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FIG. 1

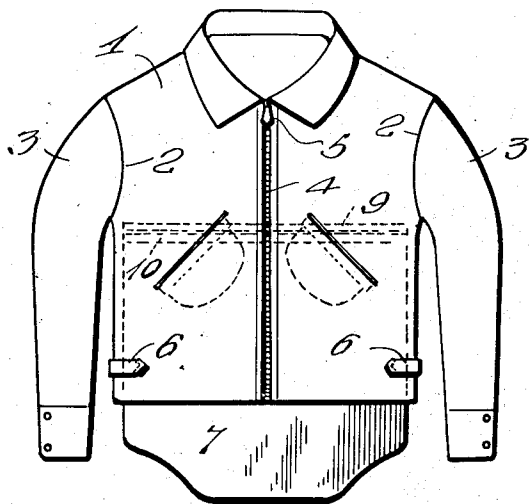


FIG. 2

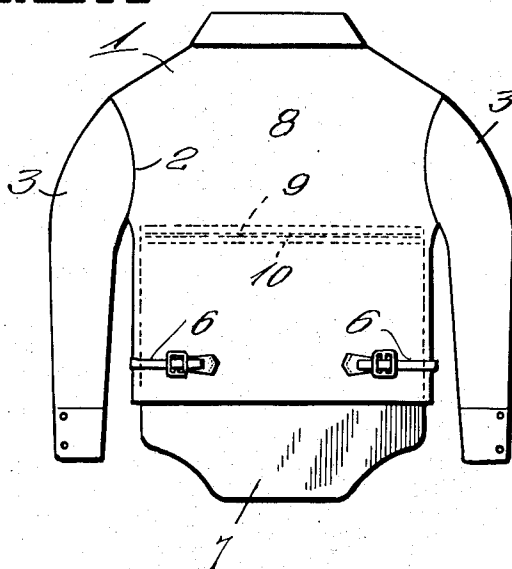


FIG. 3

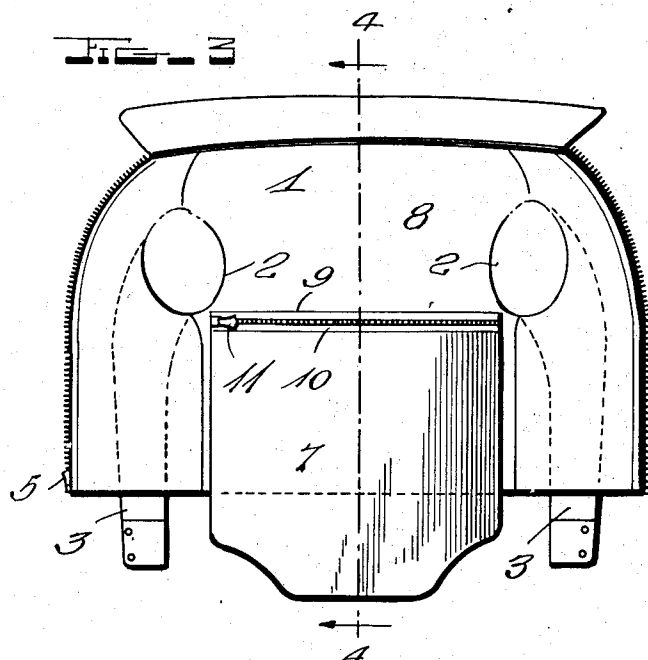


FIG. 4

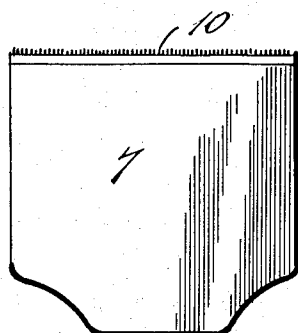
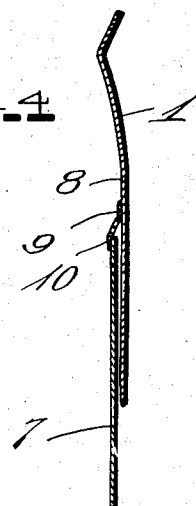


FIG. 5

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This invention relates to improvements in garments, and particularly to garments of the coat or jacket type.

In the use of a jacket or other like garment, the body of which terminates at or in the region of the waistline of the wearer, there is a tendency of the garment to ride up at the back and cause exposure of the shirt or an undergarment or an unsightly appearance or exposure of the person of the wearer to the action of the elements in cold or inclement weather, particularly when the wearer is driving an automobile, undergoing exercises or performing certain kinds of work.

The main object of my invention is to provide an attachment for a jacket or like garment which will allow the garment to ride up without exposure of underlying garments or showing any gap between the back of the garment and trousers or skirt of the wearer.

A further object of the invention is to provide an attachment of this character which will not show when the garment is being worn, in either the open or closed condition of the garment, may be easily and conveniently applied for use and which may be detached at will when its use is not desired or to allow ready cleaning of the garment and attachment.

The invention consists of the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a jacket embodying my invention, showing the same in closed condition.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same.

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the garment spread fully open to clearly show the attachment.

Fig. 4 is a section on line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a view of the attachment removed.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing, 1 designates a garment of coat or jacket type, that shown being of jacket type, and provided with armholes 2 and sleeves 3, although the garment may be of sleeveless type if desired. The garment is open at the front and provided along the meeting edges of its front portions with fastening elements 4 for cooperation with a slide runner 5 providing fastening means therebetween of the well known zipper type, although buttons and button holes or other suitable fastening means for holding the said meeting edges connected may be employed. The garment is also shown as provided with straps 6 for contracting the garment for a snug fit at the waist-

line, although the use of such straps is not essential.

My improved attachment comprises an apron-like member 7 made of textile or other suitable fabric or flexible material. It may be made of the same material as that of the garment, or of other suitable material. It is designed to fit against the inner side of the back 8 of the garment, of a width preferably conforming to that of the back between the armhole points, and of a length to be secured to the garment at a desired elevation and to depend at its lower edge below the lower edge of the garment to a suitable and desired degree.

The member 7 is preferably detachably secured at its upper edge to the back 8 in any suitable manner. In the present instance the back 8 is shown provided with a holding flap 9 across said back between points adjacent to the lower edges of the armholes, the flap and the upper edge of the member 7 being provided with fastening elements 10 engaged by a slide runner 11 whereby a zipper type of fastener is provided to detachably secure the member 7 in place.

In practice the depending portion of the apron 7 projects downward to such degree that it is adapted when the jacket is worn to be tucked downward inside the back of the trousers or skirt of the wearer so that it will be held in place regardless of shifting movements of the lower portion of the back 8. Even, therefore, in the event of the back 8 shifting upward on the person of the wearer the apron 7 will retain its position and prevent exposure of the shirt or undershirt of the wearer or showing of any unsightly gap between the jacket and waist of the trousers or skirt. The apron will also in the use of the garment cover the back of the wearer against exposure to the elements in cold or inclement weather, avoiding liability of ills due to such cause. An advantage of the construction is that the apron is not visible either when the garment is worn open or closed.

By being detachably secured in position in the manner described the apron 7 may be removed when its use is not desired or when it is desired to have the jacket and apron cleaned in a more ready and perfect manner than would be possible if the apron were permanently fastened in place. This mode of connection also allows sale of the apron as an accessory attachment.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawing, the construction, mode of use and advantages of my improved garment attachment will be readily understood and ap-

preciated without a further and extended description. It is to be understood that changes in the form, construction and arrangement of the parts may be made within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

What I claim is:—

1. The combination with a coat, jacket or like garment, of an apron-like gap-concealing attachment secured at its upper edge to the inner side of the back of the garment at a point above the lower edge of the garment and approximately in line with the lower edges of the armholes thereof and having a lower free edge depending below the lower edge of the garment.

2. The combination with a coat, jacket or like

garment, of an apron-like gap-concealing attachment detachably secured at its upper edge to the inner side of the back of the garment at a point above the lower edge of the garment and approximately in line with the lower edges of the armholes thereof and having a lower free edge depending below the lower edge of the garment.

3. The combination with a coat, jacket or other like garment, of a flap permanently secured to the inner side of the back of the garment and extending transversely thereof between points adjacent to the lower edges of the armholes thereof, and an apron-like gap-concealing attachment detachably secured at its upper edge to said flap and having a lower free edge depending below the lower edge of the garment.

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