

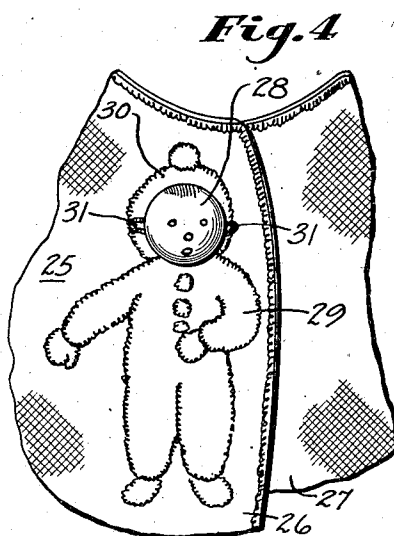
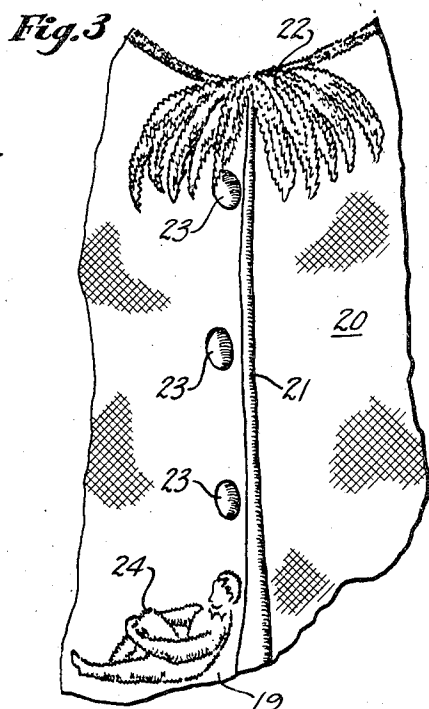
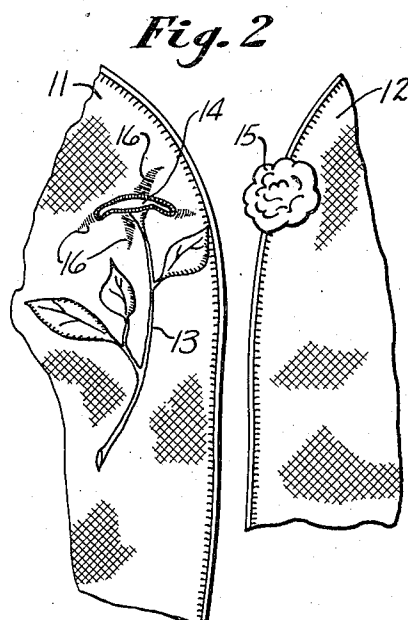
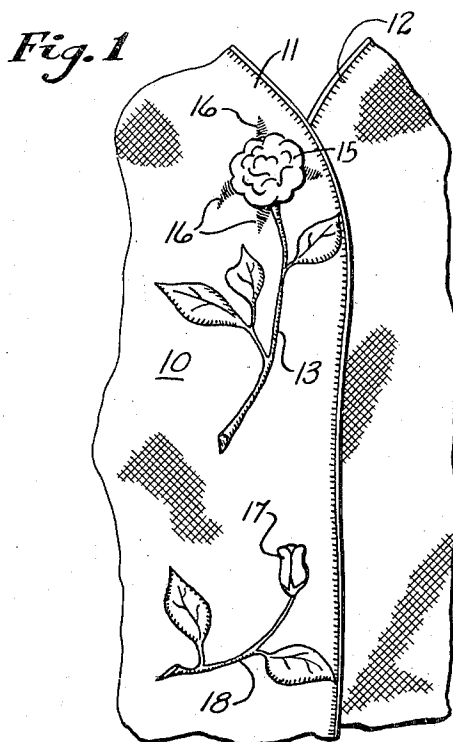
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My invention relates to garment fasteners, and particularly to an improved ornamental and useful type of button construction.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a garment button construction which cooperates with a design on the garment to complete the design or render it more attractive. In the case of juvenile clothing, an advantage of my construction resides in the fact that a child will be more conscious of the fact that his clothing is not properly fastened if a prominent portion of the design can be completed only by buttoning the garment.

Further objects will be apparent from the specification and drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary view showing a garment buttoned in accordance with my invention, the design of Fig. 1 being of a formal character;

Fig. 2 shows the garment of Fig. 1 as it appears when unbuttoned;

Fig. 3 illustrates a manner in which the buttons of my invention are utilized to cooperate with an informal, or humorous, design; and

Fig. 4 illustrates a still further modified form of my invention, in which the button construction is utilized to cooperate with a design on a juvenile garment.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, garment 10, having overlapping edge 11 and underlying edge 12, is intended to illustrate a portion of a lady's dress, blouse or wrapper, on which is displayed an ornamental design, such as a flower stem 13. A portion of the design on edge 11, however, is incomplete, since the space which should be occupied by a flower on stem 13 is cut to form buttonhole 14, positioned so that when button 15, shaped and colored to form the appropriate flower for stem 13, is inserted through buttonhole 14, the entire stalk, including stem and flower, is completed. Button 15 is attached to underlying edge 12 of the garment in any desired manner, and buttonhole 14 can be positioned horizontally as in Fig. 2, or vertically, depending upon the way in which the inserted button cooperates with the particular design.

The preferred embodiment of the invention contemplates a button which bodily passes through a buttonhole, but it will be apparent that a composite button or other fastener may be employed. Therefore, in the case of many shapes of buttons, it will be necessary or desirable to fabricate the buttonhole large enough to avoid impeding the buttoning operation. This in turn means that the buttonhole may not in all cases be concealed by the button.

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In order to enhance the appearance of the ensemble where the hole is visible, the buttonhole 14 is curved as shown in Fig. 2, and false stitching at 16 is added to create a balanced effect which de-emphasizes the presence of the buttonhole.

It will, of course, be apparent that a wide range of ornamentations, both for the buttons and for edge 11, is possible, and of necessity only a very few are shown. For example, the rose shaped button 15 can be modified to imitate a rosebud 17, which likewise completes the design 18 of a modified form of stem.

Fig. 3 illustrates how my construction is admirably adapted to provide a humorous effect by shaping the overlapping edge 19 of garment 20 to form the trunk 21 of a coconut palm 22. Buttons 23, in the shape of coconuts, appear to be falling upon a reclining figure 24, and it will also be apparent that the head of figure 24 can be another lower button, if desired.

For juvenile clothing, it is advantageous, in utilizing my construction, that the button form a relatively more important part of the design. Fig. 4 shows a child's garment 25 having overlapping edge 26 and underlying edge 27 to which is secured button 28 shaped in the form of a doll's head. Doll figure 29 on overlapping edge 26 is proportioned in accordance with the size of button 28 so that the doll's figure is complete when the garment 25 is buttoned. When the garment is unbuttoned, the figure appears to be decapitated, and this feature provides an inducement to the child to keep the garment buttoned when in use. For purposes of completely concealing the buttonhole in the construction of Fig. 4, the doll's hood, or cap 30, may be formed from separate material attached to edge 26 around the outer periphery of the head in such a manner that the extending portions of the buttonhole are concealed. A simpler construction is shown in Fig. 4 in which the ends of a conventional straight buttonhole 31 protrude beyond the button to simulate ears or locks of hair, as preferred.

It will therefore be apparent that I have provided a novel button construction which has advantages over and above the mere fastening function of a button. The problem of concealing buttons has been given considerable attention by dress and garment designers, with the result that many types of buttons, ornamental only in themselves, are now on the market. However, in none of these constructions does the button blend with a design on the garment in such a way as to conceal the fact that the garment has a button

at all. Furthermore, the blending of the button with the garment figure can be accomplished either by the configuration of the button or by its coloring, or both. Novel effects can be obtained by the use of protuberances or indentations on the button as well.

While certain novel features of the invention are disclosed herein with considerable detail with respect to certain particular forms of the invention, it is not desired to be limited to such details since many changes and modifications may well be made without departure from the spirit of the invention, and since the invention has a wide application both for outdoor and indoor garments and can be applied to adult, juvenile and children's clothing. The examples shown are illustrative of the above categories as well as of clothing adapted for a particular use or occasion.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. The combination in garment closures of an ornamental design on one closure border, said border having a plurality of buttonholes, a plurality of ornamental buttons of various designs on the other closure border, the ornamental designs of the buttons cooperating with the orna-

mental design on the border when the garment is buttoned.

2. In a garment fastener construction, a closure border having a buttonhole, an incomplete figure on the closure border in which the buttonhole is integrated, a second closure border, and a fastener on the second closure border in the form of the missing portion of the incomplete figure and adapted to be inserted through the buttonhole so that the figure, any exposed portions of the buttonhole, and the fastener blend with each other to disguise the fastener and buttonhole.

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