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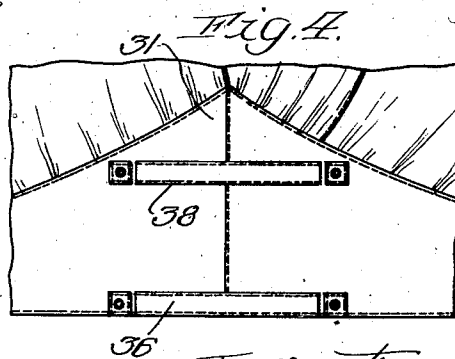
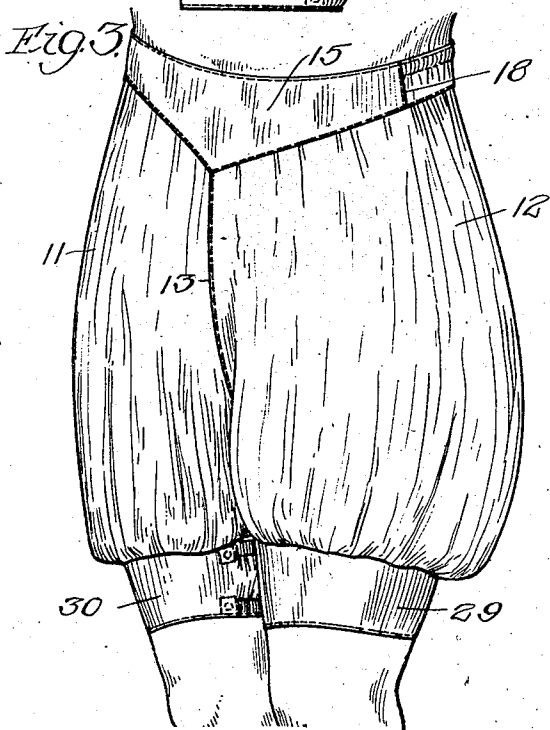
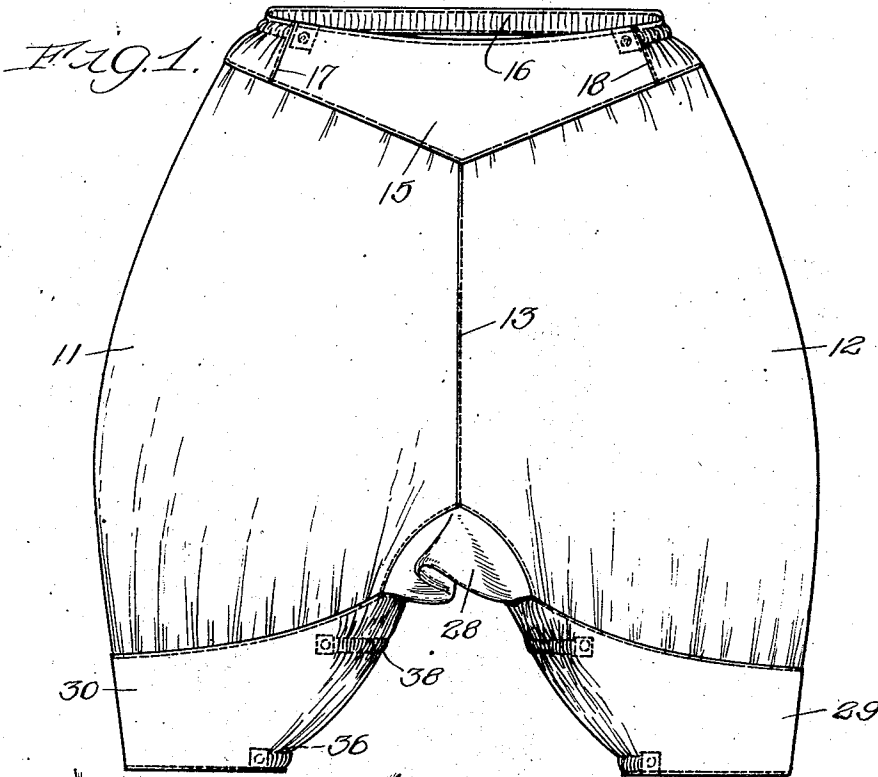
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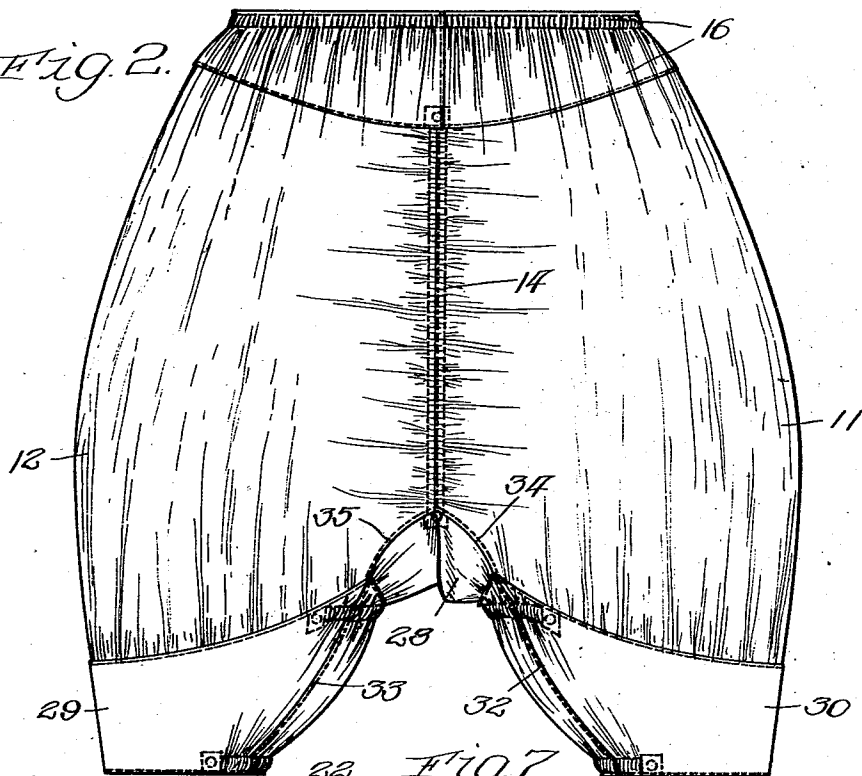


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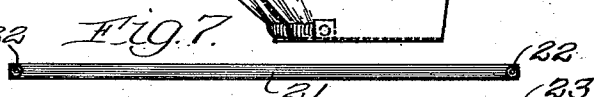


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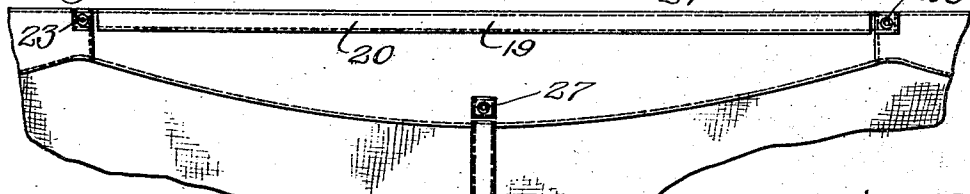


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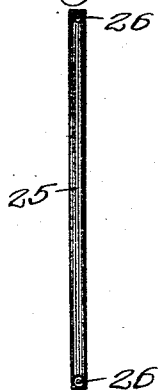
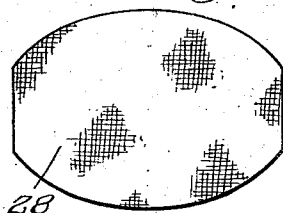


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This invention relates to nether garments of the type commonly known as bloomers and while primarily intended for undergarments certain features thereof may also be utilized if desired for outer garments.

The objects of this invention are to provide an improved garment of the type indicated, for girls or women; to provide underwear for women or children which will be not only comfortable but which will be artistic and pleasing in appearance; and to provide nether garments of stylish appearance which are adapted to fit different sized persons. On account of the universal character or adjustability of my improved garment, a very few sizes of garments will serve to fit all sizes of persons so that the stores or dealers will only need to carry a comparatively small stock of sizes and it will be much easier to fit various customers than with the common form of bloomers or garments heretofore made. My improved garment is also designed to permit the utmost freedom of movement of the limbs and yet remain absolutely in position at the waistline and the knee. The body portion of my improved bloomers is shaped in such manner that it forms a skirtlike effect which hangs over cuffs at the knees when worn by a small person and if worn by a large person has somewhat the appearance of a riding habit. Another object of my invention is the provision of a garment of the character set forth with unique cuffs which are adapted to stay in adjusted position on the wearer. Another particular object is the provision of a garment with detachable elastic adjusting strips or tapes whereby such strips or tapes may be removed when the garment is washed. Other objects and advantages will appear more fully in connection with the following description taken in connection with the drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a front view of the garment embodying my invention;

Figure 2 is a rear view of the same;

Figure 3 is a perspective view showing the garment in position on a wearer;

Figure 4 is an inside view showing one of

the cuffs with the rubbers or elastics removed from the casings provided therefor;

Figure 5 is a view of one of the rubbers or elastics;

Figure 6 is an inside view of the rear portion of the garment shown in extended position with the elastic tape removed;

Figure 7 is a view of the elastic tape or rubber for the upper back portion of the band or girdle;

Figure 8 is a view of the elastic tape for the vertical rear or back seam;

Figure 9 is an enlarged sectional view showing the casing or channel with the elastic tape therein; and

Figure 10 is a detail of the gusset.

The body or main portion of the garment comprises two side members or parts 11 and 12 which are joined in a front seam 13 and rear seam 14. The girdle or yoke comprises a front section 15 and a rear section 16 which are joined together at the seams 17 and 18. The rear section is preferably somewhat longer than the front section so that it continues around over the hips of the wearer. The upper edge of the rear section or back girdle is provided with a channel or casing 19, as shown in Figures 6 and 9, which is formed by sewing a strip of ribbon or the like 20 thereto to provide an elongated pocket for the rubber or elastic tape 21. This tape is shorter than the casing and is provided at its ends with fasteners 22 which are adapted to engage with the coacting fastening members 23 secured to the girdle adjacent to the ends of the casing. When the tape or elastic is inserted in the casing the back girdle is shirred to take up the fullness and this provides an arrangement whereby the garment will stretch to fit a wide range of persons, being adapted to fit various sized waists or hip lines.

The body of the garment is fashioned in the back with considerable fullness up the center so that it will be comfortable for various sized persons. Such fullness may be taken up to a certain extent by providing a center channel or casing 24 as shown in Figure 6 for receiving an elastic tape 25 which is provided with fasteners 26 which engage

with the fasteners 27 at either end of the casing. When the elastic 25 is inserted the rear center portion of the garment is shirred as shown in Figure 2 to take up the excess fullness, while at the same time permitting the garment to stretch and prevent binding on the wearer.

The center lower portions of the body members 11 and 12 are connected by a gusset 28 which is preferably of oblong shape as shown in Figure 10.

One of the particularly novel features of the invention is the provision of cuffs 29 and 30 which are shaped to fit the legs of the wearer and arranged to remain in adjusted position. These cuffs are relatively narrow at the outer side and have longer V-shaped projections 31 as shown particularly in Figures 2 and 4 which extend upwardly on the inner side of the leg, the cuff seams 32 and 33 coinciding at their ends with the seams 34 and 35 between the side pieces 11 and 12 and the gusset 28, as shown in Figure 2.

Each cuff is provided with one or more tension means causing it to engage closely with the leg. In the arrangement shown each cuff is provided on the inside at the lower edge with a channel or casing 36 for a detachable elastic 37 as shown in Figures 4 and 5 and each cuff is also provided with a second channel or casing 38 at some distance above the casing 36 for another detachable elastic as heretofore described. When these elastics are placed in position the inner portions of the cuffs will be shirred as indicated in Figures 2 and 3.

The front portion of the girdle 15 extends downwardly in a substantially V-shape and is arranged without fullness so that it fits closely while the elastic rear portion of the girdle as well as the vertical elastic at the rear of the garment permits it to fit various sizes with comfort to the wearer. The novel form of gusset permits the utmost freedom of the legs without any binding or strain on the garment. The knee cuffs may be made very tight and neat in appearance by means of the elastic members which hold them securely in position. As these cuffs are relatively low on the outside and very high on the inside they will fit closely and give the garment a stylish or chic appearance around the upper part of the knee.

By means of the removable elastic bands or rubbers, they may be removed when the garment is washed, thereby avoiding deterioration incident to the washing of such elastics.

From this description it will be seen that I provide an improved form of garment and while I have shown a preferred form of the same, changes may be made in the details of construction or the design of the garment without departing from the scope of the in-

vention as set forth in the following claims in which I claim.

1. A new article of manufacture comprising bloomers having cuffs of separate pieces which are relatively narrow on the outer sides and wider on their inner sides, the inner sides extending upwardly to approximately the crotch of the garment and elastics extending part of the way around the cuffs on adjacent inner sides thereof to cause the cuffs to fit closely around the legs of the wearer.

2. A new article of manufacture comprising a nether garment of the bloomer type having a body portion and separate leg cuffs, portions of said body portion and cuffs being united by a substantially oval gusset.

3. A nether garment comprising a body portion formed of two similar sections united at the front and rear by vertical seams, a yoke having a plain front portion and an elastic shirred rear portion, a vertically arranged elastic along the rear seam for taking up excess fullness, a gusset secured to the side portions, cuffs secured to the side portions and the gusset and having seams which coincide with the rear seams between the gusset and the side portions and transversely arranged elastics on the inner sides of the cuffs at the bottoms thereof and adjacent to the gusset for holding the cuffs in position on the wearer.

4. Bloomers formed of two similar sections united at the front and rear by longitudinal seams, a yoke attached to the upper portions of said sections, said yoke being wider at the front than at the sides and having a substantially V-shaped configuration at the front, a gusset secured to the side portions, cuffs secured to the side portions and to the gusset, said cuffs being substantially wider on the inner sides than on the outer sides.

5. In bloomers, the combination of a body portion formed of two similar sections united at the front and rear by vertical seams, a yoke around the top of the body portion, a gusset at the crotch secured to said sections, a casing along the back seam running from the back of the yoke to the gusset, a removable elastic tape adapted to be positioned in said casing which is of less length than the seam whereby the back will be shirred along the seam.

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