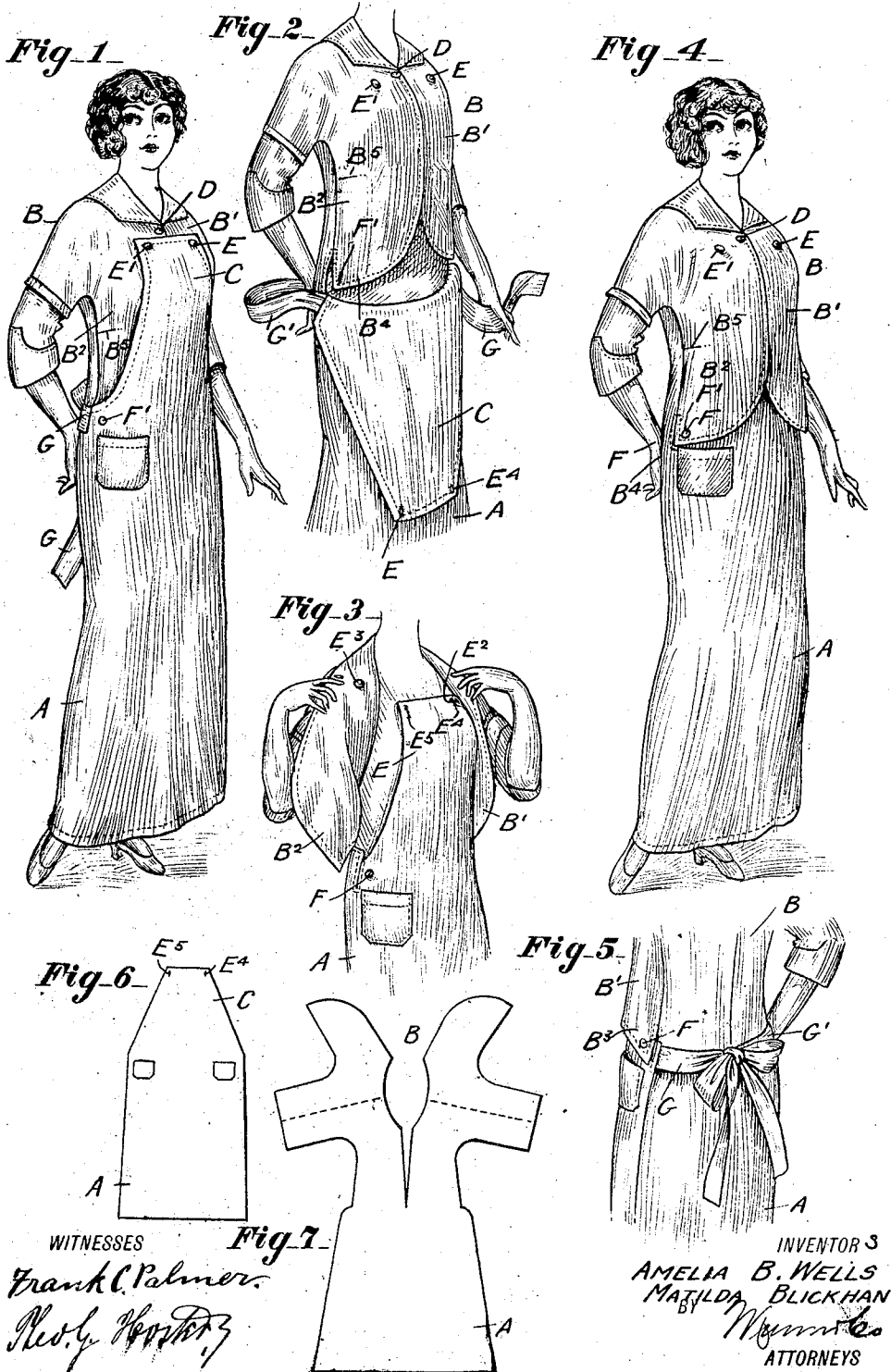


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, AMELIA B. WELLS and MATILDA BLICKHAN, both citizens of the United States, and residents of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Garment, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to women's wearing apparel, and its object is to provide a new and improved garment which combines an apron, wrapper and street dress, and can be readily converted from one to the other.

In order to accomplish the desired result use is made of a skirt, a jacket or waist connected with the sides and back of the said skirt and having front flaps adapted to overlap and to be fastened together, a front apron flap extending integrally from the front of the skirt, and fastening devices for fastening the said apron flap to the jacket flaps exteriorly or underneath the same.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in 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 perspective view of the garment worn as a dress and apron; Fig. 2 is a like view of the same, with the apron flap disconnected from the jacket and hanging down; Fig. 3 is a similar view of the same showing the jacket open and the apron flap in position to be fastened to the under sides of the jacket flaps; Fig. 4 is a similar view of the same with the parts in position to form a dress; Fig. 5 is a rear perspective view of the garment with the parts in position to form a wrapper; and Figs. 6 and 7 are face views of the parts for forming the skirt, jacket and apron flap.

The garment in its general construction is preferably formed of two pieces, shown in Figs. 6 and 7, shaped and fastened together to form a skirt A, a jacket or waist B and an apron flap C. The lower portions of the two pieces are joined at the sides to form the skirt A, and the jacket B extends integrally upward from the back piece while the apron flap C extends integrally upward from the front piece. The jacket B is open at the front to form overlapping front flaps B', B² adapted to be fastened together by a fastening device D such as a button and button-

hole. The apron flap C is adapted to overlie the front flaps B', B² of the jacket or waist, as shown in Fig. 1, or the said apron flap C extends underneath the said flaps B', B², as indicated in Figs. 3 and 4. For the purpose mentioned the flaps B' and B² of the jacket or waist B are provided at their upper portions with outside buttons E, E' and inside buttons E², E³, of which either set can be engaged by buttonholes E⁴, E⁵ formed in the upper portion of the apron flap C. Thus the apron flap C can be fastened to the front flaps B', B² of the jacket so that the apron flap C overlies the front flaps B' and B², as shown in Fig. 1, or extends underneath the front flaps B', B², as indicated in Figs. 3 and 4.

The front flaps B' and B² of the jacket or waist B have their lower side corners B³, B⁴ detached from the back portion of the jacket or waist, and the said corners are adapted to be fastened to the skirt A by fastening devices such as buttons F and buttonholes F', it being understood that the said corners B³, B⁴ overlie the upper portion of the skirt A at the time the apron flap C extends underneath the flaps B', B² of the jacket or waist B. From the sides of the apron flap C at the lower ends thereof extend tying bands G, G' adapted to be tied at the back of the garment, as indicated in Fig. 5, or at the back of the wearer underneath the back of the garment so that the garment serves as a street dress, as indicated in Fig. 4. It is understood that when the tying bands G, G' are tied on the back of the garment, as shown in Fig. 1, the said bands extend through the slit formed by the corners B³, B⁴ with the back of the waist or jacket B.

The front flaps B', B² are provided with darts B⁵ directly under the bust portion of the jacket or waist to give the proper shape to the same.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the garment shown and described is very simple in construction and can be readily converted to permit the user to wear the garment as an apron, wrapper or street dress. Although we have shown and described a skirt having an integral jacket or waist it is evident that the invention applies to similar garments and hence we do not limit ourselves to jackets or waists.

Having thus described our invention, we

claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A garment, comprising a skirt, a jacket integrally connected with the sides and back of the said skirt and having front flaps adapted to be fastened together, a front apron flap extending integrally from the front of the skirt, and fastening devices for fastening the said apron flap to the jacket flaps exteriorly or underneath the same.

2. A garment, comprising a skirt, a jacket integrally connected with the sides and back of the said skirt and having front flaps adapted to be fastened together, the said jacket having side flaps at the lower edge to overlie the skirt sides, fastening means for fastening the said jacket side flaps to the sides of the skirt, a front apron flap extending integrally from the front of the skirt, and fastening devices for fastening the said apron flap to the jacket flaps exteriorly or underneath the same.

3. A garment, comprising a skirt, a jacket integrally connected with the sides and back of the said skirt and having front flaps adapted to be fastened together, a front apron flap extending integrally from the front of the skirt, fastening devices for

fastening the said apron flap to the jacket flaps exteriorly or underneath the same, and tying bands attached to the sides of the apron flap at the lower portion thereof.

4. A garment, comprising a skirt, a jacket integrally connected with the sides and back of the said skirt and having front flaps adapted to be fastened together, the said jacket having side flaps at the lower edge to overlie the skirt sides, fastening means for fastening the said jacket side flaps to the sides of the skirt, a front apron flap extending integrally from the front of the skirt, fastening devices for fastening the said apron flap to the jacket flaps exteriorly or underneath the same, and tying bands attached to the sides of the apron flap at the lower portion thereof, the tying bands extending in the rear of the side flaps of the jacket.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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