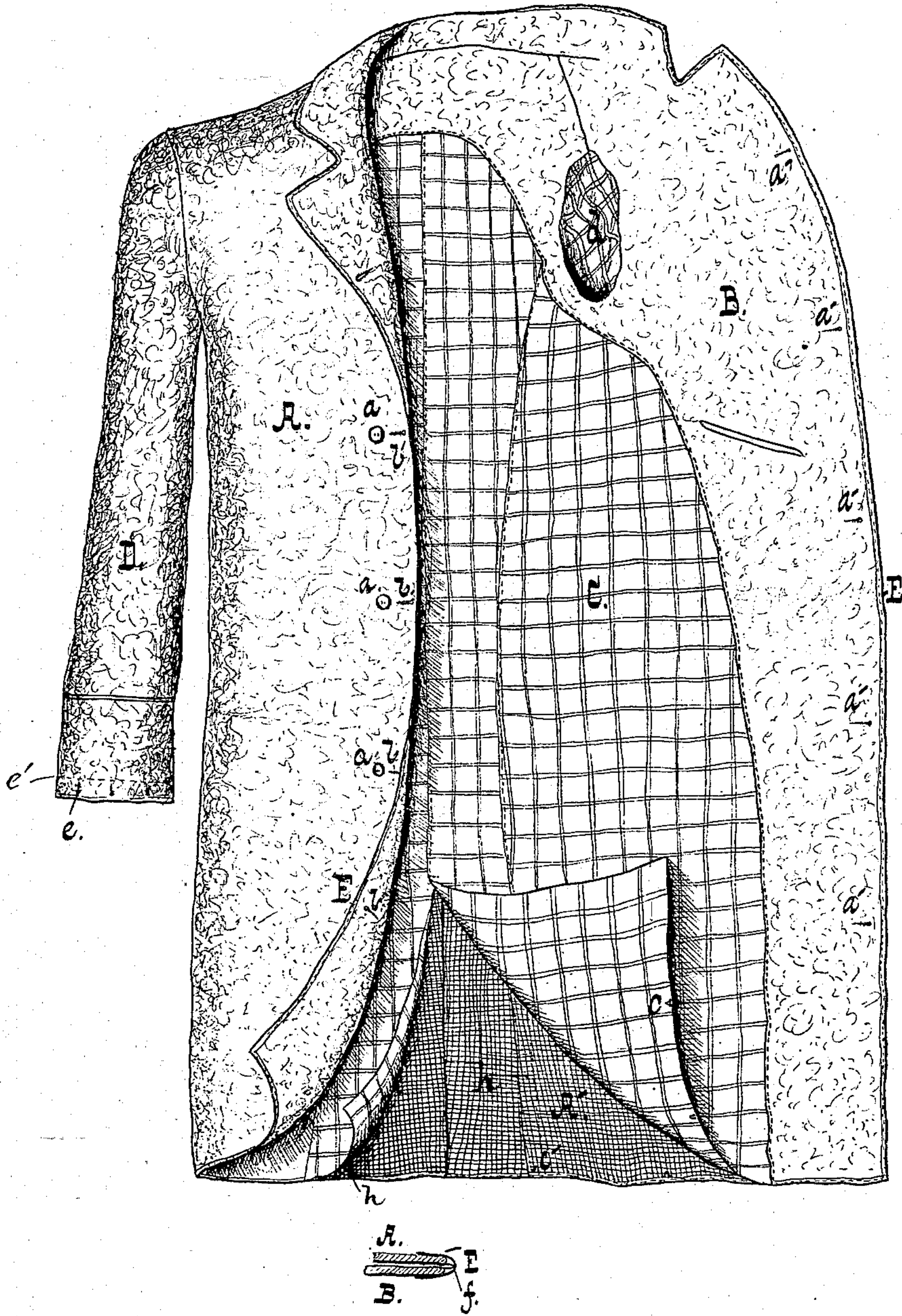


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## REVERSIBLE GARMENT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HYMAN MARKS, of Baltimore city, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Reversible Garments; and I hereby declare the same to be fully, clearly, and exactly described as follows, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which is shown an overcoat embodying my present invention.

My said invention relates to reversible garments constructed of cloth having a different pattern on its faces, either being adapted to be worn outside; and it consists in a garment of the said class arranged to be turned inside out, and to fold, when turned, on its edges, as hereinafter set forth.

Garments of this class—such as ulsters or overcoats—have heretofore been made of cloth, showing two dissimilar patterns on its faces, and in order to reverse them they were simply turned inside out. The effect is certainly unique, as the lapels are in contrast with the body of the coat, and an array of buttons and button-holes is seen which are largely in excess of the conventional number. The observer is very apt to imagine that the wearer of the garment has put on a very badly-fitting coat provided with an unnecessary number of buttons inside out by mistake. In a word, the end desired being a coat which may be made to show two different patterns, as the wearer may desire, and which will not be palpably an attempt at that end, the reversible coat as heretofore made may be considered a failure. A decent fit was out of the question, as the garment admitted of no filling on the shoulders, and being as big on one side as the other, it was liable to show a tendency to pucker or curl outward on the lapels or skirts.

I have devised a reversible garment which will show two patterns of cloth and two distinct cuts of garment, the same article of apparel being, when worn with one side out, a fancy ulster, and with the other side out an ordinary overcoat; or the same garment may be made a sack or frock coat, at the wearer's will.

While in the drawing I have shown my invention embodied in an overcoat and ulster, it

will be evident that the same is applicable to other styles of garments—such as ladies' sacks or ordinary coats.

Proceeding to a description of the coat, as illustrated, A is the body of the overcoat, made of reversible cloth, and B is the front lining, made of the same material. C is the ordinary lining, which may be dispensed with, if desired. The sleeves D have a loose lining, *d*, unattached by stitching at the bottom, but provided with buttons at the bottom, which engage with a row of button-holes, *e*, in the end of the sleeve, which latter is folded inward on the line *e'*. Near the edge of the coat is a row of buttons, *a*, and between each button and the edge is a button-hole, *b*. The button-holes *a'* on the opposite side of the coat are secured to the buttons *a*, concealing the holes *b*. The parts A and B are connected at the edge by braid E, which folds on the line *f*, as shown in the detached figure. The pockets are all attached to the lining B C, and flaps are applied to the pockets, which may be worn in or out, as desired.

The side A', which differs in pattern from the side A, is or may be made of the same cut as the same, or may be an ulster, in which case plaits *h* are formed in the cloth on the side A', and the conventional buttons at the waist are sewed on on that side.

Hooks and eyes *c c'* may be used to attach the lining to the skirts; but they are not necessary.

To reverse the coat, the sleeve-linings are drawn out, and the coat is turned inside out on the braid E, the linings are thrust down the sleeves, and the coat is ready to be put on.

It will be seen that padding or filling may be applied to the shoulders or on front of the armpits, being secured to the lining-piece B, which is the lining for both sides of the coat, and which protects the cloth at the armpits from being discolored by perspiration.

It is evident from the foregoing description of the garment, and the mode of reversing it, that the same garment may be on one side an overcoat and on the other an ulster, on one side a frock-coat and on the other a sack or overcoat, or, in a word, on one side one gar-

ment and on the other any other having the same length and width. The extra buttons are concealed, as are also the extra button-holes, and the coat, while being a reversible  
 5 coat of the same or different cut, is absolutely undistinguishable as such in ordinary wear. Clearly the linings *c d* may be, and in the case of an inconvertible spring overcoat and frock coat would be, dispensed with, in which case  
 10 a short flap should be secured to the lining B, to thrust down the sleeve and protect the armpit.

Precisely the same amount of cloth is used in making the coat as is used for an ordinary  
 15 coat, and the labor of making is but very slightly increased.

What I claim is—

1. A garment made of reversible cloth and adapted, as described, to be turned inside out,  
 20 folding on its edges, as set forth.

2. A garment made of reversible cloth provided with a whole or partial lining, and arranged to be turned inside out, folding on its edges, as set forth.

3. A reversible garment the sides of which 25 differ in cut or style, as set forth.

4. A reversible garment having a whole or partial lining adapted to receive filling or padding, as set forth.

5. A reversible coat having a lining pro- 30 vided with detached sleeve-linings, as set forth.

6. A reversible coat having a partial lining which conceals the buttons of the inside face, as set forth.

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