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CONVERTIBLE GARMENT

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Fig. 1.

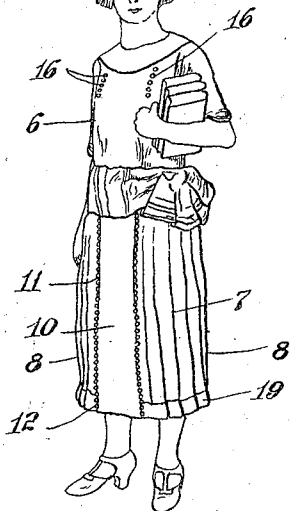


Fig. 2.

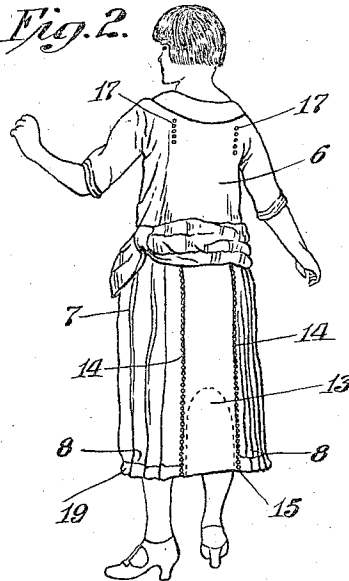


Fig. 4.

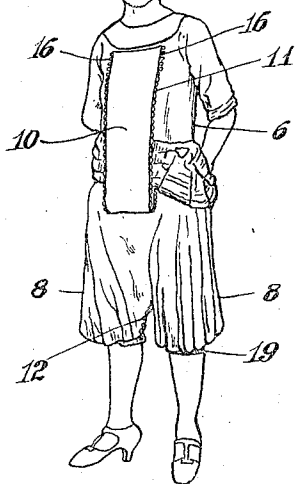
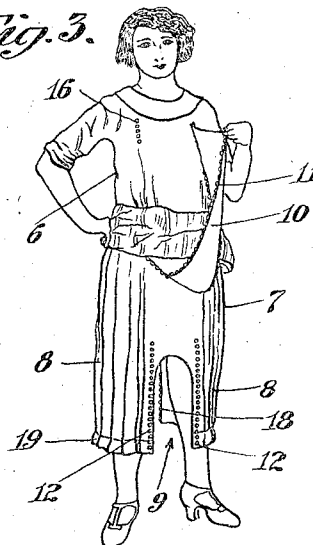


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BESSIE KLAPPERT, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Whitestone Landing, county of Queens, city and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Convertible Garment, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a dress which can be readily converted into a bloomer suit and vice versa.

The main object is to provide a simple and inexpensive construction which is susceptible of embodiment in varied and attractive designs.

The construction is such that when used as a dress it has the appearance of a more or less usual type of garment of attractive design. The skirt however is bifurcated at the lower portion and provided with a central panel which gives it the appearance of an ordinary skirt. This central panel however is adapted to be removed or lifted and secured to the waist and the edges of the bifurcated portions drawn together to form bloomers.

Fig. 1 is a front view of a garment embodying my invention showing it in the form of a dress.

Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same.

Fig. 3 is a front view showing the panel partly detached and

Fig. 4 is a front view showing the garment in the form of a bloomer suit.

The garment may be of any suitable design or material either in one piece or two pieces having a waist 6 and a skirt 7. The lower portion of the skirt is bifurcated or divided at the front and rear to provide what may be termed leg portions 8 with openings 9 between them at the front and rear. A panel 10 is also provided and preferably secured at the waist and adapted to hang down front and entirely cover the front opening 9. I also prefer to provide suitable fastening means for securing the side edges of the panel to the skirt, as for instance a plurality of loops 11 and buttons 12. Any other suitable form of fastening device however may be employed within the broad scope of my invention. The rear of the garment is provided with a similar panel 13 and fastening devices 14 and 15 for securing its lower portion to the rear of the skirt along the edges of the rear opening 9.

When it is desired to use the garment as

a bloomer suit the lower ends of the panels 10 and 13 are detached from the skirt and the panels are either entirely removed or they may be caught up in the position shown in Fig. 4 and fastened in place for instance by engaging the loops 11 with the buttons 16 at the front and some of the loops 14 with the buttons 17 at the rear. The front and rear edges of each leg portion 8 are then connected together in any suitable manner by any suitable form of fastening device, for instance loops 18 may be provided along the rear edge of the left hand leg portion and secured to the buttons 12 at the front so as to produce the effect of bloomers as shown in Fig. 4. Preferably the lower edge of each leg portion is provided with an elastic insert or lining so as to snugly grip the leg adjacent the knee. I also prefer to have the sides and leg portions of the skirt pleated so as to allow for greater variation in size and to give the wearer greater freedom of movement. It should also be noted that when the garment is worn as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 the pleated skirt and elastic hem provide a substantial freedom of movement to the wearer although the skirt does not require an excessive amount of material or have the general appearance of a full skirt. The garment is suitable for street and sport wear such as gymnastics in school, horseback riding, skating and tramping. It is especially adapted to garments designed to be worn as uniforms, for instance school, class, club and society uniforms. The garment may also be designed as a combination house dress and working bloomers.

I claim:

1. A convertible garment having a waist and skirt, the latter having openings at the front and rear, a panel secured adjacent the waist and having detachable means of connection with the lower part of the skirt at the edges of the front opening, means for securing the lower end of the panel to the upper part of the waist, and means for securing the edges of the front opening to the edges of the rear opening to form bloomers when the panel is detached.

2. A skirt having openings in the front and rear with spaced edges leaving a side portion on each side, each side portion having an elastic lower edge just long enough to fit snugly around a leg at the knee, a front panel having edges detachably connecting the front edges of the side portions,

and a rear panel having edges detachably connecting the rear edges of the side portions, and fastening devices for detachably connecting the edges of the respective side portions to form bloomers when said panels are disconnected.

3. A skirt having openings in the front and rear, the front opening having spaced edges, a panel extending from adjacent the waist externally to the lower edge of the skirt and having edges detachably connected to the edges of the front opening so that the panel forms a part of the skirt, the panel being removable from over the opening, and fastening devices for detachably connecting the edges of the front opening to the edges of the rear opening to form bloomers.

4. A convertible garment comprising a

main skirt portion pleated at the sides and having openings in the lower portions of the front and rear, said openings having spaced edges, each pleated side portion having an elastic band at its lower edge just long enough to fit snugly around a leg at the knee, a panel secured near the waist line and having its edges detachably connecting the edges of one of said openings so as to normally form a part of the skirt, means for connecting the opposite edges of the other opening when the garment is worn as a skirt and fastening devices for detachably connecting the edges of the front opening to the edges of the rear opening to form bloomers when the panel is removed from its opening.

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