

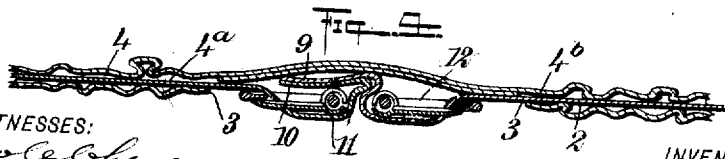
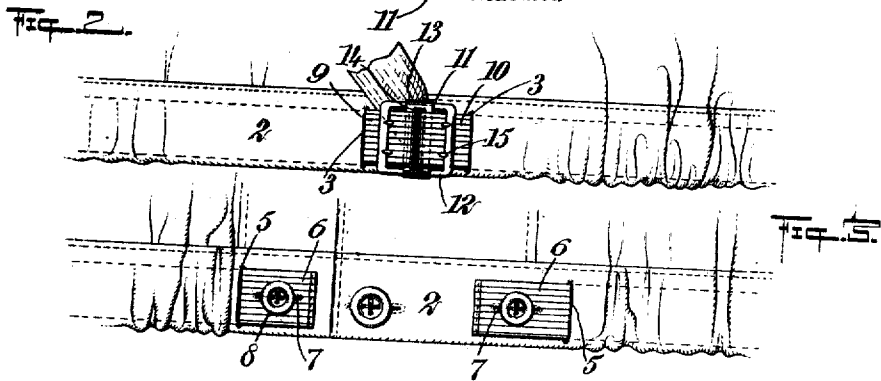
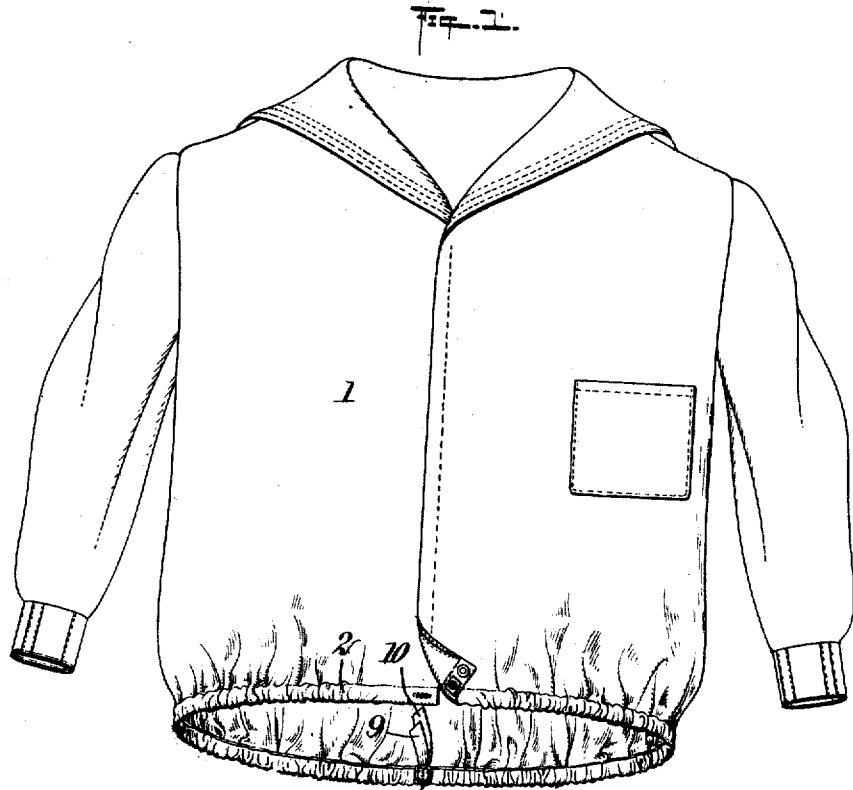
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARAH OPPENHEIM, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Blouse, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to blouses such as worn by children.

The invention relates especially to the type of blouse which is provided with an elastic band or belt which is concealed in the hem provided at the lower edge of the garment. In blouses of this type difficulty is encountered in washing the blouse, due to the presence of the elastic band referred to. The blouses usually lose their shape, and the water damages the band or belt.

The object of this invention is to produce a blouse having a concealed waistband or belt which may be readily removed to enable the blouse to be washed and which is at the same time capable of adjustment.

The invention consists in the construction to be described more fully hereinafter and more definitely set forth in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a front view of a blouse embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a view showing a portion of the inner side of the lower edge of the garment at the back and illustrating the means for adjusting the belt. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but showing the inner side of the front of the garment, and Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken through the waistband at the back.

Referring more particularly to the parts, 1 represents the body of the blouse, which is of any usual form, such as that shown. In applying my invention I turn up the lower edge of the garment, so as to form an open hem 2. At the back a pair of vertical buttonholes or slits 3 are placed in the hem on the inner side. Within the hem there is provided a belt 4, preferably of elastic material, the said belt being formed in opposite sections 4^a and 4^b. At the forward portion of the garment I place slits 5, which are formed on the inside of the hem like the slits 3 referred to above. The belt 4 preferably consists of a flat elastic

tape, and the sections 4^a and 4^b are located, respectively, on opposite sides of the garment. The forward ends 6 of these sections protrude through the openings 5, as shown in Fig. 3, and are provided with longitudinally-disposed buttonholes 7. Adjacent to the slits 5 on the inner side of the hem 2 I provide buttons 8, and these buttons enable the belt-sections 4^a and 4^b to be attached by means of the buttonholes 7, as indicated. The rear ends 9 and 10 of the belt-sections protrude through the openings or slits 3, as indicated in Fig. 2, and these ends are attached to a buckle 11. The said buckle preferably comprises a rectangular frame 12, of common form, and a vertical transverse bar 13, having a longitudinal opening or eye 14. The ends 9 and 10 are passed under the side bars of the frame 12 and attached to tongues 15. Beyond this point and at the center of the buckle they pass through the eye 14, beyond which point they lie loosely at the back of the blouse, as indicated in Fig. 1. They are turned upwardly, so as to be concealed by the blouse and so that they will not protrude below its lower edge. With this arrangement when it is desired to draw the belt another waist-measure, either of the belt-sections 4^a or 4^b may be lengthened or shortened to change the normal waist-measure of the blouse.

When it is desired to wash the blouse, the forward ends 6 of the belt-sections will be detached from the buttons 8 and the entire belt will be removed by drawing the same from the garment at the rear. After the belt is removed the blouse may be readily washed, and the tension of the belt being absent the blouse does not lose its shape in the washing process. After the blouse has been washed the belt may be readily replaced, as will be understood.

While I prefer to put the slits 3 at the rear, it should be understood that their location is a matter of convenience, the principal object being to place the adjusting-buckle at an inconspicuous point.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A blouse having a hem at the lower edge thereof, with rear slits and forward slits on the inner side of said hem, belt-sections concealed in said hem, the forward extremities thereof extend through said forward slits

and have buttonholes, and the rear ex-
tremities whereof extend through said rear
slits respectively, an adjusting device be-
tween said rear slits having transverse bars
5 and prongs adapted to hold the belt-sections,
said rear extremities of said belt-sections
passing over and inwardly between said
transverse bars and being adjustably held by
said prongs, and buttons adapted to engage

with said buttonholes of said belt-sections re-
near said forward slits.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
name to this specification in the presence of
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