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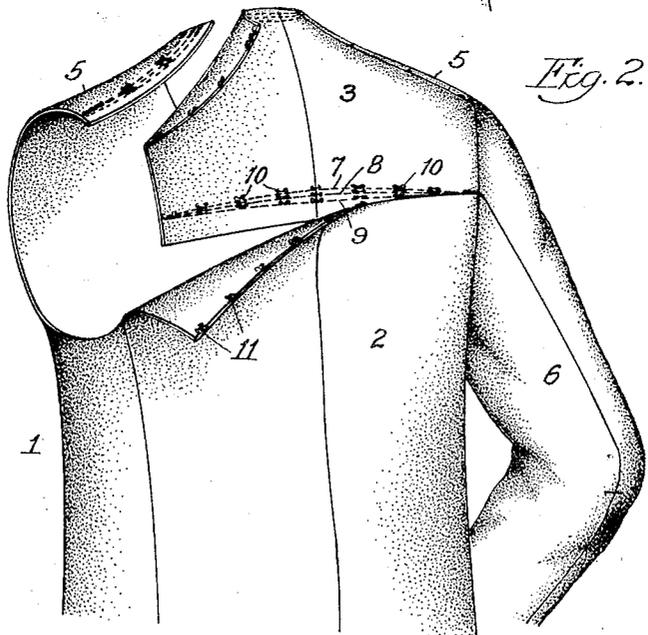
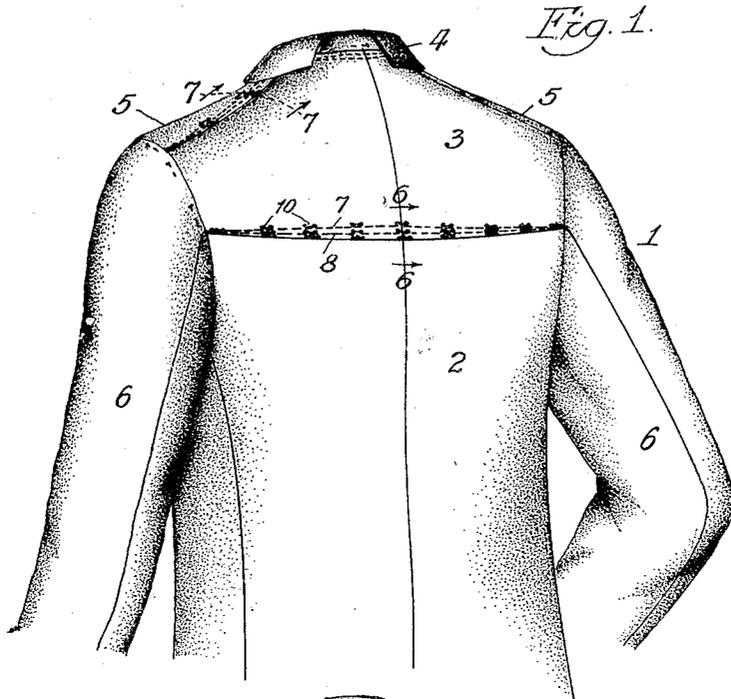
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Fig. 5.

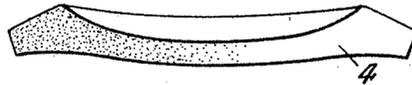


Fig. 4.

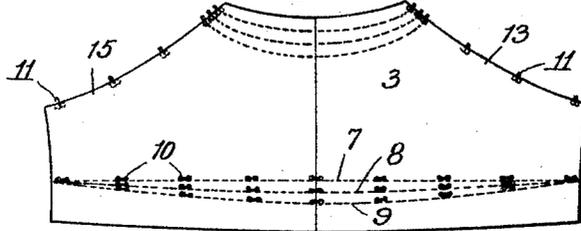


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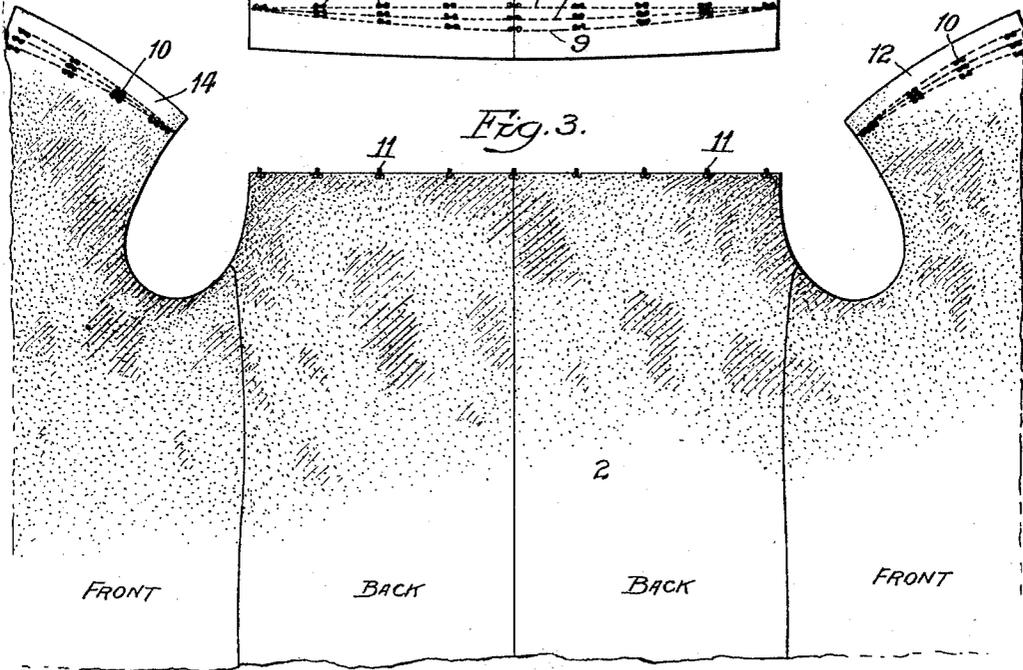


Fig. 8.

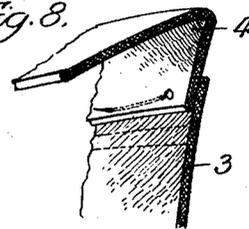
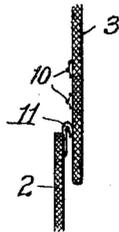


Fig. 7.



Fig. 6.



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This invention relates to means for more correctly securing, at the time the initial measurements are taken, the exact information as to size, attitude, description, and the like, necessary in the tailoring of correctly fitting clothing.

In the old method of first taking measurements of the customer, then cutting the cloth, constructing the garment, and then trying it on, it was found necessary in nearly all cases to make some changes in the garment to overcome inaccuracies in measurements and judgment as to attitude, and the like, oftentimes to such an extent that the garment had to be practically taken apart and remade, thus resulting in loss of time and material for the tailor and a severe strain on the patience of the customer. These difficulties I have eliminated in the present invention in which I have made it possible to give the customer and the tailor correct results, which are guaranteed at the time the first measurements are taken at which time the try-on is effected before the garment is made. I, therefore, choose to refer to this previously effected try-on as a "pre-try-on," and the garment used for this as a "pre-try-on garment".

In other words, my present invention secures for the merchant tailor and his customer all of the advantages of the old time try-on system and at the same time secures for the designers the same accuracy concerning the contour of the individual being fitted, but doing so at the time the sale is made rather than delay or inconveniencing the customer with a second call for a try-on, having secured by this invention all of these advantages in advance.

According to my invention a pre-try-on garment of each size will be carried by the dealer. The parts needing to be adapted to different contours or attitudes, such as the shoulders, collar, sleeves, and the like, in a coat, and other obvious parts needing different contours for different individuals in a vest, overcoat, or the like, will be made with a series of different alinements or adjustments, arranged for quickly, easily and temporarily securing together the two parts of the garment at the adjusted portion to give the cor-

rect contour of the body at that portion. For example, each try-on coat will be equipped on the shoulder with an alinement of fastening devices to take care of the regular shoulder and erect attitude, the regular shoulder and head-forward attitude, and the regular shoulder and stooping posture. In a like manner there will be an alinement that will take care of the regular shoulder, the high shoulder, and the sloping shoulder, with these various attitudes. These several alinements of fastening means may be indicated by some distinctive means, as a different colored thread for each, a designating number, or the like.

In a like manner the collar of the try-on will be provided with a plurality of rows or alinements of fastening places so as to make the necessary changes in the height of collar, which alinements will also be designated by some distinctive means as suggested above.

The designers and cutters will have before them a suitable chart showing and properly identifying the different alinements of the various adjustable parts of the pre-try-on garment, together with any other desirable charts, such as one giving the various attitudes, so that when they are supplied with the information obtained from the initial try-on they will have all the necessary data to produce a correctly fitting garment. While this invention is of especial value to merchant tailors taking orders at a considerable distance from where the garment will actually be made, it is also capable of use where the orders will be taken at substantially the same place where the garment will be made.

Among the objects of my invention is to provide means for and method of obtaining an accurate try-on of a garment at the time the measurements are first taken.

A further object is to insure a correct fit of a tailor-made garment without the necessity of a later try-on.

Another object of my invention is to provide a try-on of each size for the dealer, so arranged that the correct fit for different contours can be readily obtained and this information passed on without mistake to the designer.

Still another object is to provide means for temporarily securing the adjusted parts of the try-on together.

A further object is to provide a plurality of different adjusting alinements each so identified that the information as to the correct attitude and description can be readily passed from the measurer to the designer at short or long distance.

Further objects, advantages and capabilities will later more fully appear.

My invention further resides in the combination, construction and arrangement of parts shown in the accompanying drawings, and while I have illustrated therein a preferred embodiment of the invention I wish it understood that the same is susceptible of modification and change without departing from the spirit of my invention.

In the drawings:—

Fig. 1 is a rear view of a try-on coat embodying my invention, a portion of the collar being broken away for the sake of clearness.

Fig. 2 is a rear view of a portion of the coat of Fig. 1, with a part of the material at the adjusting portions laid back to show the plurality of alinements of fastening means.

Fig. 3 shows a portion of the back and sides of a coat embodying my invention and laid out flat.

Fig. 4 shows the upper portion of the back of a coat embodying my invention.

Fig. 5 is an elevation of a collar adapted for use in conjunction with the upper portion shown in Fig. 4.

Fig. 6 is an enlarged detail sectional view taken on line 6—6 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 7 is an enlarged detail sectional view on line 7—7 of Fig. 1, except to show the fastening means secured in extended position (in the outermost row) instead of in the innermost row as in Fig. 1.

Fig. 8 is an enlarged section through a collar and the upper edge of the portion shown in Fig. 4.

While in the drawings I have illustrated my invention as applied to a coat I wish it understood that the invention is obviously applicable to any other garment desired, such as, vests, overcoats, etc.

In the drawings the coat designated generally at 1 is provided with a lower back portion 2, an upper back portion 3, a collar 4, shoulders 5 and sleeves 6. As clearly seen in Fig. 2 the lower and upper portions 2 and 3 of the back are separable along a transverse line, and the upper portion 3 is provided with suitably spaced alinements 7, 8 and 9, each of these alinements having secured thereto at suitably spaced intervals fastening elements 10. These alinements may if desired be designated by different colored thread as, for example, alinement 7 may be green, alinement 8 red and alinement 9 white, it being understood, of course, that any distinguishing col-

ors may be used as desired, and a greater number of alinements than three may also be used if desired. The upper edge of the lower portion 2 of the back of the coat has secured thereto at suitably spaced intervals complementary fastening means 11, adapted to coact with fastening elements 10, of the upper portion 3, to detachably secure together parts 2 and 3 along the particular alinement required to give the proper fit of the garment to the party being fitted. While I have shown the complementary fastening elements 10 and 11 as being hooks and eyes, it is obvious that other forms of fasteners, such as, snaps, pins, or other suitable securing means may be used. The alinements 7, 8 and 9 may also be designated by number if preferred, as, for example, the bottom alinement 9 could be known as number one, the second alinement as number two, and the top alinement as number three, or any other mode of identifying the different alinements could be chosen as desired, the main requirement being that the particular mode of designation be thoroughly understood by both the merchant tailor or party taking the measurements and the cutter and designer.

Referring to Fig. 4 the alinements 7, 8 and 9 may also designate if desired the degree of stoop in the individual's shoulders as, for example, the top alinement 7 may indicate the regular or normal condition, alinement 8 one degree stooped, and alinement 9 two degrees stooped. It will be readily understood that when this pre-try-on coat is applied to the customer the fastening elements 10 and 11 will be detachably secured together on whichever alinement the party taking the measurements thinks gives the best fit. If the alinement first chosen is decided to be not correct the fasteners may be easily unfastened and again fastened on a different alinement. By this try and inspect method the coat can be made to exactly fit the customer. A try-on garment of each size will be carried by the dealer, the exact fit for each size on the particular customer being obtained by adjustment of the separable parts to the particular alinement required to give the correct fit.

As shown in Figs. 3 and 4 a similar adjustment is provided between the shoulder portions, 12 and 13 on the right hand side and 14 and 15 on the left hand side. The alinements there shown operate in a similar manner to those described above in connection with the adjustable portions across the back of the coat, except that the alinements across the back are preferably separated a greater distance at the middle and converge together at the two ends, while in the shoulders they diverge from the sleeve opening to the collar, in order to better take care of the different contours of the body and to give the desired adjustment for a correct fit.

In the shoulders, for example, the top alinement can represent a sloping or round shoulder, the middle alinement of a regular shoulder and the bottom alinement a square shoulder.

members arranged for adjustably fitting the collar to various heights.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name to this specification.

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As shown in Fig. 4 a plurality of aline-  
ments is also provided near the top of back  
portion 3 to permit adjustment of the collar  
4. This is effected by shifting the collar to  
that alinement giving the desired collar  
stand for the party being fitted. In Fig. 8  
I have shown the collar as detachably se-  
cured to the topmost alinement by means of  
a pin, it being understood, of course, that  
other fastening means than pins may be used  
if desired, and that the collar may be ad-  
justed to any of the other alinelements in a  
similar manner if necessary for a proper fit.

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When this invention is applied to other  
garments, such as vests, overcoats, and the  
like, the alinelements will be positioned at  
those portions of the garments requiring fit,  
and will function in a manner similar to that  
described above in connection with the coat.

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In Fig. 1 I have shown the sleeve 6 at-  
tached to the shoulder portions by means of  
pins along the uppermost alinement. Other  
forms of fastening means than pins may be  
used if desired.

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Assuming that the merchant tailor has  
taken the measurements of the customer by  
applying to him a pre-try-on garment, and  
having made the necessary adjustments to  
give a correct fit, he can then forward to the  
wholesale merchant tailor, or their cutter  
and designer, a statement as to the general  
attitude and build of the customer, together  
with the data as to what particular aline-  
ments were necessary to give a correct fit  
in the various portions of the garment, and  
the cutter and designer can by referring to  
his complementary charts having a standard  
identification of the various alinelements and  
showing the general attitude or build of the  
customer, cut and construct a garment that  
will correctly fit the customer without the  
necessity of making further changes.

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Having now described my invention, what  
I claim is:—

A try-on garment having the upper  
shoulder seams open and with the edges  
thereof provided with detachably engage-  
able fastening members arranged to provide  
a plurality of fitting adjustments corre-  
sponding to various types of shoulders, the  
back of said garment having a line of sever-  
ance thereacross substantially at the shoul-  
ders with the free edges provided with de-  
tachably engageable fastening members ar-  
ranged to provide a plurality of fitting ad-  
justments corresponding to various types of  
attitudes, and a collar separable from the  
garment said collar and garment at the neck  
having detachably engageable fastening

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