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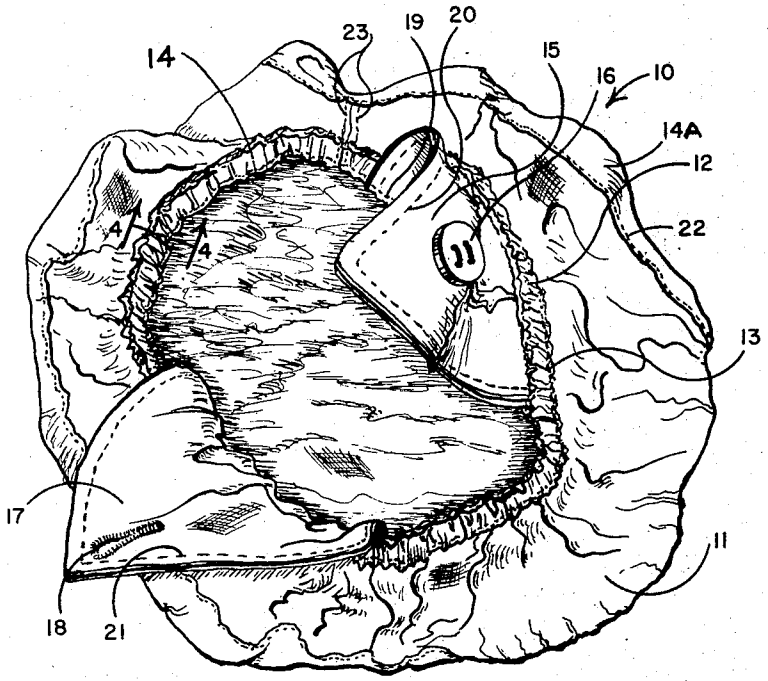


FIG. 1

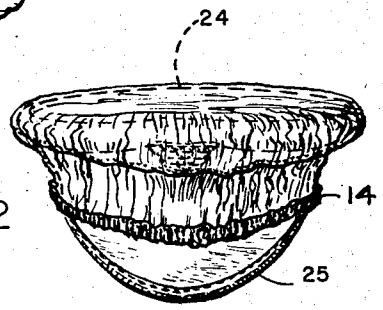


FIG. 2

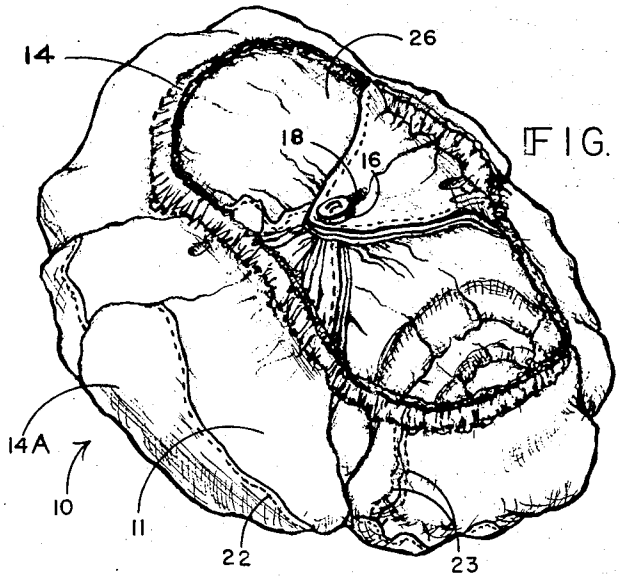


FIG. 3

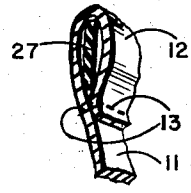


FIG. 4

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This invention relates to a pouch which can serve either as a container for a flexible, thin raincoat, or as a fitted rain cover for garrison hats of the sort commonly worn by officers of the United States Armed Forces.

The tradition and discipline of the armed forces of the United States require that officers be extremely clean-cut in their appearance at all times. This requirement extends to temporary wearing apparel and its storage. Thus, raincoats and rain covers for hats must be neat and trim when worn or stored.

The conventional officer rain gear comprises a flexible raincoat usually stored in a plastic envelope and a non-fitted piece of flexible waterproof material held loosely over the hat and having no convenient place of storage. In accordance with this invention I provide a pouch which can be used for both neatly and compactly storing a flexible raincoat and for forming a neat, tight fitted rain cover for garrison hats. I use the term "garrison hat" to mean the officer's hat having a top soft flat crown, a relatively stiff body portion to which the crown is attached and a front visor usually made of leather.

A preferred embodiment of this invention is described below and in the drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a view looking inside the pouch alone;

Figure 2 is a front view of the pouch as used for a rain cover for a garrison hat;

Figure 3 is a view of a raincoat stored within the pouch;

Figure 4 is a partial transverse action along line 4—4 of Figure 1.

The pouch comprises a crown having a rectangular strip **11** of thin flexible waterproof material, such as nylon coated with polyvinyl butyral resin, seamed by a line of stitching **22** along one longitudinal edge to the periphery of a crown member **14A** also made of thin flexible waterproof material and shaped to fit over the crown **24** of a garrison hat. The other longitudinal edge of the rectangular strip **11** is folded longitudinally upon itself and attached to itself by a line of stitching **13** to form a hemmed annular enclosure **14**. The ends of strip **11** are joined together by tranverse stitching **23**.

Within enclosure **14** is positioned a continuous elastic band member **27** whose periphery in its unextended state is substantially less than that of the periphery of crown member **14A**. Attached to strip **11** by stitching **19** along the inner side of stitching **13** are the bases of two opposing substantially triangular flaps **15** and **17** made of thin flexible waterproof material. The attachment of the flaps in this position causes them to be shirred together with the strip **11** and the enclosure **14** formed therefrom. When used to cover the garrison hat as in Figure 2, the flaps unpucker exactly as the strip and thus store neatly and

smoothly against the inner surface of the pouch, while the elasticized portion **12** sits snugly around the body of the hat, holding the crown member **14A** neatly in position on the crown **24** of the hat. The visor **25** of the hat is normally waterproof and thus requires no extra protection.

The triangular flaps are shaped so as to overlap, with the apex of the flap **15** having a button **16** cooperably attachable with a button hole **18** in the apex of the flap **17**. Binding stitchings **20** and **21** are provided in the flaps to give additional strength. Thus when a flexible thin raincoat **26** is stored in the pouch, as in Figure 3, the flaps cooperate with the elasticized portion to retain the coat in a firm, compact bundle.

Less preferably, the crown may be formed by omitting the seam **22** thus having the crown portion **14A** and the strip **11** formed as a single integral piece, the remainder of the construction being similar to the previous embodiment.

Although I have described my invention with a certain degree of particularity, it is understood that the present disclosure has been made only by way of example and that changes in the details of construction and the combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and the scope of the invention as hereinafter claimed.

I claim:

1. A combination raincoat pouch and fitted garrison hat rain cover comprising a flexible waterproof crown member, a flexible waterproof rectangular body member, a single elastic band member and a pair of thin flexible substantially triangular flap members provided with cooperative fastening means; said crown member being shaped to fit over the top crown portion of a garrison hat; said rectangular body member being secured along one longitudinal edge to the periphery of said crown member, having its ends attached and joined, and having its other longitudinal edge turned in and secured to itself to form an annular enclosure; said elastic band member being a continuous strip of elasticized material spaced within said annular enclosure and of smaller periphery in its unextended state than the periphery of said body member; said flaps being oppositely disposed and having their base edges secured to the upper edge portions of said inturned annular enclosure, said cooperative fastening means being positioned adjacent the apices of said triangular-shaped flaps.

2. A raincoat pouch construction as in claim 1 wherein the capacity of said pouch when empty is less than the volume of a folded flexible raincoat, said elasticized enclosure placing said flaps under tension when said pouch contains a raincoat and said flaps are cooperatively fastened.

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