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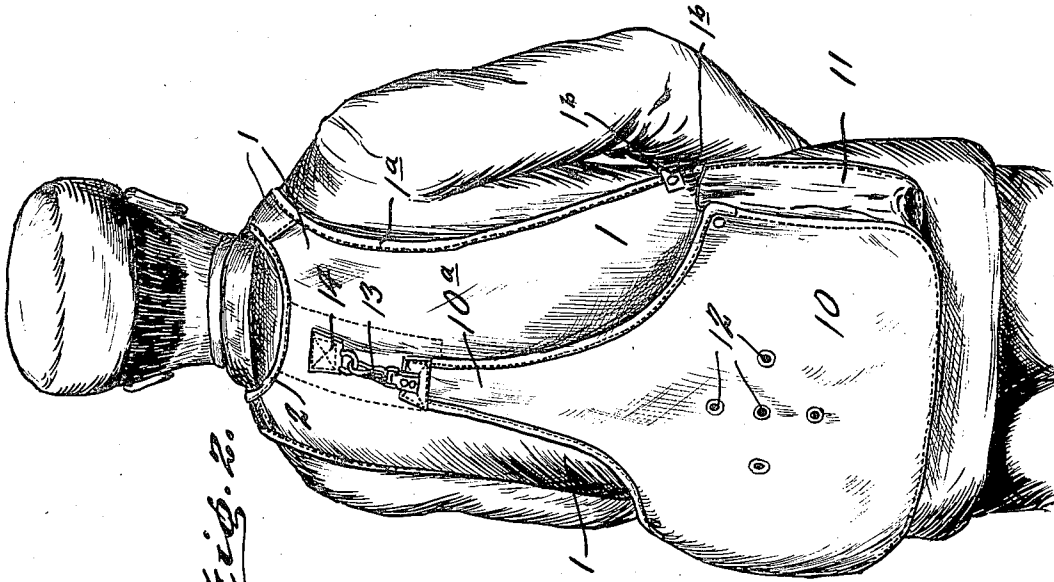


Fig. 2.



Fig. 1.

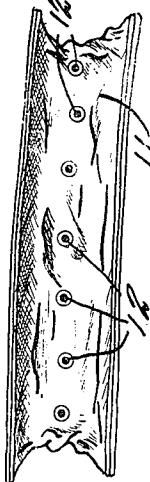


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. THURESON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Eureka, in the county of Humboldt and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hunting and Fishing Jackets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improved hunting coats.

One object of the invention is to provide a hunting coat which includes a game pocket capable of carrying quarry, which pocket may be reached by either hand of the wearer, while the coat is in position, said pocket extending the full width of the back of the coat.

A further object is to provide a hunting coat in which a game pocket is so located that the weight of the contents will fall on the shoulders and be supported on the hips of the wearer, thus making it possible to carry game without the use of the hands therefor or any additional haversack.

A further object of the invention is to provide a hunting jacket having front pockets which are strong and large, and which are low enough to be conveniently accessible and which yield with the movements of the wearer and thus not hinder the leg movements of the wearer.

The above and other features of the invention are made possible by the particular configuration of the parts and the manner of securing these parts together, all of which details contribute to the invention.

These features and details are described and claimed in the following specification and claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Fig. 1 illustrates a front perspective view of the coat in position and as worn.

Fig. 2 is a rear view in perspective showing the side construction and manner of attachment of the upper end and of the back pocket wall; and

Fig. 3 is a view of the bottom of the back game pocket, looking upward, and illustrating the extensible wall construction of the pocket and the ventilating openings therein.

Referring in detail to the figures of the drawings, 1 indicates the continuous body member of water-proofed cloth or other suitable material which provides a main front portion covering the trunk of the body, and extends over the shoulders and is

continued rearwardly and downwardly to provide a back portion which covers the entire back of the wearer down to a point below the hips. The marginal edges of the garment are suitably bound with leather or other durable material, as indicated at 1^a. Fastening means 1^b are provided for securing together the front and rear portions at the waist, and such means include adjustable flexible strap connections and snap hooks and rings for providing ease of adjustment. An opening 2 is indicated through which the head of the wearer is introduced when the hunting coat is being placed in position.

Referring in particular to the front construction of the garment as illustrated in Fig. 1, it will be noted that the main front body portion is continued downwardly to a point below the fastening-means 1^b and to a point about at the hips, and thence downward the garment is bifurcated and extends to a point about as low as the crotch. An outer member of similar material to that of the body portion 1 is indicated at 3 and extends from an upper portion on the chest downwardly to substantially cover the entire configuration of the body portion 1. The front portion 3 is sewed to the portion 1 at 4 to provide the pockets 5, and is further stitched at 6 to firmly bind the outer portion 3 to the underneath main portion 1. The outer portion 3 is likewise bifurcated at a middle point as indicated at 7 and extends downwardly and is secured at its edges to provide the pockets 8. Openings for the pockets 8 are indicated at 9 and are provided by cutting away a portion of the member 3 and merely binding the edge of this portion and not sewing this pocket edge to the main front portion 1. The details of construction specified provide flap pockets which move readily to conform to the movements of the wearer. This is indicated in the position of the right pocket as shown in a raised position conforming to the position of the leg of the wearer, and such ease of movement would have been limited and hindered if the front lower edge of the pockets had been continuous instead of provided with the separate flap pockets as shown and claimed. The securing of the outer portion 3 over the front of the main portion 1 not only provides the outer walls of both upper pockets 5 and lower pockets 8, but reinforces the strength of the garment and makes it

possible to divide the weight of the contents of the flap pockets equally on the front wall and the back wall of the pockets, the sewing indicated at 6 providing for this sturdy construction.

The rear portion of the coat is provided with a rear pocket formed by a rear outer wall member 10 which is secured at its side and bottom edges to the corresponding lower side and bottom edges of the main back portion 1, this being effected by use of an extension strip 11 which is sewed to the respective edges of the main portion 1 and rear outer wall member 10. Ventilating openings provided with suitable ventilating eyelets 12 are indicated at the back in the outer wall member 10 and in the underneath portion of the extension piece 11, as indicated in Fig. 3. The upper end of the outer wall member 10 is continued as a tapered portion 10^a to a point well up on the back portion of the garment and is detachably secured by means of a snap hook 13 to a ring 14 secured to the upper portion of the member 1 above the shoulders of the garment. Other suitable fastening means may be suited for the hook and ring, but the invention includes ease of detachment so that the pocket may be opened to its full width at the top for the removal or introduction of game or other articles which may be conveniently carried in this single large pocket. The construction and peculiar mounting of the pocket places the weight of the contents thereof in part on the shoulders and in part on the hips of the wearer. The latter effect is obtained because of the length of the coat, the point of fastening of the lateral fastening means 1^b and the fact that the outer wall of the pocket is supported on the upper end of the main back portion of the garment. This provides a remarkably easy manner of carrying a substantial weight.

Changes in the materials of construction and the substitution of one detachable fastening means for another may be made without departing from the scope of the invention.

I claim:

1. In a garment adapted to hang from the shoulders before and behind, a back portion extending below the hips and laterally the width of the back, a pocket open at the top and extending the width of said back portion, said pocket including an outer wall extending the width of said back portion and upwardly from the lower edge thereof to a point between the shoulders, and having its upper end tapered and secured to the back portion at a middle point on the shoulders thereof.

2. In a garment adapted to hang from the shoulders before and behind, a back portion extending below the hips and laterally the width of the back, a pocket open at the top

and extending the width of said back portion, said pocket including an outer wall extending the width of said back portion and upwardly from the lower edge thereof, and having its upper end detachably secured to the back portion at a middle point on the shoulders thereof.

3. In a garment adapted to hang from the shoulders before and behind, a back portion extending below the hips and laterally the width of the back, a pocket open at the top and extending the width of said back portion, said pocket including an outer wall extending the width of said back portion and upwardly from the lower edge thereof, and an extension member connecting the bottom and side edges of said back portion and said outer pocket wall and constituting the sides and bottom of said pocket, said outer wall having its upper end detachably secured to the back portion at a middle upper point thereof.

4. In a garment adapted to hang from the shoulders before and behind, a back portion extending below the hips and laterally the width of the back, a pocket open at the top and extending the width of said back portion, said pocket including an outer wall extending the width of said back portion and upwardly from the lower edge thereof, and an extension member connecting the bottom and side edges of said back portion and said outer pocket wall and constituting the sides and bottom of said pocket, said outer pocket wall having its upper end provided with an upwardly extending tapered portion secured at a middle point in said back portion.

5. In a garment adapted to hang from the shoulders before and behind, and having the front portion detachably secured to the back portion by suitable fastening means located at the sides of the garment, a main front portion covering the entire front of the body to a point adjacent the waist at least as low as the point of the fastening means, thence bifurcated at the middle and continued downwardly as two separate flap members constituting the back walls of two respective pockets, and a front wall face for each respective pocket secured at its edges to the edges of said flaps and extending upwardly and secured to said main front portion, said front walls of said pockets being free from said main body portion at a point adjacent the upper lateral edge to provide an opening for each respective pocket.

6. In a garment adapted to hang from the shoulders before and behind, and having the front portion detachably secured to the back portion by suitable fastening means located at the sides of the garment, a main front portion covering the entire front of the body to a point adjacent the waist and

not lower than the hips, and thence bifurcated at the middle and continued downwardly to a point about the level of the crotch, as two separate flap members constituting the back walls of two separate pockets, and a front wall member for each pocket secured at its lower and lateral edges to the respective edges of the pocket flaps and extending upwardly to the point of bifurcation, and thence upwardly to substantially cover the main front member, said wall member being secured at its edges to the main front member, and said front wall member being free from said main body portion at a point adjacent the hips to provide an opening for each respective pocket.

7. In a garment adapted to hang from the shoulders before and behind, a back portion extending below the hips and laterally the width of the back, a pocket open at the top and extending the width of said back portion, said pocket including an outer wall extending the width of said back portion and from the lower edge thereof upwardly, a front portion detachably secured to the back portion by suitable fastening means located at the sides of the garment, a main front portion covering the entire front of the body to a point adjacent the waist and at least as low as the point of the fastening means, thence bifurcated at the middle and continued downwardly as two separate flap members constituting the back walls of two respective pockets, and a front wall face for each respective pocket secured at its edges to the edges of said flaps and extending upwardly and secured to said main front portion, said front walls

of said pockets being free from said main body portion at a point adjacent the upper lateral edge to provide an opening for each respective pocket.

8. In a garment adapted to hang from the shoulders before and behind, a back portion extending below the hips and laterally the width of the back, a pocket open at the top and extending the width of said back portion, said pocket including an outer wall extending the width of said back portion and from the lower edge thereof upwardly, a front portion detachably secured at the sides of the garment to the back portion by suitably fastening means, said main front portion covering the entire front of the body to a point adjacent the waist and not lower than the hips, and thence bifurcated at the middle and continued downwardly to a point about the level of the crotch, as two separate flap members constituting the back walls of two separate pockets, and a front wall member for each pocket secured at its lower and lateral edges to the respective edges of the pocket flaps and extending upwardly to the point of bifurcation, and thence upwardly to substantially cover the main front member, said wall member being secured at its edges to the main front member, and said front wall member being free from said main body portion at a point adjacent the hips to provide an opening for each respective pocket.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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