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COMBINATION GARMENT.
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Fig. 1.

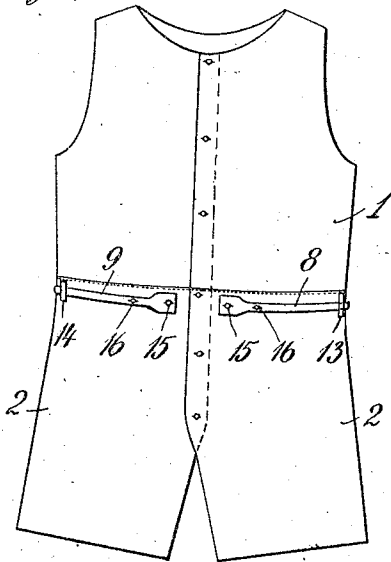


Fig. 2.

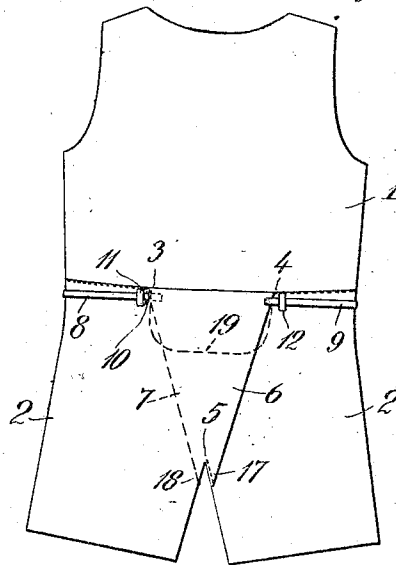
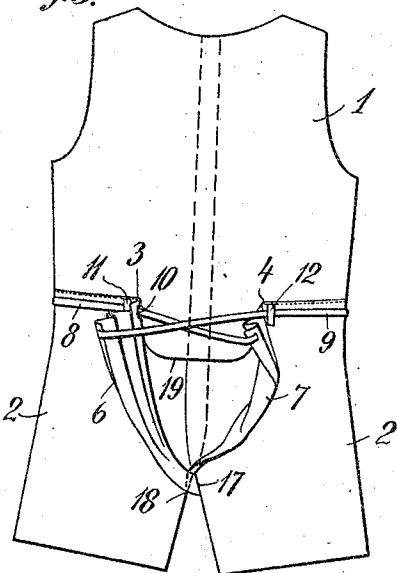


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH MICHAELIS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination-Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combination garments or union suits, more particularly to dress or negligée shirts with drawers attached and combination undergarments, and the objects of the invention are to provide a combination garment with a back opening that is easily opened or closed and which can be adjusted.

To the accomplishment of the above objects, and to such others as may hereinafter appear, the invention comprises a combination garment having shirt and drawers attached, the back of the drawers comprising the seat being cut in a transverse direction in the vicinity of the waist line to provide a back opening which is closed by means of two overlapping flaps which extend from the vicinity of the waist line to the crotch of the garment.

The invention also comprises means for closing said flaps and retaining the same in position, the closing means being adjustable to permit of the seat of the garment being made fuller if desired.

I will now proceed to describe my invention with reference to the accompanying drawings, and will then point out the novel features in claims.

Figure 1 is a front view of a garment made in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a back view of the garment shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 showing the seat of the garment in open position.

In the drawings, numeral 1 designates the body of an undergarment or union suit, to which is secured the drawers 2; in the present instance shown as of knee length, although the same may be made longer if so desired. While the body of the garment is shown as an undergarment, the invention is equally applicable to a dress or negligée shirt with drawers attached.

In accordance with this invention, the back of the drawers is open between the points 3 and 4, to provide a transverse open-

ing in the vicinity of the waist line which extends to the crotch 5, the opening so formed being closed by means of two overlapping flaps 6 and 7. Suitable straps 8 and 9 secured to the upper ends or corners of the flaps 6 and 7 are provided for operating the flaps to open and close the back of the drawers. The strap 8 is arranged to pass through a small slot 10 in the back of the drawers adjacent the point 3 to permit of the flap 7 being drawn into its proper closing position underneath the flap 6. Suitable guides 11, 12, 13 and 14 are provided for holding the straps in operative position. The loose ends of the straps 8 are preferably secured to the front of the garment by means of buttons 15, the ends of the straps being made a little larger than the body of strap to prevent the same easily passing through the guides 13 and 14 when the ends of the straps are unbuttoned to open the back of the garment. Additional buttons 16 on the front of the garment are provided to which the ends of the straps 8 and 9 can be buttoned to allow of a certain additional fullness in the waist of the garment if so desired.

To insure a nice fit to the back of the drawers, the lower end of the flap 6 extends slightly down the inner side of the right leg as shown at 17, whereas the lower end of the flap 7 extends slightly down the inner side of the left leg as shown at 18. This arrangement of the lower ends of the flaps insures the closing of the crotch of the garment without bringing undue strain upon the straps 8 and 9 to accomplish this purpose. It is to be noted that lower extensions 17 and 18 of the flaps do not in any way restrict the opening when the straps 8 and 9 are loosened as clearly shown in Fig. 3.

To insure the closing of the back of the garment between the points 3 and 4 a small flap 19 is provided, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, secured to the back of the body of the garment.

From the above description it will be seen that the back of the garment when closed, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, has a perfectly smooth back, a closed crotch, and no buttons or other fastening means except on the front of the garment, where they are out of the way and easily fastened or unfastened.

From the above description it will be seen

that the back of the garment, when open as shown in Fig. 3, affords an ample opening on either side of the center of the garment, the straps in no way interfering with the opening.

The back opening is easily closed by pulling the straps, no other adjustment except fastening the ends of the straps being necessary to close the back of the drawers, as shown in Fig. 2.

The front of the garment is open from the neck to the crotch, but any other front opening can be used if desired.

While the invention has been described with particular reference to the details of construction, the same is not to be considered as limited thereto, as many changes can be made and still fall within the scope of the invention set forth in the following claims.

1. A combination garment comprising a one-piece suit, consisting of shirt and drawers combined, the back of said drawers, comprising the seat, being open transversely across the back of the garment in the vicinity of the waist line and extending downwardly to the crotch to form a V shaped opening, and overlapping flaps for closing the back of said drawers.

2. A combination garment comprising a one-piece suit, consisting of shirt and drawers combined, the back of said drawers comprising the seat being open transversely across the back of the garment in the vicinity of the waist line and extending downwardly to the crotch to form a V shaped opening, overlapping flaps for closing the back of said drawers, and straps secured to said flaps for drawing the same into closed position.

3. A combination garment comprising a one-piece suit, consisting of shirt and drawers combined, the back of said drawers, comprising the seat, being open transversely across the back of the garment in the vicinity of the waist line and extending downwardly to the crotch to form a V shaped opening, and overlapping flaps for closing the back of said drawers, the top of each flap

being substantially the width of said transverse opening.

4. A combination garment comprising a one-piece suit, consisting of shirt and drawers combined, the back of said drawers, comprising the seat, being open transversely across the back of the garment in the vicinity of the waist line and extending downwardly to the crotch to form a V shaped opening, and overlapping flaps for closing the back of said drawers, the top of each flap being substantially the width of said transverse opening, the bottom of each flap arranged to overlap each other at the crotch and to be secured to the inner sides of the drawer legs.

5. A combination garment comprising a one-piece suit, consisting of shirt and drawers combined, the back of said drawers comprising the seat being open transversely across the back of the garment in the vicinity of the waist line and extending downwardly to the crotch to form a V shaped opening, three overlapping flaps for closing the back of said drawers, and straps secured to two of said flaps for drawing the same into closed position.

6. A combination garment comprising a one-piece suit, consisting of shirt and drawers combined, the back of said drawers comprising the seat being open transversely across the back of the garment in the vicinity of the waist line and extending downwardly to the crotch to form a V shaped opening, three overlapping flaps for closing the back of said drawers, and straps secured to two of said flaps for drawing the same into closed position, guides on said garment for retaining said straps in position, and enlarged ends on said straps to prevent said straps slipping through said guides.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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