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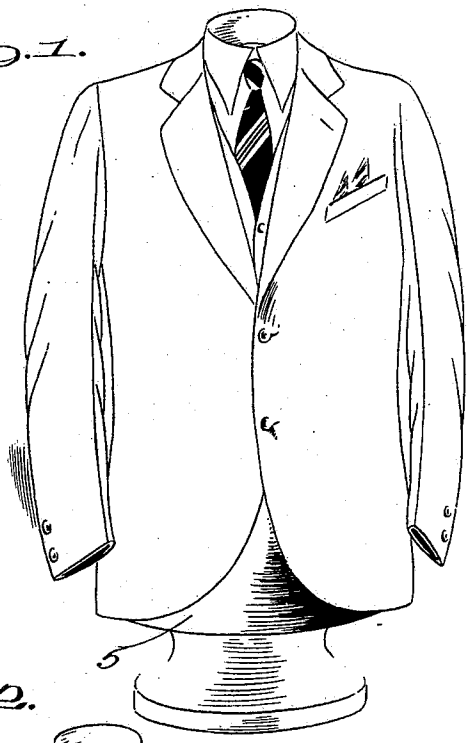


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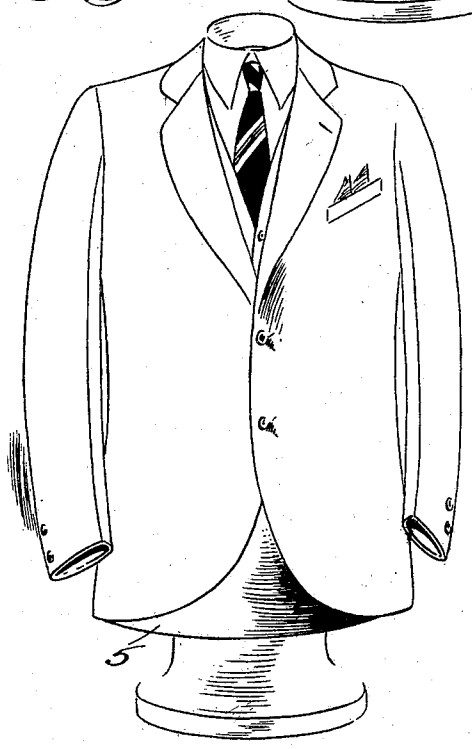
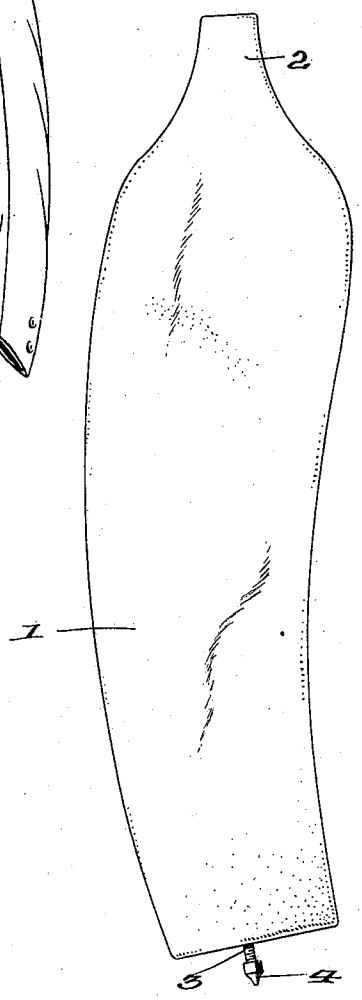


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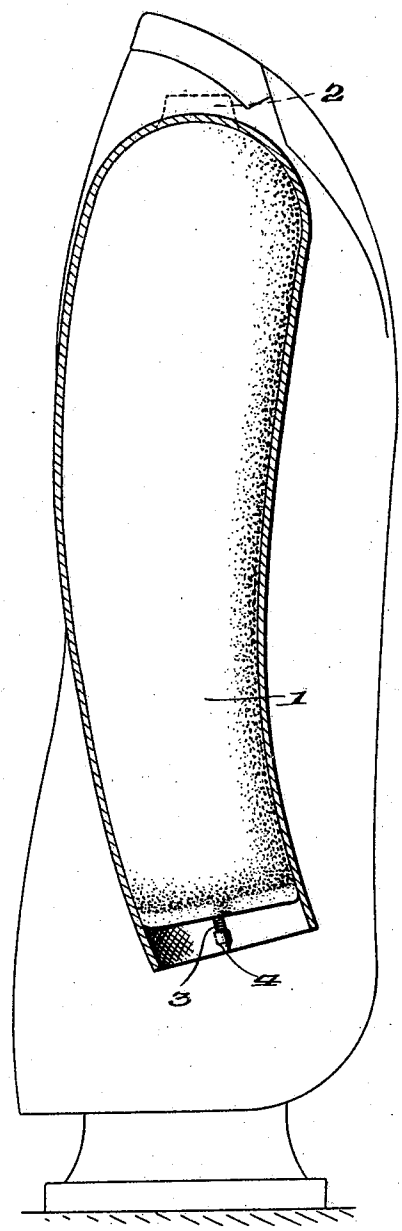
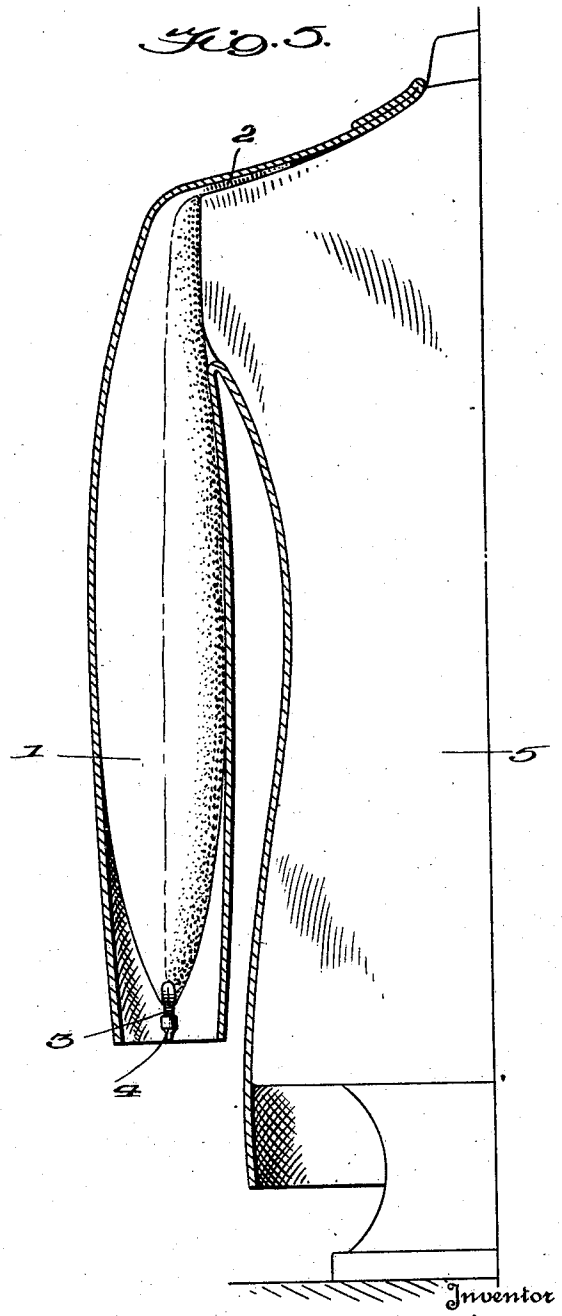


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My invention relates to an improvement in sleeve-forms.

The object is to provide a device for filling out and giving shape to the sleeve. In the past, in store and window displays, the sleeve usually has been hung in a limp and more or less wrinkled form, and in consequence has not had the natural appearance that it would have on the arm of a wearer.

The purpose of my device is to obviate this difficulty and give the sleeve the natural fullness, thereby removing the wrinkles and unsightliness, and yet giving a natural hang with just enough fullness to display the proper shape and hang of the sleeve.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a view showing the usual appearance of the sleeve;

Fig. 2 is a view showing it with my improved form;

Fig. 3 is a side view of the form;

Fig. 4 is a section from the side showing it in a sleeve; and

Fig. 5 is a section at right-angles to Fig. 4 showing the form in place in a sleeve.

The form is made of moderately thin rubber in the general shape of a sleeve as illustrated in Fig. 3. The body portion 1 is placed in, and fills the sleeve. This main portion is inflatable through the tube 3, a valve 4 being screwed on the end of the tube to retain the air after the form has been inflated to the required degree.

The friction tab 2 is preferably uninflated, and is made by reducing the width of the form. This is a very important element, as it is the means of holding the form in place when first inserted in the sleeve as it rests between the shoulder of the garment and the shoulder of the figure or dummy 5 on which the garment is draped for display.

In applying my improved form, the coat or garment is placed on the dummy, the inflatable device is inserted upwardly through the sleeve, the friction tab is properly placed between the figure or dummy 5 and the shoulder of the garment, the form taking position throughout the length of the sleeve, after which by blowing into the tube 3 until inflated to the proper degree the valve 4 is screwed on tight, and the air is held in the form. The form is deflated by opening the valve.

In this way, I have provided a very simple and inexpensive device for the purpose intended, which is always entirely concealed, but is efficient in giving shape and form to the sleeve as the size of the sleeve always limits the amount of inflation, and, by reason of the flexibility of the form, the sleeve hangs naturally and presents a fine appearance.

Due to the thinness of the rubber employed in the body portion 1, it is of course obvious that the reduced shoulder portion or inflated end 2, may be deflected either to one side or the other. This permits the instant interchangeability of the sleeve forms for either the right or left sleeve. Then too, sleeve forms made in accordance with my invention are extremely light in weight and when deflated may be stored in the minimum amount of space without resultant injury. It will now be readily understood that my invention will be readily applicable in connection with displayed coats which are made of comparatively light or pliable material.

I claim:

A sleeve-form for use with garments otherwise supported on body forms, comprising a flexible inflatable body having an exterior outline corresponding to that of a garment sleeve, means to permit inflation of the body for distension within the sleeve of the garment, and a flexible friction tab extending from the upper end of the body to be inserted and frictionally held between the body-form and garment beyond the sleeve to support the sleeve-form within the sleeve, the flexibility of the tab permitting a particular sleeve-form to be used with either garment sleeve.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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