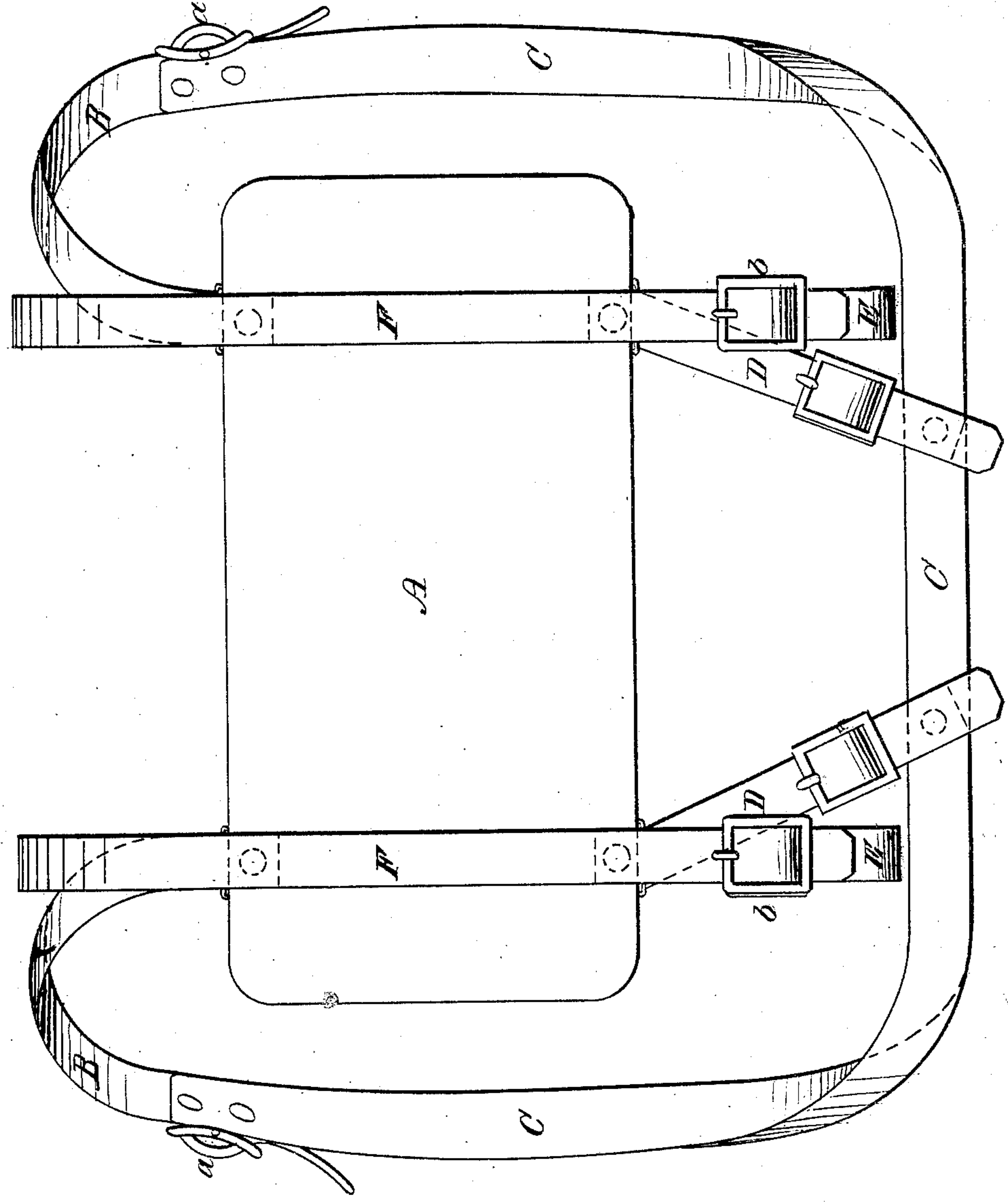


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IMPROVED COAT SLING OR CARRIER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DARIUS F. DRAKE, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have made an invention of an Improved Coat Sling or Carrier; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the accompanying specification and represented in the accompanying drawing, which represents an elevation of it.

The article in question is for the use of an army officer when in the field or on duty, the purpose of the said article being to support on the back of the officer a cloak and a blanket, or either, when in folded state.

My invention consists in a coat sling or carrier as made with a back-brace or brace-strap, combined with a back-plate and its shoulder-straps, and so slung or arranged below the back-plate as when in use to go across the back of the wearer and below his shoulder-blades, and from thence upward underneath his arms and to the said shoulder-straps, and be connected thereto, as hereinafter explained.

In the drawings, A denotes the back-plate, which may be a piece of thick leather or other suitable material, of a rectangular shape, or thereabout. When in use, it is intended to rest flatwise on the back of a person and across his shoulder-blades. It is provided with two shoulder-straps, B B, which extend upward from it, and are intended, respectively, to go over the shoulders of the person in order to suspend the back-plate therefrom. The extremities of the straps are to be provided with buckles *a a* or other suitable fastenings for connecting the straps, respectively, with the two ends or halves of a back-brace strap, C, which, by means of two hangers or straps, D D, projecting downward from the back-plate, is slung from the back-plate and so as

to go across the back of the wearer at such a distance below his shoulder-blades as may be most comfortable or agreeable, each slinging-strap being so made or so applied to the back-plate as to enable the distance below the back-strap from the lower edge of the back-plate to be adjusted, or increased or diminished, at pleasure. Two other straps, E E, provided with buckles *b b*, depend from the back-plate near the slinging straps D D, and are provided with tongue-straps F F, which are fastened to the upper part of the back-plate. The straps E E and F F serve to confine the cloak, when in a folded state, to the back-plate. The back-brace, arranged with respect to and applied to the back-plate and its shoulder-straps as described, constitutes, when the cloak-carrier is in use, an additional support thereto. By going across the back at several inches below the back-plate, and by being buckled to the shoulder-straps, it operates not only to spread the shoulders and chest of the wearer, but does not impede the circulation of the blood in his arms, as do shoulder-straps when carried over and around the arms and buckled directly to the back-plate.

I claim as my invention—

The said improved coat sling or carrier, as constructed with a brace-strap, C, combined with a back-plate, A, and its shoulder-straps B B, and so slung or arranged below the said back-plate that the said strap C, when in use, will go across the back of the wearer and below his shoulder-blades, and thence underneath the arms and upward to the shoulder-straps B B, substantially as described.

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