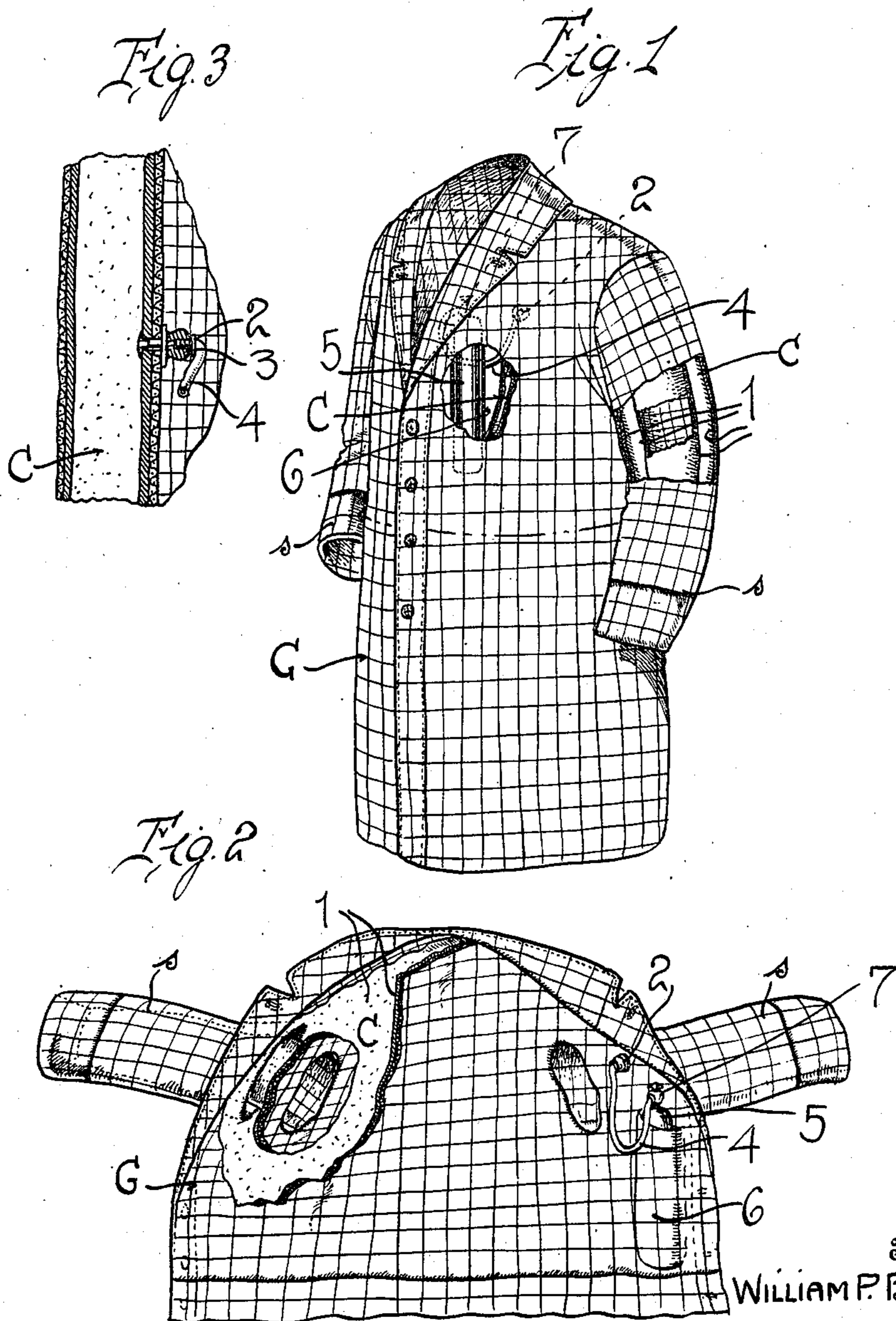


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM P. BUTUSOV, a citizen of the United States, residing at Biloxi, in the county of Harrison and State of Mississippi, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to certain improvements in garments; and an object of the invention is to provide a garment having novel and improved means whereby the same may be inflated with convenience and facility in order to permit the same to be employed as a life saving medium should the wearer be within the water.

Furthermore, it is an object of the invention to provide a novel and improved garment including a double-walled compartment which, when inflated with air, serves to give the necessary buoyancy to prevent sinking of the wearer; and it is also an object of the invention to provide a novel and improved garment provided with means whereby a supply of compressed air may be conveniently carried thereby in order that the garment may be inflated in substantially an automatic manner.

30 The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts of my improved garment whereby certain important advantages are attained and the device is rendered simpler, less expensive and otherwise more convenient and advantageous for use, all as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

40 The novel features of the invention will be carefully defined in the appended claim.

In order that my invention may be the better understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

45 Figure 1 is a view in perspective, with parts broken away, of a garment constructed in accordance with an embodiment of my invention; Fig. 2 is a view in perspective, with the garment open and illustrating the inner portion thereof, parts being broken away to illustrate certain details of invention; and Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view illustrating the garment inflated.

As disclosed in the accompanying draw-

ings, G denotes a garment of conventional cut and preferably formed of water-proof material and having its upper portion preferably from the waist-line to the neck band and the sleeves *s* thereof, double-walled to afford a compartment whereby such portions of the garment may be inflated when it is desired to employ the same as a life saving medium. The inner walls of the sleeves have their upper or inner extremities secured directly to the inner wall of the body portion of the garment proper, as is believed to be clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the accompanying drawings. The walls of the compartment are lined with a suitable water-proof material, as indicated at 1, and such lining is preferably interposed between the outer cloth of the garment and the dress lining thereof so that when the compartment is deflated, the garment will give no indication of its special use and be manipulated in a conventional manner.

As herein embodied, the compartment *c* has in communication therewith adjacent the neck band of the garment, the air valve 2 of any ordinary or preferred construction and having a projected extremity 3 with which the flexible tube 4 may be detachably engaged, said tube being in communication with the portable storage tank 5 adapted to be positioned within a pocket 6 formed on the inside of the cut at the front thereof and the flow of the fluid through the tube is controlled by a valve 7 carried by the tank 5. The valve 7 may be of any desired construction and for this reason I have illustrated in the drawings a conventional form. In practice, I find it of advantage to have the portable tank 5 of a capacity whereby a single charge will serve to inflate the compartment *c* twice.

In referring hereinbefore and in the claims to air, I wish to be understood as referring to gas or other fluids which may be employed to inflate my device and which possesses the requisite buoyancy.

From the foregoing description, it is thought to be obvious that a garment constructed in accordance with my invention is of an extremely simple and comparatively inexpensive nature and is particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled, and it will also be obvious that my invention is susceptible of some change and

modification without material departure from the principles and spirit thereof and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise arrangement and formation of the several parts herein shown in carrying out my invention in practice.

I claim:

As a new article of manufacture, a garment including sleeves having their outer ends open, said garment from the waist-line to the neck and the sleeves being double-walled to afford a single compartment, the inner walls of the sleeves having their inner

extremities secured directly to the inner wall of the body portion of the garment, a lining of impervious material for the compartment, a source of compressed air carried by the garment and in communication with the compartment, and means for controlling the delivery of the compressed air within the compartment. 15 20

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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