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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL SHOTLAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and 5 State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Coats, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in coats, particularly to such coats as are com-

10 monly known as overcoats, and especially to that class of overcoats which are worn by riders in automobiles.

It has been found that those persons who ride in automobiles in stormy or cold 15 weather suffer great inconvenience unless they can cover up their faces, throats and lower limbs. This covering has generally heretofore been effected by the use of separate wraps and similar appliances, which

20 was always cumbersome and inconvenient. My present invention is to obviate this

difficulty. The object of my invention is to provide

- a coat with an extended collar. A collar which 25 can be folded up in one way, so that the garment can be worn as an ordinary walking coat; can be folded up in another way, so that it will effectually cover and protect the neck and throat of the wearer; and can be
- ³⁰ unfolded and extended, so that it will not only cover and protect the throat, but also the ears and face of the wearer.

The object of the invention is also to provide the skirt of the coat with plaits so formed and arranged that when the wearer is seated, the said skirt may be extended over the lower limbs in such a way as to cover and effectually protect them.

In the accompanying drawings, which are
40 hereby made a part of this specification; Figure 1, is a front view of the coat, arranged to be used as an ordinary walking coat; Fig. 2, illustrates the same coat with the collar folded up and secured around the

⁴⁵ neck; Fig. 3, illustrates the same coat with the collar extended and fastened up around the ears and face of the wearer.

This coat may be made of fur, or any convenient and available textile or waterproof

⁵⁰ fabric, and except as hereinafter described, it may be an overcoat of the common and well-known form.

In the drawings, A, designates the body of the coat, B, the collar, and C, the skirt ⁵⁵ thereof. The collar B, which is of approxi-

mately rectangular shape consists of two will hang down gracefully, as illustrated in

parts b, and b' as illustrated. When the garment is worn as a walking coat as shown in Fig. 1, the part b' is folded under the part b, and both drawn down on the shoul- 60 ders, so as to allow of the opening of the lapels i. When the throat and neck require protection, the part b is folded under the part b', then the lapels are closed, and the collar drawn up close around the neck and 65 throat and under the chin, where it may be detachably fastened by means of buttons or any other similar appliances, or by lacing. It will then be found that the neck and throat are very comfortable and efficiently 70 protected from the cold and inclement weather. When it is required to protect the ears and face, the parts of the collar b and b' are unfolded and extended to their full width. The collar is then drawn up around 75 the head and face of the wearer. In this position it may be detachably fastened with buttons or lacing with any other similar appliances, and further secured in position by the strap b^5 extending over the top of the 80 head and detachably fastened to the upper edge of the collar. An opening may be provided with a screen of wire gauze or per-forated sheet metal if it be found desirable. Other openings also protected by a gauze, 85 are provided at b^4 just opposite the ears. At b^3 and b^3 are other openings, opposite the eyes to allow unobstructable vision. These last openings may be provided with transparent flexible screens if it be found 90 desirable. The cap of the wearer is placed on over this. It will then be found that in the coldest and most inclement weather, the wearer can travel without any annoying inconvenience, and that on account of the ven- 95 tilation allowed by the openings b^2 and b^4 , his respiration will not be sensibly retarded.

It is obvious that if the collar occupy either the second or third position above described, it may be easily unfastened and 100 shifted into either of the other positions above set forth, or from the first position above detailed, it may be easily shifted to, and fastened in either of the other positions.

In the skirt C, of the coat is formed, on 105 each side, an inverted box plait, c, which is wider at the bottom and tapers at the top. At c', nearly opposite the hips of the wearer the edges of each plait are attached together by a loop of stitching, so that when 110 the wearer stands up, the skirt of the coat will hang down gracefully, as illustrated in Fig. 1, but when the wearer is seated, on account of the said plait, the front parts of the skirt may be so laterally extended that they will effectually cover and protect the lower limbs of the wearer keeping them both warm and dry, and preventing them from coming into contact with any current of cold or damp air, while the wearer is

seated in the automobile.
10 The front of the coat is provided on either side, with slanting pockets e, e, for the accommodation of the wearer's hands, in other respects this coat may be made after any

common and well known pattern.

¹⁵ This coat is to be worn by automobile riders in cold and inclement weather. Other than as hereinbefore described this coat is to be used in the common and well known way.

20 Having now described and ascertained what my invention is, and how the same is made and used, what I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent isThe combination with a coat, of a collar 25 attached thereto and comprising two parts constructed and arranged to fold one part upon the other, having ventilating openings in the folds of said collar, and having sight openings also in said folds, perforated 30 screens in said ventilated openings, flexible transparent screens in said sight openings, and said collar constructed and arranged to afford facility for, at one time, laying the same down upon the shoulders of the 35 wearer, and at another time detachably fastening the same around the neck of the wearer, so that one of the ventilation 40 openings will be opposite the mouth, and one of the sight openings opposite each of the eyes of the wearer.

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