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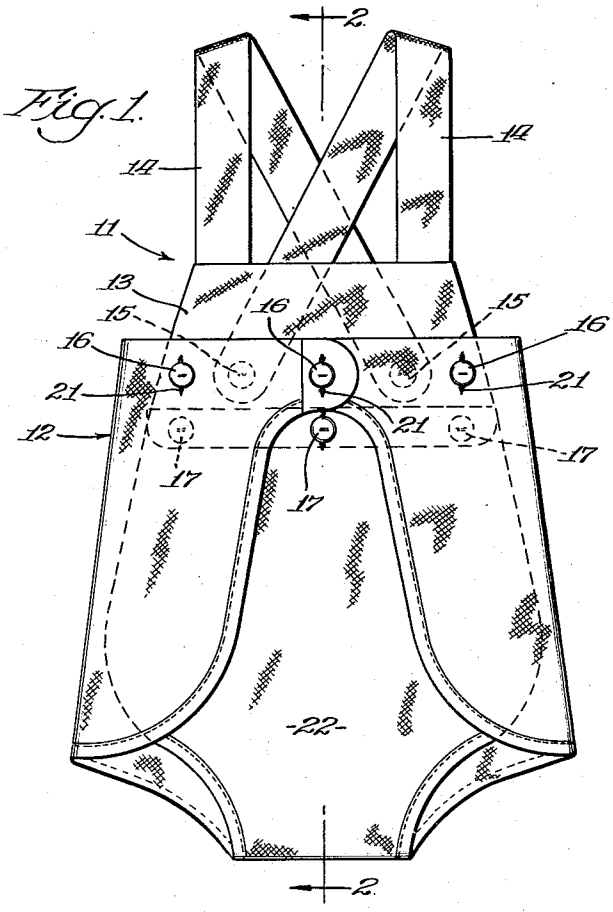


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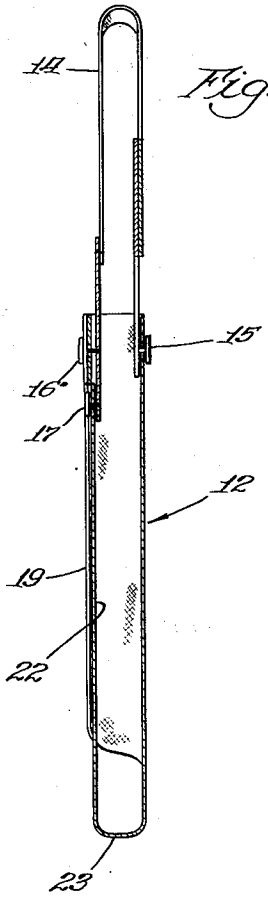


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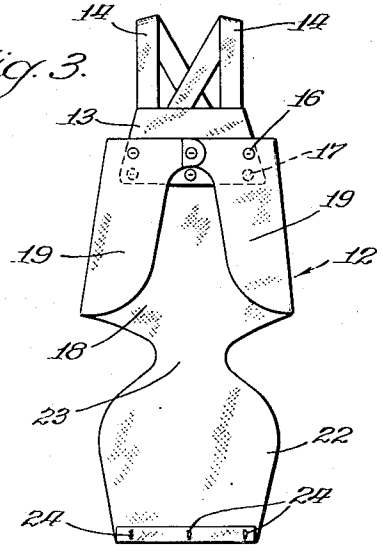
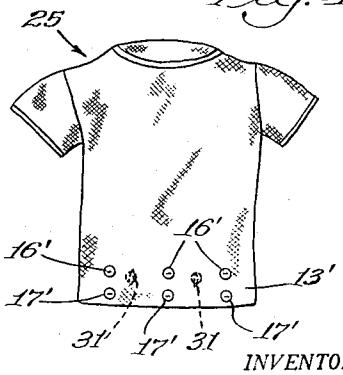


Fig. 4.



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This invention has to do with a garment and more particularly concerns a body covering garment wherein a nether portion is shaped and constructed in a manner facilitating its attachment and support from a waist portion.

An important object of the invention is the provision of a nether garment having a wrap-around skirt section with ends adapted to be disposed to the front of a person wearing the same, a front flap portion depending from the rear of the skirt and swingable forwardly between the legs of the wearer and upwardly beneath the forwardly disposed end portions of the skirt, and the upper edge of the skirt end portions and the upper edge of the upwardly swung flap having fastening means complemental to fastening means on a waist piece for detachable connection therewith.

A further object is the provision of a nether garment of the character set forth in the preceding object, wherein the forwardly disposed ends of the wrap-around skirt are disposed in opposed spaced-apart relation, leaving a portion of the front flap exposed, thus facilitating access to the fastening means at the upper edge of the fastened flap.

A further object is the provision of a nether garment according to either of the preceding objects which is adapted to be supported from a waist piece forming part of a common garment with such nether garment portion or forming a separate garment having a waist piece.

A still further object is the provision of a nether garment of simple sturdy construction embodying the advantages inherent in a garment constructed according to any of the above objects and creating the impression of a skirt, particularly as viewed from the front.

These and other desirable objects encompassed by and inherent in the invention will be more fully understood from the ensuing description and the annexed drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a garment embodying the principles of this invention;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a view taken similarly to Fig. 1 but drawn to smaller scale and illustrating the garment with a front flap thereof in a lowered unfastened position;

Fig. 4 is a front view of a shirt waist which is co-operable with the nether portion of the garment shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3.

The complete garment shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 comprises an upper garment portion 11

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for suspension from the shoulders of a wearer and for fitting about the upper body and waist of the wearer, and a skirt-like nether garment portion 12 detachably associated with the portion 11.

Garment portion 11 comprises a waist piece 13 for disposal at the front of the wearer adjacently to the waistline. Suspender straps 14 are suitably attached to the upper edge of the waist piece 13, and after extending upwardly over the shoulders of the wearer may be crossed in the rear as illustrated in several figures of the drawings for attachment to the upper edge of the rear of the nether garment 12 by means of buttons 15 on the free ends of the straps and engaging button holes, not shown, in the nether garment.

The waist portion 13 of the upper garment counterpart has two vertically-spaced horizontal rows of fastening elements in the form of buttons. The fastening elements in the upper row are designated 16 while those in the lower row are designated 17.

Nether garment 12 comprises a wrap-around skirt 18 of which the center is for disposal at the rear of the wearer and has end portions 19 for disposal to the front of the wearer. There are two button holes 21, Fig. 1, adjacently to the upper edge of each end portion 19. Two of these button holes 21 cooperate with respective buttons 16 at the sides of the waist piece, whereas the other two register for cooperation with the single button 16 at the center of the waist piece 13, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3.

A front flap 22 depends from the rear lower edge of the skirt 18 and is connected therewith by a crotch section 23 of diminished width. The free end of the flap 22 has button holes 24 for respective cooperation with the buttons 17, on the waist piece and spaced below the buttons 16, when said flap is swung forwardly and upwardly in position beneath the end portions 19 of the wrap-around skirt.

Fig. 4 illustrates a shirt waist 25 which is adapted for use with the nether garment 12 in lieu of the suspender strap garment 11. The front side of the garment 25 has buttons 16' and 17' on a waist portion 13' thereof for cooperating with the button hole fastening means 21 and 24 of the nether garment 12 in the same manner as the buttons 16 and 17 of the suspender strap garment. Buttons 31 upon the rear of the garment 25 cooperate with the button holes, not shown, on the rear of the nether garment.

This garment has the advantage of combining

the features of simplicity in design and pleasing appearance with the utility feature of accessibility through the space afforded by the spaced front ends of the wrap-around skirt facilitating self-attention by a child in unfastening and re-fastening the front flap attaching means. Other advantages and variations of structure contemplated by and falling within the scope of the invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

Having thus described the preferred embodiment of the invention with the view of concisely and clearly illustrating the same, I claim:

1. A child's garment comprising a front waist panel, two horizontal, vertically spaced rows of buttons on the outer surface of said waist panel, a pair of shoulder straps attached to the upper portion of said panel, a button on the outer end of each shoulder strap, a wrap-around skirt, buttonholes along the upper edge of said skirt for fastening to the strap buttons and to selected buttons in the upper row on the front of the panel, a flap attached to the bottom of the wrap-around skirt, and buttonholes on the outer edge of said flap for fastening to the lower row of buttons on the panel.

2. A child's garment comprising a panel adapted to cover the upper front portion of the body and extending downwardly to the waistline, a pair of shoulder straps attached to the upper portion of said panel, a plurality of fasteners attached to the front of said panel adjacent the waistline, a fastener attached to the outer end of each strap, a wrap-around skirt, fasteners cooperative with the fasteners on the straps positioned centrally of the top edge of said skirt, a cooperative fastener at each outer top edge of the skirt for attaching to one of the fasteners on the front of the said panel, a flap attached to the bottom of the wrap-around skirt, and cooperative fasteners along the outer edge of said flap for attaching to fasteners on said panel.

3. A child's garment comprising a panel adapted to engage the front portion of the body at the waistline, two horizontal, vertically spaced rows of fasteners attached to the front of said panel adjacent the waistline, a wrap-around skirt having at each of its two top outside corners a cooperative fastener for attaching to a fastener in the top row on the said panel, a flap attached to the central bottom of the wrap-around skirt which may be drawn forwardly between the legs of the child and upwardly, and cooperative fasteners along the outer bottom edge of said flap for attaching to the lower row of fasteners on said panel.

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