unconnected between the ends of said edges, and said unconnected edge portions defining therebetween an entrance opening for the pouch and through which the garment in a folded condition may be introduced into the pouch, and a closure flap carried by the garment upon the outer side thereof and disposed to close the slot in the garment and the open top of the pouch when the latter is at the outer side of the garment.

4. A combination body garment and container therefor, said body garment being provided with a pouch of a size to contain the garment in a folded condition thereof and comprising a pair of opposite side walls connected together along edges thereof, the garment having a slot disposed adjacent the top of the pouch and extending in substantial parallelism therewith and substantially co-extensive with the width of the pouch, the pouch having a connection at its top with the garment and adjacent the slot and from which connection the body of the pouch is loosely suspended and otherwise free from the garment, said connection being such as to permit of the pouch being passed through the slot in the garment from either side thereof to lie loosely suspended from said connection selectively at opposite sides of the garment, the top edges of the pouch being mutually unconnected between the ends of said edges, and said unconnected edge portions defining therebetween an entrance opening for the pouch and through which the garment in a folded condition may be introduced into the pouch, and means for detachably securing together the side walls of the pouch at the unconnected top edges thereof, and a closure flap carried by the garment upon the outer side thereof and disposed to close the slot in the garment and of a width to extend below the top of the pouch.

5. A combination body garment and container therefor, said body garment being provided with a pouch of a size to contain the garment in a folded condition thereof and comprising a pair of opposite side walls connected together along edges thereof, the garment having a slot disposed adjacent the top of the pouch and extending in substantial parallelism therewith and substantially co-extensive with the width of the pouch, hinge connections between the top of the pouch and the garment above the slot therein whereby the pouch is loosely suspended and otherwise free from the garment, said hinge connections being located at opposite ends of the top of the pouch and permitting of the pouch being passed through the slot in the garment from either side thereof to lie loosely suspended from said hinges selectively at opposite sides of the garment, the top edges of the pouch being mutually unconnected between the hinges, and said unconnected edge portions defining therebetween an entrance opening for the pouch and through which the garment in a folded condition may be introduced into the pouch.

6. A combination body garment and container therefor, comprising a body covering portion having a pocket slot therein, and a garment carrying pouch member secured adjacent said slot, the pouch member having opposite side walls secured together along edges thereof and unconnected along top edges thereof, the unconnected top edges defining therebetween an entrance opening for the pouch, one pouch wall projecting substantially beyond the other at the entrance opening of the pouch and said wall projecting portion only being secured to the garment at one edge of the pocket slot therein, the opposite wall and the pouch body being otherwise free of attachment to the body covering portion of the garment.

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