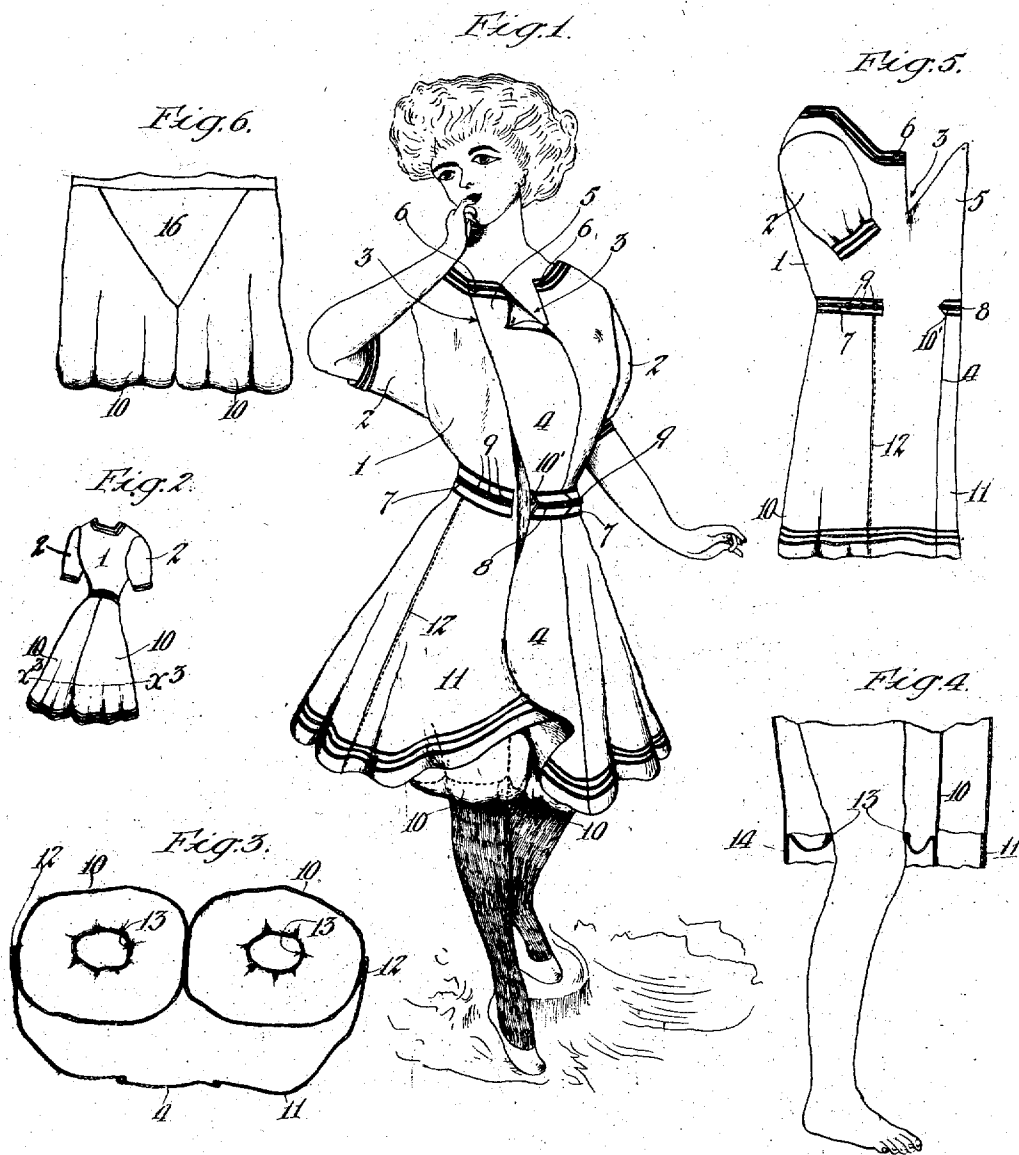


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT C. ROUTERY, a subject of the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Combination Athletic Suit, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combination athletic suits for ladies, being adapted for use as a bathing suit, basket ball suit and gymnasium suit, and one of the main objects of the invention is to so construct the opening at the upper part of the suit that the wearer may step into the suit through the upper part, and yet when the suit is on the person the opening at the upper part will only extend down a slight distance, so that should the suit become unfastened at the neck the front piece cannot open far enough to unduly expose the person.

Another object of the invention is to provide for adjusting the size of the waist of the garment at the waist band to permit the same to be expanded to a considerable extent sufficient to permit it to pass the hips of the wearer in putting on the garment or in taking the garment off.

I prefer to make the garment in one piece so that the skirt will always be held in substantially the proper relative position and thus be prevented from entangling and preventing the free action of the limbs in swimming.

In one form of the present invention the skirt does not extend entirely around, but only extends in front, the rear portion being formed by the bloomers.

The accompanying drawings illustrate the invention, and referring thereto—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved combination athletic suit as worn, with one corner of the front piece unbuttoned to show the length of the opening at the top; also the waist band is unbuttoned at one end to illustrate the adjustability thereof, and the lower edge of the skirt is raised to reveal the bloomers behind. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the complete suit. Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross section on line x^x-x^x of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a vertical section through the lower portion of the nether portion or bloomers. Fig. 5 is a side view of the suit. Fig. 6 is a side view of the nether portion or bloomers showing the gusset.

1 designates the waist portion having short sleeves 2. The waist in front has two slits 3 extending down from the top a short distance. The entire front part of the garment consists of a single flap 4, the top of which is formed as a flap 5 which is unattached for a short distance at the upper part of the waist portion 1 to form the slits 3. Buttons 6 are provided for each corner for securing the flap 5.

A waist band 7 extends around the back portion and around part of the front, while a front waist band section 8 is sewed to the front flap 4. The waist band 7 in front is provided with buttons or other fasteners 9 spaced apart, and the front band 8 is provided with a similar fastening device 10 for securing to the fasteners 9, thereby permitting the waist of the garment to be adjusted to the waist size or expanded to a large sized opening to permit the garment to pass the hips of the wearer in putting it on or in removing it. The flap 4 overlaps the waist portion 1 so that considerable fullness is afforded not only at the bust but also allowing the garment to go over the hips.

The nether portion of the garment in the present embodiment comprises a pair of bloomers sewed to the garment at the waist line having two legs 10, which, as shown in Fig. 2, form the back of the lower part of the garment and give the appearance of a skirt at the back, while as shown in Figs. 1 and 3 a skirt portion 11 covers the front of the bloomers, each edge of the skirt 11 being sewed at 12 along the outer side of each bloomer leg to form a tuck which gives the appearance of a continuous skirt.

As shown in Fig. 4, the lower portion of each bloomer has an elastic band 13 which fits above the knee of the wearer so that the bloomer is held slightly above the lower edge of the skirt, and thus the skirt hides the bloomers in front. A wide tuck 14 is formed at the bottom of the bloomers so that the effect of a skirt is also produced at the lower edges of the bloomers at the back or where not covered by the skirt. A large gusset 16 is inserted in the front of the bloomers extending from the waist to the crotch thereby giving as much fullness at this point as in the skirt or waist.

It will be noted that in swimming the skirt being sewed along the edge of the bloomers at 12, will be held in place as the

bloomers do not slip up and the skirt is held by the bloomers; at the same time full freedom of movement is permitted as there is no skirt around the back of the bloomers, the two legs of the latter being free from each other, and there being sufficient fullness in the skirt at the front to permit the required movement of the legs.

The fastening devices 9 and 10, permit of enlarging or reducing the size of the waist as required, and these fastening devices may be of any desired construction such as buttons, snap fasteners or the like. At the throat the upper part of the flap 4 can only expose but a slight portion of the neck should it become unfastened, whereas in suits as heretofore constructed the opening extended from the neck to below the waist. In the present construction this opening at the top is the only opening in the suit, except at the sleeves and bloomers.

What I claim is:—

1. A combination athletic suit comprising a single piece garment formed of waist, bloomers and a skirt portion, the skirt portion covering the front of the bloomers only and the edges of the skirt being sewed along the side seams of the bloomers, the front portion of the waist and skirt comprising a flap slit from the waist at the top; and fastening devices for securing the flap to the upper part of the waist.

2. A combination athletic suit comprising a single piece garment formed of waist, bloomers and a skirt portion, the skirt portion covering the front of the bloomers only and the edges of the skirt being sewed along the sides of the bloomers, the front portion of the waist and skirt comprising a flap slit from the waist at the top, fastening devices for securing the flap to the upper part of the waist, and a waist band comprising a front section and a rear section, with fastening devices spaced apart to permit of adjusting the size of the waist band.

3. In a combination athletic suit comprising a waist and a nether portion, the front part thereof comprising a flap free at the top, fastening devices for securing the flap to the upper part of the waist, and a waist band comprising a front section and a rear section with fastening devices for detachably fastening the two sections of the waist band together to permit the latter to be adjusted to the size of the waist or expanded to a large-sized opening to pass the hips of the wearer.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Los Angeles, California, this 29th day of December, 1908.

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