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Lap-Robe.

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Fig. 1

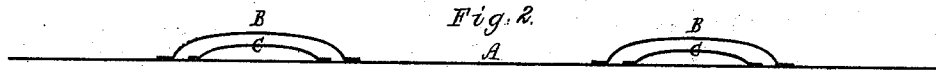
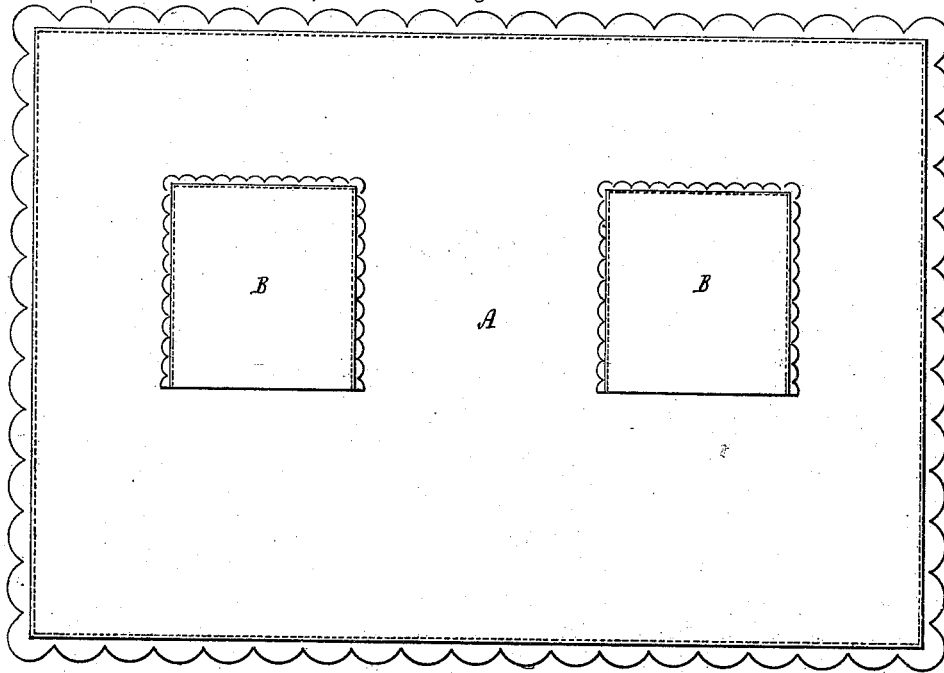


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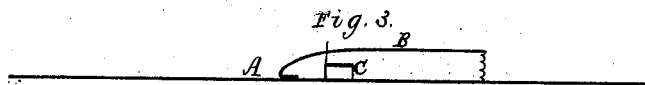


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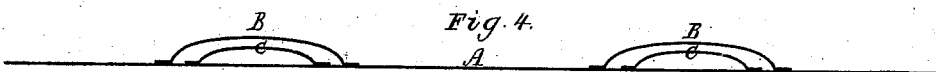


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Fig. 5.

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IMPROVEMENT IN LAP-ROBES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUCIUS BRIGGS, of Grosvenor Dale, in the county of Windham and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Lap-Robes; and do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a view of a robe having my invention. Fig. 2 is a section lengthwise, and Fig. 3 a crosswise section, of one of its hand warmers or guards, to be hereinafter described. Fig. 4 is a lengthwise section, and Fig. 5 a transverse section, of a different construction of hand warmer or guard, it being a duplex pocket.

In carrying out my invention, I combine with an ordinary lap-robe, such as used in winter in sleighs or carriages, or I construct it in the part which usually is spread over the abdomen and upper portions of the legs of a person, one or more suitable recesses or pockets, into which, as occasion may require, he may thrust either or both his hands, for the purpose of warming it or them, or keeping it or them warm, or protecting it or them from rain, sleet, snow, or cold air, such device or devices serving, by their arrangement, to enable him to protect his hands from cold while holding the robe from slipping or working down or out of place on him. Each recess or pocket, as shown, is provided with a loop, cross-piece, or auxiliary pocket, under or into which the fingers may be extended, after the hand may have been introduced into the said main recess or pocket, such loop or auxiliary pocket answering a double purpose—that is to say, not only as a protector of the fingers, but as an additional means of enabling the hand, by

grasping it, to hold the robe from working down or out of place, or of pulling it upward on the person.

In winter, or when the atmosphere is cold, an individual using a lap-robe and driving a carriage frequently experiences much difficulty in keeping the hands warm, or the robe in place and from working down on his legs; but with one of my improved robes such difficulty is greatly lessened, if not entirely avoided.

In the drawings, A denotes a lap-robe, which is usually composed of fur, or some other suitable material or fabric, and generally has a woolen lining. B B are the recesses, pockets, or hand-guards, which are arranged at a proper distance from the upper edge of the robe, and are open toward such, or have mouths to enable the hands to be thrust into them.

Within and extending across each guard or pocket is a loop, C, to be grasped by the fingers. In Fig. 5, the loop or part C so to be grasped is represented as connected with the robe or the guard in a manner to constitute an auxiliary pocket, opening downward, but otherwise closed, so as to cover the ends of the fingers, it at the same time serving not only as a protection or guard thereto, but as a means of enabling a person to hold or pull up the robe, as occasion may require.

I claim—

A lap-robe, A, provided with one or more hand guards or pockets, B, and loops or auxiliary pockets C, all being as and arranged essentially and for the purposes as set forth.

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