

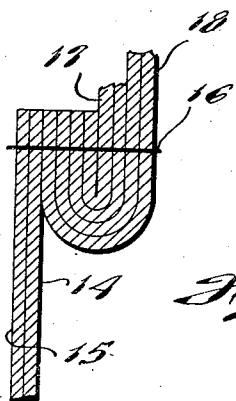
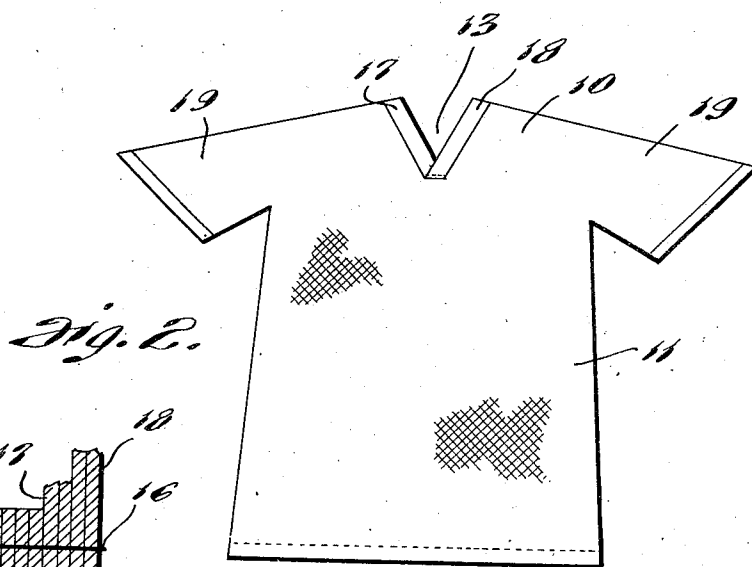
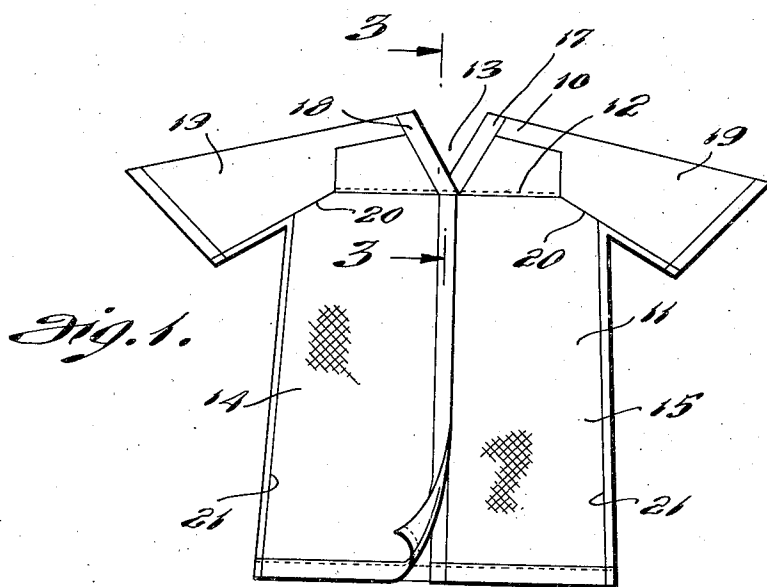
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## HOSPITAL BED JACKET

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This invention relates to a jacket which may serve as a hospital bed jacket or as a nightgown of knee or hip length to be worn by invalids, patients and nursing mothers.

The invention relates in particular to the improvement in hospital jackets and gowns which eliminates all types of fasteners of tie, snap or button form.

Still another object of the invention is the provision of a jacket of said character constructed with an opening so arranged that the garment may be slipped on and off when the patient is in a recumbent or sitting position without strain or discomfort and at the same time remain in closed relation without embarrassment because of the ready accessibility to parts of the body requiring examination by the physician without exposing other parts of the body.

Another advantageous feature of the invention is that the jacket eliminates exposure to drafts at the front and back and allows the patient freedom of movement without the parts defining the opening twisting around the body.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a jacket of said character which can be readily put on and removed by the patient and in view of its improved construction and reduced cost of manufacture provides a garment possessing many advantageous characteristics.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, reference is now made to the following specification and accompanying drawings in which the preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a jacket constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view taken approximately on line 3-3 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings by characters of reference, the bed jacket consists of a permanently closed upper or shoulder covering portion 10 and a waist portion 11 which is open from the upper or shoulder covering portion to the bottom edge thereof. The upper or shoulder covering portion 10 overlies the shoulders of the wearer and extends down to a transversely extending seam 12 joining the shoulder portion to the waist portion at the front thereof.

The upper portion 10 is formed with a neck opening 13 which is preferably of V-shaped formation and which extends down to and is closed at the base thereof by the seam 12. At the front of the jacket, the waist portion 11 consists of opposite side panels 14 and 15 which have their inner edges disposed in overlapping relation to provide a front opening extending from the seam 12 to the bottom of the waist portion. As illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3 of the drawings the oppo-

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site side panels 14 and 15 are secured in overlapping relation by a single line of stitching 16 forming the seam 12, the line of stitching 16 also closing the base of the neck opening 13 and extending through the doubled edge portions 17 and 18 defining the neck opening.

The back of the jacket is preferably fashioned of a length of material which forms the waist portion thereof and extends over the shoulders and includes the sleeves 19. The sleeves 19 are secured to the front panels 14 and 15 by seams 20 which extend from the ends of the seam 12 to the outer ends of the sleeves. The front panels 14 and 15 of the waist portion 11 are secured to the back thereof by seams 21 extending from the sleeves to the bottom of the waist portion.

Constructed in this manner, the bed jacket is permanently closed about the shoulders of the wearer so as to eliminate the use of fastening means for connecting the same in closed relation while the waist portion of the jacket is opened medially throughout its length from the closed shoulder portion to the bottom edge thereof with the opposite panels forming the front of the waist portion arranged in overlapping relation throughout the extent of the opening.

What is claimed is:

1. A hospital bed jacket comprising an upper closed portion having a neck opening, a waist portion including opposite panels arranged with their inner edges disposed in overlapping relation to provide an overlapped opening, said panels being secured to said closed upper portion by a transversely extending seam closing the neck opening at the front and securing said panels in overlapped relation.

2. A hospital bed jacket comprising an upper portion including sleeves and having a neck opening, said upper portion being completely closed about the shoulders of the wearer and from the top thereof to a line extending transversely between said sleeves at the front, and a waist portion closed at the back and including opposite panels at the front arranged with their inner edges disposed in overlapping separated relation to provide an overlapped opening, said panels being secured to said upper portion by a seam extending along said transversely extending line closing the neck opening at the front and securing said panels in overlapped relation.

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