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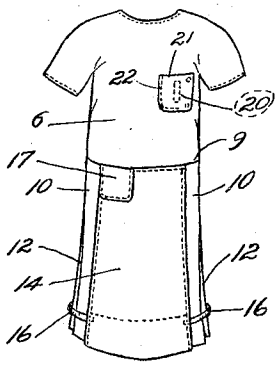


Fig. 1

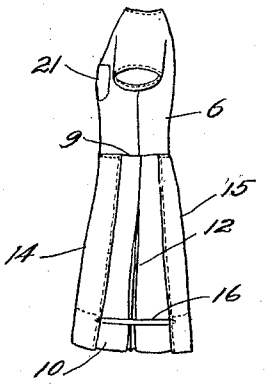


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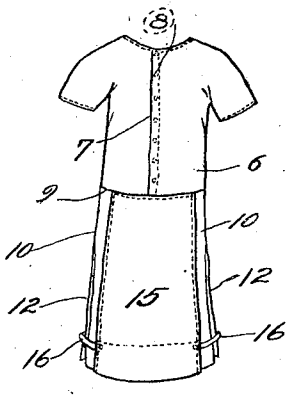


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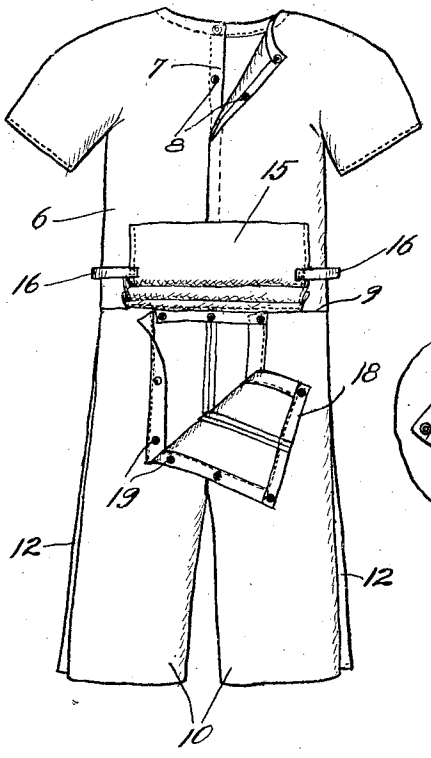


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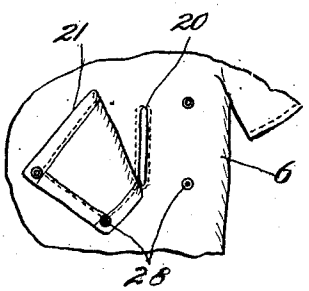


Fig. 5

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This invention relates to women's garments, and aims to provide a novel type of pantaloon or bloomer dress in which is embodied the pantaloon or bloomer feature with skirt or apron panels adapted to lend to the garment the appearance of a full skirted dress.

Accordingly, I have devised a garment of this character in which the lower portion comprises what are known as bloomers or pantaloons the outer sides of which are formed with box plaits, and the front and rear of the garment are further provided with skirt or apron panels suspended from the waistline in position to conceal all but the box plaited portions of the pantaloons.

Further features of novelty are embodied in the improved garment which are adapted to render the same comfortable, and convenient for use, as hereinafter described, while at the same time providing a garment of this type which will meet all the demands of modesty.

With the foregoing general objects in view, the invention will now be described by reference to the accompanying drawing illustrating one form of garment which I have devised for embodying the proposed features of improvement, after which those features and combinations deemed to be novel and patentable will be particularly set forth and claimed.

In the drawing—

Figure 1 is a front view illustrating a garment constructed in accordance with the present invention;

Figures 2 and 3 are side and rear views of the same;

Figure 4 is a rear view of the garment, on an enlarged scale, and showing the top partly open, and also illustrating the skirt or apron panels raised and the seat flap partly opened; and

Figure 5 is a detail view, on a still larger scale, showing the nursing flap feature of the garment.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, this illustrates the garment as comprising the upper or body portion 6 which is cut full about the waist, and adapted to be opened at the back where the closure 7 is provided with fastenings such as clasps 8, or the like. This closure 7 is shown as extending to the waist line 9, below which the garment material is formed into bloomers or pantaloons 10, each provided with box plaits 12 at the sides. From the waist line 9 are also carried front and rear skirt or apron panels 14 and 15, respectively, of such width as to conceal all but the box plait portions 12 of the pantaloons. Thus, the movements of the wearer are not interfered with, as the plaited form of the pantaloons allows freedom of movement and at the same time gives a full-skirted effect to the lower part of the garment. Preferably, the sides of the skirt panels 14 and 15, near the bottom, are connected by flexible straps 16 in order to keep the panels down in proper position. The front panel may, if desired, be provided with pockets, on the order of the pocket 17 shown in Figure 1.

The seat of the pantaloons is provided with a flap member 18 adapted to be opened, as illustrated in Figure 4, or closed and secured in closed position by means of fastenings, such as clasps 19 or the like.

As a nurse apron, I propose to provide the front of the garment with slits or openings 20 over the breast (or breasts) for nursing purposes, over which slit or opening I provide a flap 21 stitched along one edge of the garment as indicated at 22, and provided along its opposite edge with clasps 23, or the like, so that the flap may be folded back away from the slit or opening 20, as illustrated in Figure 5. This flap is also useful as a handkerchief pocket.

In putting on the garment, all that is necessary is to unfasten the clasps 8 of the opening 7, and step into the pantaloon members 10, and refasten the clasps 8. Thus a most simple and convenient garment is provided, which affords all the comforts characterizing the pantaloon type of garment, such as the dispensing with an excessive amount of clothing, and at the same time preserves the modest appearance of a full-skirted effect, due to the double plaited sides of the pantaloons, which are the only portions of the pantaloons visible between the side edges of the skirt panels 14 and 15. The double plaited features 12 permit all necessary freedom of movement in walking, while the strap members 16 serve to keep the skirt panels in the proper position illustrated in Figures 1, 2 and 3. The construction and arrangement of these skirt or apron panels 14 and 15, as connected by the straps 16, also permit convenient manipulation of these skirt panels by simply slipping the same upward into the position illustrated in

Figure 4, for uncovering the seat flap 18. The aim of the invention as regards modesty is further carried out in the provision of the opening (or openings) 20 over the breast in the construction of the garment as a nurse apron dress, and the normal closing of this opening by a flap 21, thereby facilitating the intended use of this feature with no undue exposure of the person.

It will thus be seen that I have devised a simple and practical form of garment for carrying out the proposed objects of the invention, and having all the advantages of a cool, comfortable and loose fitting garment, the same being supported entirely from the shoulders. It will be understood that while the described pattern is well adapted for general use, it is especially practical for nurses, and general housewife use, and waiters in cafeterias; and that with little modification the design shown would be particularly desirable for the professional use of dentists, surgeons, and so forth.

While I have shown and described what I now regard as the preferred form of embodiment of the invention, I desire to reserve the right to make all such changes or modifications as may fairly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:

A pantaloon dress comprising a body portion and pantaloons carried thereby, the outer sides of said pantaloons being formed with box plaits, separate skirt or apron panels also carried by said body portion at the front and rear of the pantaloons, respectively, and flexible strap elements connecting the sides of said skirt or apron panels near the bottom thereof.

In witness whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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