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ADJUSTABLE AND REVERSIBLE GARMENT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. P. BALDWIN, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Holyoke, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable and Reversible Garments, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to garments, such as robes or wrappers in which the waist and skirt portions are continuous one with another, and has for one of its objects to improve the garment described and shown in Letters Patent of the United States issued to me April 7, 1908, No. 884,063, in respect of the belt-like fastening at and for the retention in its best disposition of the waist portion of the garment at the front thereof.

Another object is to provide for presentation in the trade as a new article of manufacture a garment which is extensible or adjustable, more especially in girth but also in the length and otherwise, whereby the same is readily adaptable to fit persons of different sizes or a person undergoing physiological development, and to be especially available as a maternity rig.

The invention is described in conjunction with the accompanying drawings and is set forth in the claims.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a view of the garment in its spread-out condition and as seen from the inside thereof. Figs. 2, 3 and 4 are respectively front, back and side views of the garment as worn. Fig. 5 is a horizontal cross sectional view as taken on the line 5—5, Fig. 2, the parts being represented as in exaggerated proportion. Fig. 6 is a partial vertical sectional view on line 6—6, Fig. 1. Fig. 7 is a partial sectional view through the shoulder portion of the garment.

In the drawings, A represents the back of the garment, the lower portion 10 of which constitutes a skirt understood as being suitably long. B B represent side portions or apron members continuous of the back and its skirt adapted to have relations so that the one may overlap the other at the front and extend around to the sides of the person, as indicated in Figs. 4 and 5. The said garment has slits *a a* at the waist line and

approximately where the apron members B B join or merge into the back A.

The bands *d d* are secured at their free edge portions which advantageously are provided with glove snap fastenings *f* of an ordinary and well known kind so that when the garment is worn with one apron member overlapped by the other, the one band which extends from the edge of the relatively inner apron member may be, by the hand, passed through the adjacent hand slit around to the rear of the garment horizontally to be connected with the other band which is secured to and extended from the edge of the relatively outer apron member; and the said bands *d d* have comparatively near their places of connection with the edges of the apron members, supplemental bands *d², d²*, which when desired to be used are to be brought horizontally around at the front of the waist and secured by pinning, or in any manner desired. The portions of the bands *d* near the edges of the apron members to which such bands are secured have means of connection of the supplemental bands *d², d²*, to the apron members so that to all intents and purposes the supplemental bands are as much appurtenances of the apron members as of the bands *d*.

The garment has portions thereof comprising the apron members and the waist front portions *g g* folded on themselves in substantially vertical lines in the manner of plaits, and temporarily confined by chain stitching *h* whereby on the pulling out of the stitching and the drawing of the folded portions transversely, the transverse dimension of the apron-like fronts of the garment may be extended and the girth of the garment thereby enlarged. These plaits are preferably made of greater width at the middle than at the end portions thereof, as indicated in Fig. 1, for the better adaptability in readjustment of the garment to the contour of the person.

o o represent vertical plaits or let out seams at the back of the garment secured by chain stitching *t*.

Inasmuch as increased corpulency tends to cause a drawing up of the garment from the bottom, provision is accordingly made by having the lower portion of the skirt folded on itself to form a plait, as indicated

at i , for which a chain stitching j is provided as a temporary confining means, and so that by seizing the free end of the stitching and pulling the same the latter may be drawn out from its fastening connection in the plait, leaving the garment free to be let down as to length; and to further enhance the capabilities for adjustment to varying conditions or development, the garment has at the shoulder portions thereof the parts $m m$ of the fabric folded on themselves as indicated in Figs. 1 and 7 on lines along the top of the shoulders which extend from the sides of the neck band toward the adjacent arm scyes confined by the readily detachable chain stitching n , so that when let out increased fullness of bust is acquired.

When one of the overlapping fronts of the garment becomes soiled, that which was the outside one may be reversed relatively to that which was the inside one in the manner set forth and fully explained in my former patent.

In sitting or reclining, the belt may be adjusted to accommodate all conditions whereby no discomfort may be created by the presence of the belt, especially the portions thereof constituted by the supplemental bands d^2 , d^2 , which extend around the front of the person.

The belt made and arranged as described may be utilized at all times to hold the garment secure and taut without any compression.

Although the belt in large measure regulates the set of the garment, the weight of

the latter all falls on the shoulder, thus avoiding the discomfort and ill appearance found in the ordinary maternity waist and skirt. And as manifest, the garment after having been used as a maternity rig may be resewed on the lines originally secured by the chain stitching to constitute it as and for a garment for ordinary wear.

I claim:—

A garment of the character described, comprising a back portion, the lower part of which constitutes a skirt, similar side portions or apron members continuous with the back and skirt thereof, adapted to completely overlap, each over the other, and to extend around to the sides of the person, said garment having a slit at each side at about the waist line and approximately at the junction of the apron members with the back portion, each apron member having a band at its free edge portion, at about the waist line, so that the band of the inner member may be passed through the slit which is in or near the outer apron member to be connected with the band of the other apron member at the rear of the garment, and both apron members having supplemental bands connected thereto, to be passed to, and adjoined at, the front of the garment.

Signed by me at Springfield, Mass., in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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