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FIG. 1

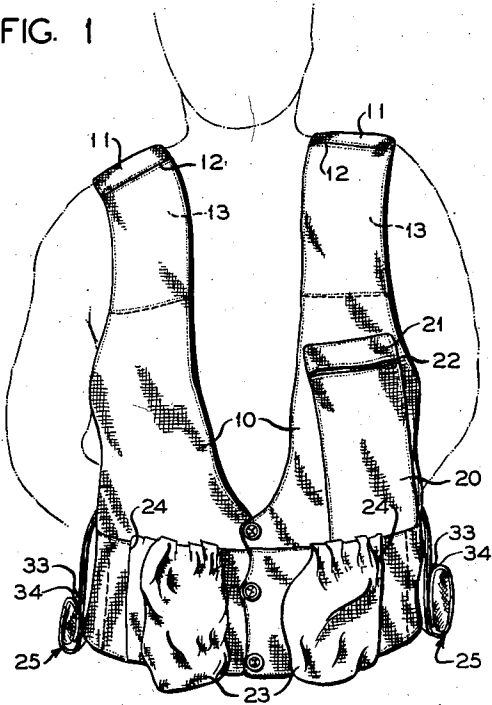


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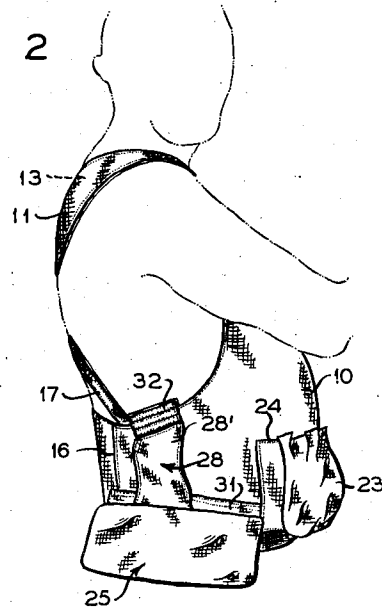


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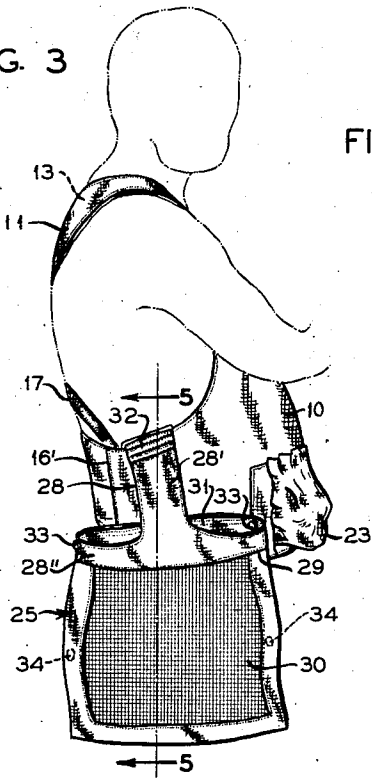


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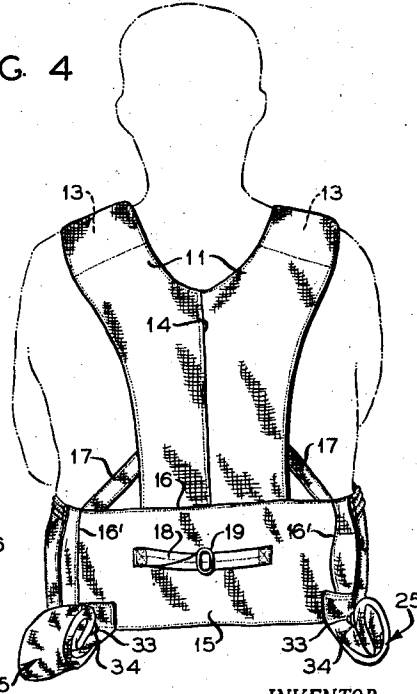
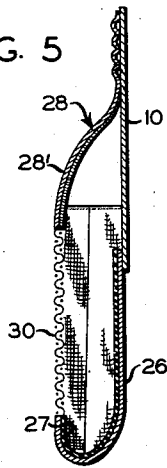


FIG. 5



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This invention relates to an article of clothing and more particularly to a sportman's garment having pockets adapted for the carrying of articles that the wearer may desire such as game, ammunition, hunting licenses, and the like.

Although there are numerous hunting garments in use today, many of them have disadvantages which make them undesirable for general use, such as being designed for limited climatic conditions, having no provision for the rapid transfer of body heat from the captured game, no means to protect the hunter from being soiled by the game, inadequate provision for the carrying of ammunition and hunting licenses, and no provision for the carrying of game with a maximum of ease and comfort.

It is an object of this invention to provide a hunting garment of light weight and adjustable size, having game carrying pockets which allow substantially complete exposure of their contents to the atmosphere, thus facilitating the cooling and reducing the bleeding of the game, and a garment with a lining to protect the wearer's inner garments from being soiled by the game.

Another object of this invention is to provide a hunting garment having game carrying pockets which may be retained compactly rolled when not in use and so positioned as to interfere the least amount with the activities of the wearer either in or not and which provides for the distribution of the weight of the game carried.

It is also an object of this invention to provide a hunting garment having expansible pockets designed for the secure carrying of ammunition and another pocket particularly designed to carry hunting licenses and other personal items.

Briefly stated, the invention includes a hunting garment basically modeled and reinforced similar to a man's vest having specially designed and positioned pockets for the carrying of game, ammunition, and a hunting license.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a front view of the hunting garment in which the game carrying pockets are in the rolled position;

Fig. 2, a side view;

Fig. 3, a side view in which the game pockets are shown in the position for use;

Fig. 4, a rear view; and,

Fig. 5, a section of the game pocket on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawings, the invention comprises an article of relatively light weight material consisting of front panels 10 for the right and left sides of the body, the lower portions of which merge into a waist portion and the upper portions into shoulder straps, and upper back panels 11

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joined thereto at the seam 12 by stitches as shown. The outside edges of the aforesaid panels are hemmed an appropriate amount and the portions of the front and rear panels adjacent the seam 12 are doubled under as shown by the dotted lines for added strength.

Shoulder reinforcements or saddle portions 13 are placed next to the aforesaid doubled under portion and stitched thereto to strengthen the joining of the front and upper back panels 10 and 11. The shoulder reinforcements 13 are cut so as to have substantially the same configuration as the outline of the garment they are placed next to namely the doubled back portions of the front and upper back panels, so that a section of increased thickness extends from the seam 12 in either direction under the panels 10 and 11 as shown by the broken lines. The upper back panels 11 are joined at a seam 14 as shown, preferably using a "French" type seam or one in which no unsewn edge is exposed.

A lower back panel 15 is hemmed on all sides and is stitched over the lower extremity of the upper back panel 11 as shown at seam 16 and is joined to the right and left sides of the front panels preferably by flat fell seams 16'.

Straps 17, having a hem on either side, are stitched to the upper back panel 11 and lower back panel 15 as shown to provide additional support therebetween.

Straps 18 are attached to the lower back 15 as shown and a buckle 19 is placed on one of the straps to cooperate with the other strap for the desired adjustment of the back.

The construction illustrated provides relatively large openings at the sides of the garment through which the arms may extend as well as at the front and back of the neck portion of the garment.

On the front of the garment a license pocket 20, consisting of a flat rectangular piece of material with a hem all around it, is stitched to a side of the garment a substantial distance above the lower edge thereof on its sides and bottom, leaving an opening between the pocket and the garment at the top of the pocket thereof, and a tab 21 is stitched parallel to the top of the pocket as shown. A zipper 22 has its foundation stitched to the facing parallel sides of the pocket 20 and tab 21 so as to provide a closure means for the pocket 21.

Shell pockets 23 having a multiplicity of vertical and horizontal pleats, as shown, on the sides and bottom thereof, are stitched to the forepart of the front panels 10 as shown, and supporting strips 24 being generally of rectangular shape and having hems therein, are placed over either side edge of the shell pockets and stitched to the pocket and garment in order to securely attach the pocket to the garment. Elastic inserts are

placed in the top and bottom of the pocket to allow for the expansion and contraction of the pockets as its contents vary.

A supporting tab, not shown, may be placed over the supporting strips 24 adjacent the opening, stitched thereto near the edge and folded back to provide more strength in the garment for the buttons and button holes.

Game pockets 25 are provided which consist of a pocket backing 26 having a plastic or other type of moisture resistant lining 27; a supporting member 28 of double thickness consisting of an extension 28' and a band 28'' is attached to the top of the pocket backing 26 at the seam 29 as shown; and a netting 30 which forms the greater portion of the external face of the pocket which is placed in the seam between the pocket and its lining and between the two thicknesses of the band 28'' and stitched as shown. Stitches 31 attaching the pocket 25 to the front panel 10 are placed in the band 28'' as shown and stitches 32 holding pocket 25 to the panel 10 are placed in the extension 28' as shown.

Snaps 33 and 34 are attached to the game pocket as shown to support said pocket in its rolled position.

The foregoing specification is merely illustrative of one application of this invention, the scope of which is only to be limited by the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A hunter's garment of relatively light-weight material comprising a waist portion, a back panel, shoulder straps for supporting said waist portion and extending from said back panel over the shoulders and converging into said waist portion and providing relatively large openings at the sides of the garment through which the arms may extend and at the back and front of the neck portion of the garment, the straps at each side being formed of two parts connected in the upper area of each shoulder portion and having a saddle portion underlying and reinforcing each connection and extending forwardly and rearwardly a substantial distance therefrom, a pocket carried by said garment at each side of the same and attached along one side of its upper portion to the lower part of said waist portion, the other side of said upper portion of the pocket being provided with a supporting extension attached to said waist portion of the garment in spaced relation upwardly of the first attached portion, the outer side portion of said pocket being provided with netting permitting free circulation of air therethrough, said pockets being rollable to a compact position to permit maximum freedom of movement of the wearer when the pocket is not in use, and detachable fasteners for securing said pocket in said rolled position.

2. A hunter's garment of relatively light-weight material comprising a waist portion, a back panel, shoulder straps for supporting said waist portion and extending from said back panel over the shoulders and converging into said waist portion and providing relatively large openings at the sides of the garment through which the arms may extend and at the back and front of the neck portion of the garment, a pocket carried by said garment at each side of the same and attached along one side of its upper portion

to the lower part of said waist portion, the other side of said upper portion of the pocket being provided with a supporting extension attached to said waist portion of the garment in spaced relation upwardly of the first attached portion, the side portion of said pocket being provided with netting permitting free circulation of air therethrough, said pockets being rollable to a compact position to permit maximum freedom of movement of the wearer when the pocket is not in use, and fasteners for securing said pocket in said rolled position.

3. A hunter's garment of relatively light-weight material comprising a waist portion, a back panel, shoulder straps for supporting said waist portion, a pocket carried by said garment at each side of the same and attached along one side of its upper portion to the lower part of said waist portion, the other side of said upper portion of the pocket being provided with a supporting extension attached to said waist portion of the garment in upwardly spaced relation upwardly of the first attached portion, the outer side portion of said pocket being provided with netting permitting free circulation of air therethrough, said pockets being rollable to a compact position to permit maximum freedom of movement when the pocket is not in use, and detachable fasteners for securing said pocket in said rolled position.

4. A hunter's garment of relatively light-weight material comprising a waist portion, a back panel, shoulder straps for supporting said waist portion, a pocket carried by said garment at each side of the same and attached along one side of its upper portion to the lower part of said waist portion, the outer side portion of said pocket being provided with means permitting free circulation of air therethrough, said pockets being rollable to a compact position to permit maximum freedom of movement when the pocket is not in use, and detachable fasteners for securing said pocket in said rolled position.

5. A garment of relatively light-weight material constructed for use by hunters and comprising a body portion having the general configuration of a vest with relatively large and low-cut arm openings of a size to allow freedom of movement of the arms of the wearer and relatively large and low cut V-shaped neck portion so that the garment may be worn over a heavy coat, pockets carried by said garment, the outer side portion of said pockets being provided with netting permitting free circulation of air therethrough, said pocket being constructed to be compactly rolled to permit freedom of movement when the pocket is not in use, and fastening means for securing said pocket in rolled position.

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