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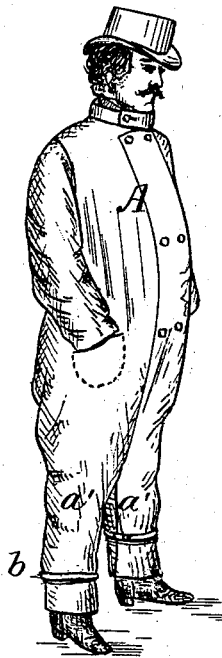
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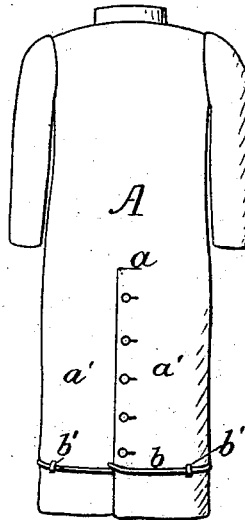
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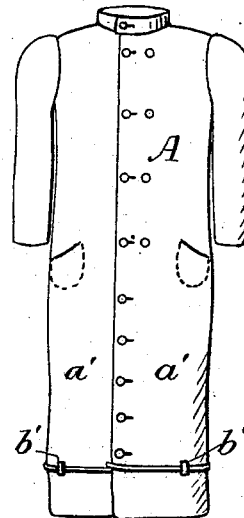
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. THOMSON, of St. Louis, Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Rubber Overcoats, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification.

This invention relates to water-proof overcoats ordinarily made of rubber-coated fabric, (rubber cloth,) and has for its object to produce a coat of this description adapted to protect the lower as well as the upper part of the body of a person exposed to a rain-storm while riding or walking without interfering with the free movement of the legs. To this end the coat is so formed that the tails or skirts thereof are adapted to be folded around the legs of the wearer, so that when strapped around the ankles they form a sort of long leggins or loose-fitting trousers in one piece with the body of the coat. The coat opens in front in the ordinary way, and the back is split from the bottom upward for about half its length. The skirts are made sufficiently full to overlap when folded around the legs of the wearer. The straps for securing the skirts at the ankles are preferably made of fabric similar to that of the coat itself, and are secured by buttons and button-holes, although other suitable material could be used, and other modes of fastening, as by buckles, could be adopted.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a coat constructed in accordance with the invention in use as a combined coat and leggins or trousers, and Figs. 2 and 3 front and back views, respectively, of the coat itself.

A is the body of the coat, which, as shown, opens in front in the usual way, and is provided with buttons and button-holes. It is made extra long, so as to reach to the feet of the wearer. The back is split downward from the point *a*, about midway of its length, so that two independent tails or skirts, *a'*, are formed. A row of buttons and button-holes is provided for securing the two parts together when desired. The said parts overlap at front and rear a sufficient distance, ordinarily three or four inches, so that when folded around the legs of the wearer they separate at some distance below the point *a* after being turned in, so as to

leave no opening which the rain could beat into. By varying the amount of lap any desired fullness can be given to each skirt without unduly enlarging the width of the coat at the bottom when buttoned up in the manner shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The straps *b* may be held in loops *b'*, attached near the bottom, or, when not in use, they can be buttoned on the inside, or otherwise disposed of. The ends of the straps are usually provided with button-holes for use in connection with buttons on the coat. An exterior and interior button at the front lower corner of the skirts or tails *a'* will answer.

When the coat is to be used in the ordinary way it is buttoned up, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. When it is desired to convert it into a combined coat and leggins or trousers the buttons on the tails or skirts are unloosed and the tails or skirts folded around the legs of the wearer and secured at the ankles by the straps *b*, as shown in Fig. 1.

I am aware that heretofore water-proof coats have been made with divided skirts, and provided on the interior of the skirts with straps for fastening them to the legs of the wearer, and this construction forms no part of the present invention. By my improvement the skirts can be made to completely envelop the legs of the wearer and afford perfect protection against the elements.

I claim—

1. A coat of rubber cloth or other water-proof material, having long skirts or tails adapted to be folded completely around the legs of the wearer, and provided with straps on the outside of the skirts or tails for securing them at the ankles, substantially as described.

2. A coat of rubber cloth or other water-proof material, convertible at will into a combined coat and leggins or trousers, or into a plain coat, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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