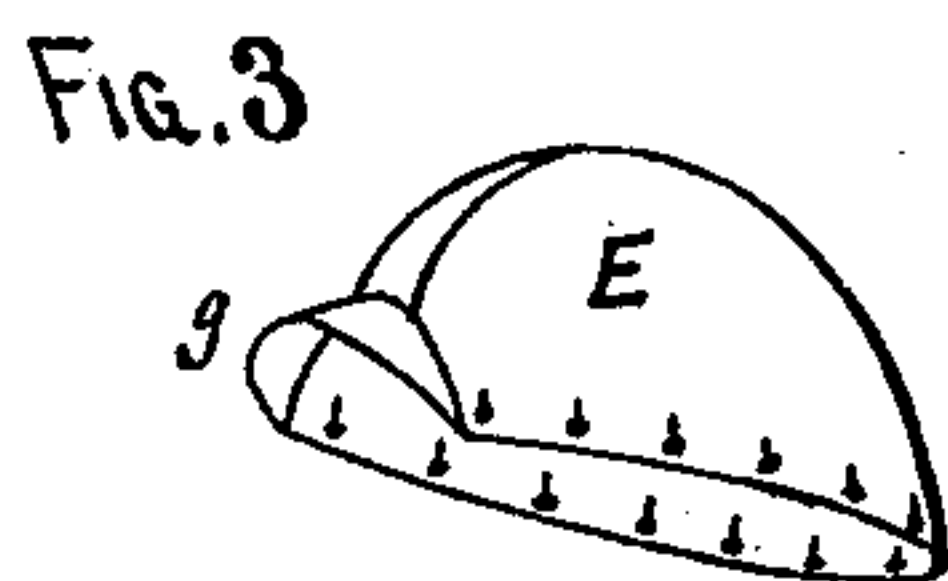
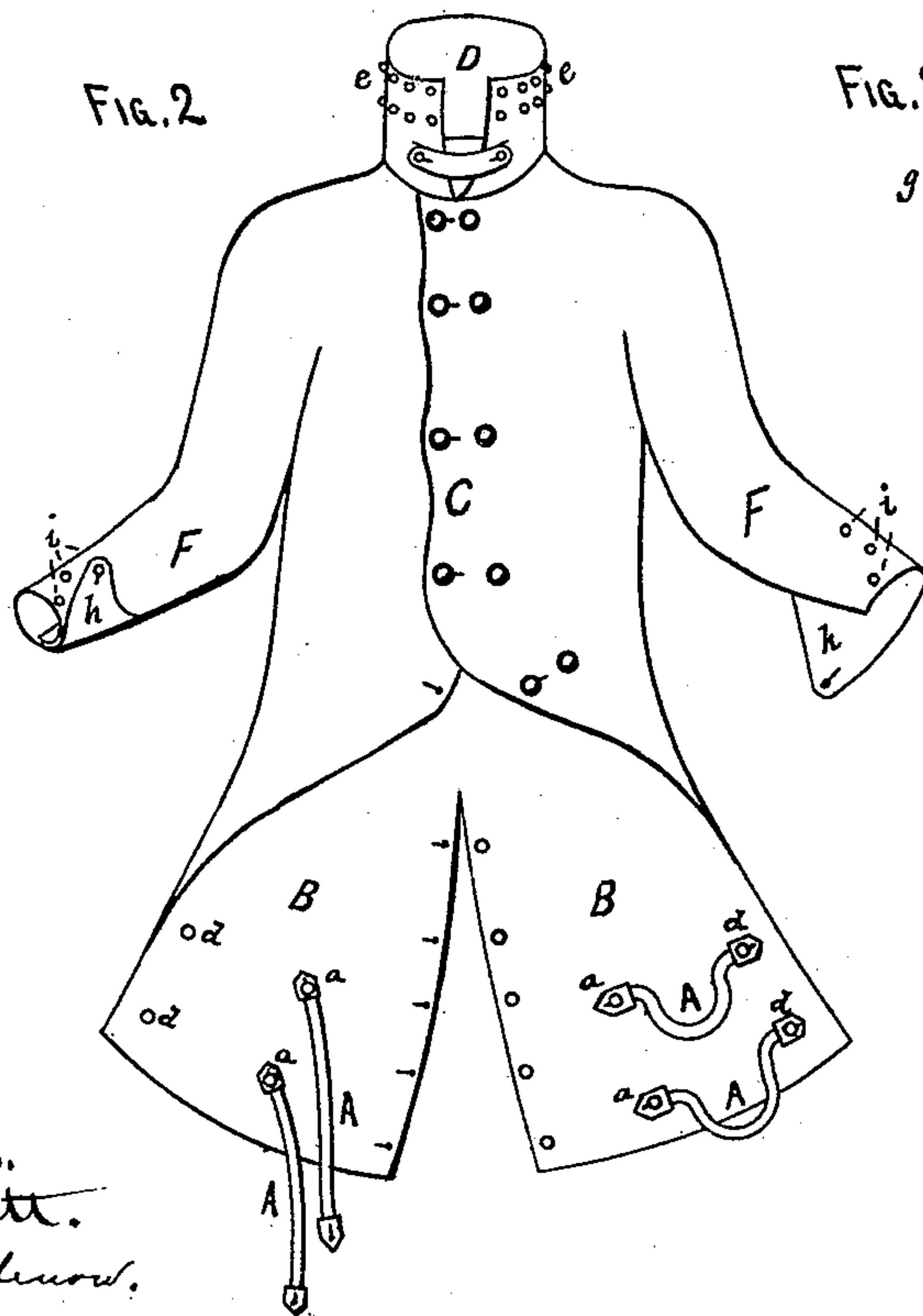
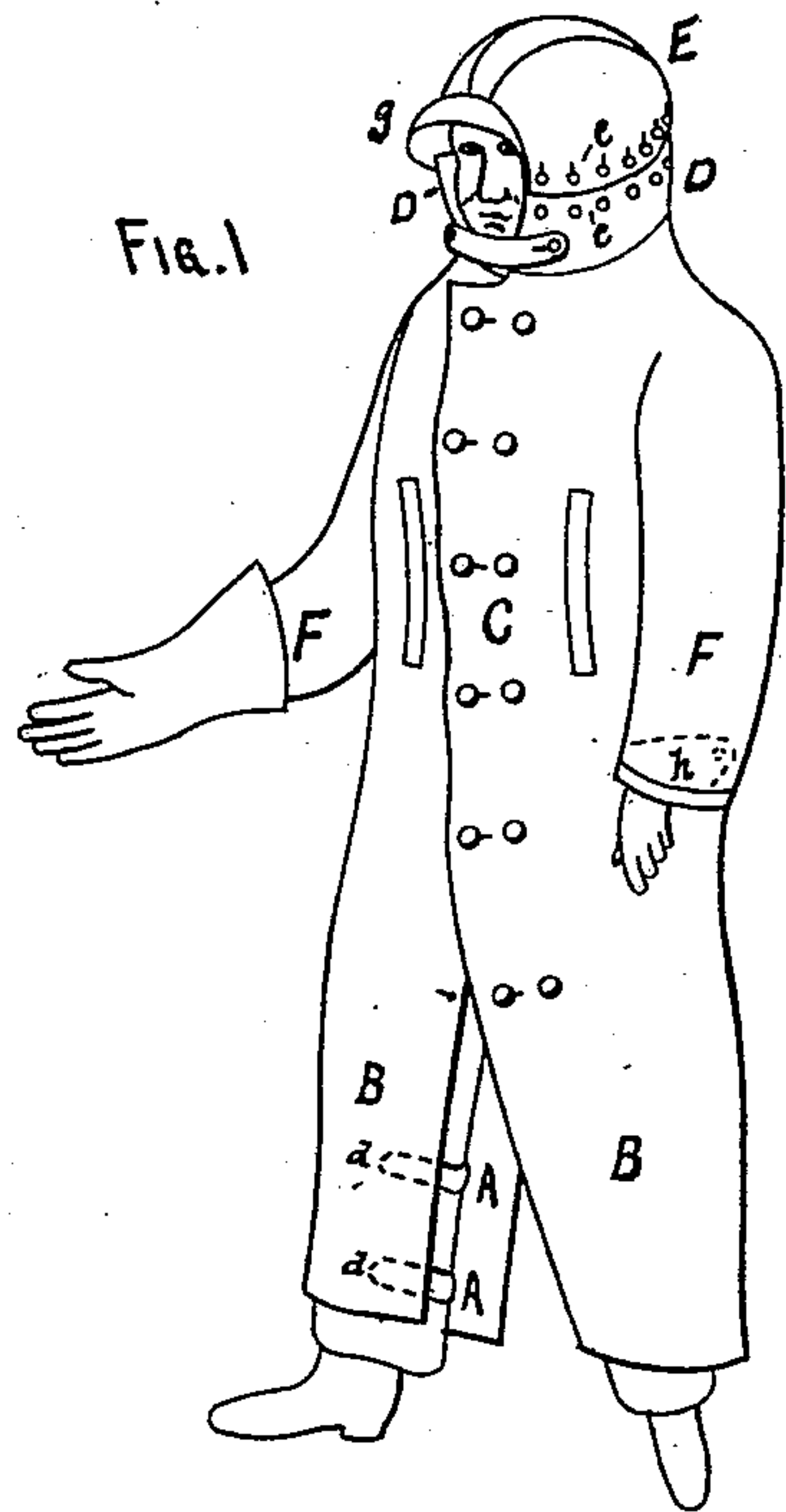


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER JOSEPH OBERST, of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain Improvements in Overcoats, &c., of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to overcoats, &c., worn by men and boys; and it consists in providing the interior of the lower parts of the skirts with straps adapted to encircle the lower limbs and hold the skirts or lower part of the coat enwrapped about the person of the wearer when walking or riding, or during stormy weather, as hereinafter set forth.

I accomplish these results by the use of the attachments illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents the figure of a man having an overcoat on with my improvements attached thereto. Fig. 2 represents the coat with the skirts thrown open to show the arrangement of the straps, &c. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the hood or cap detached.

In the ordinary coat the buttons are seldom placed much below the waist, as they would interfere with the walking of the wearer. Hence in windy or stormy weather the skirts are blown aside and the lower limbs exposed. In riding on horseback this annoyance is still more apparent, as the position of the person throws the coat-skirts entirely off the lower limbs and knees. To prevent the skirts of the coat being blown aside when walking or riding is one of the objects of my invention, which consists in a series of straps, A, either elastic or otherwise, secured by one end, *a*, to the insides of the skirts B of the coat C, while their opposite ends are adapted to be fastened by buttons, buckles, or other suitable fastenings, *d*, to the same skirt, B, so that when the coat is put on these straps may be passed around the lower limbs, as shown in Fig. 1, and thus hold the skirts to the limbs in the form of leggings, no matter in what position the wearer may be. By this means the lower limbs are as well protected as any other part of the person, and this arrangement will be found very convenient in walking or riding, especially riding on horseback. It will be found particularly advantageous for teamsters, car-drivers, hackmen, and men of similar occupations. The straps will be so placed as not to inter-

fere with the motions of the limbs; on the contrary, the securing of the skirts to the limbs, as shown, making it more convenient to walk than without them, as the skirts are held in place and prevented from annoying the wearer by being blown about his limbs.

The straps may be made elastic, if desired, or of unelastic material, as circumstances may determine, and any desired number used.

One or more of the straps may be placed above the knee, under some circumstances, if desired.

The collar D of the coat, it will be observed, is higher than ordinary, and provided with one or more rows of buttons, *e*, adapted to receive a cap or hood, E, made large enough to inclose the ordinary cap and muffler of the wearer. This cap will be provided with a peak, *g*, to protect the eyes, as well as to keep the front of the cap and collar extended for observation. By this means the head and face are thoroughly protected and the ordinary wrappings held in place, so that the wind will not displace them.

By providing the collar D with a number of rows of buttons *e* the cap E may be adjusted to fit different-sized persons or adapted to the convenience of the wearer.

The sleeves F will be provided with flaps or lapels *h*, adapted to be folded around the wrists to draw the sleeves up tightly, so that the cold wind may not enter there, as well as to permit the flaring tops of gauntlets or mittens to come up over the sleeves without wrinkling or doubling up the latter, as shown on the right hand of the figure in Fig. 1. A number of buttons, *i*, will be placed upon the sleeves at suitable points, so that the flaps *h* may be adjusted to adapt the sleeves to the wrists of different-sized persons.

What I claim as new is—

As a new article of manufacture, a coat provided with straps upon the skirts, adapted to encircle the lower limbs of the wearer to hold the skirts enwrapped about them, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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