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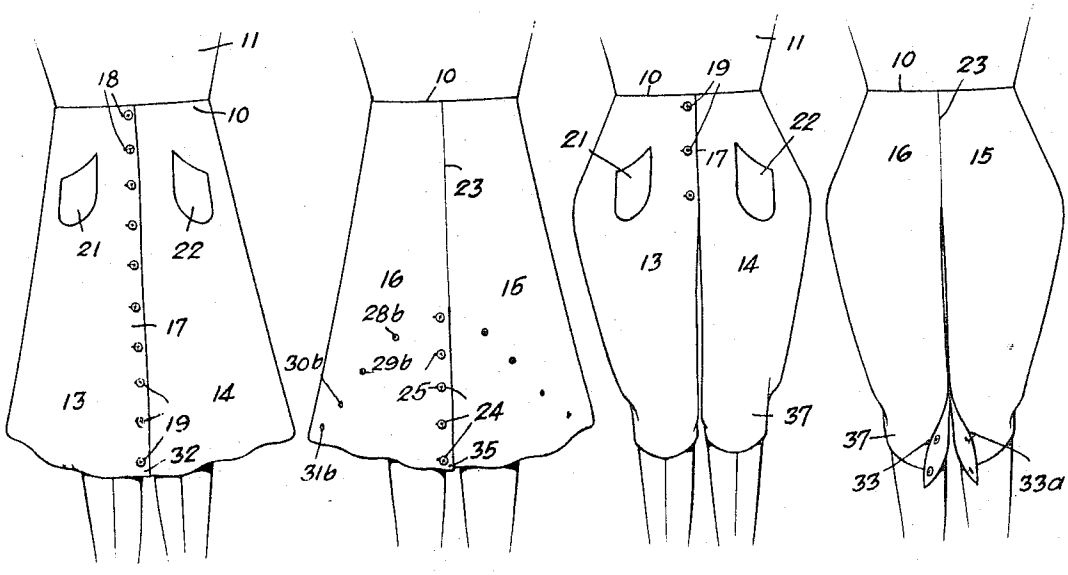
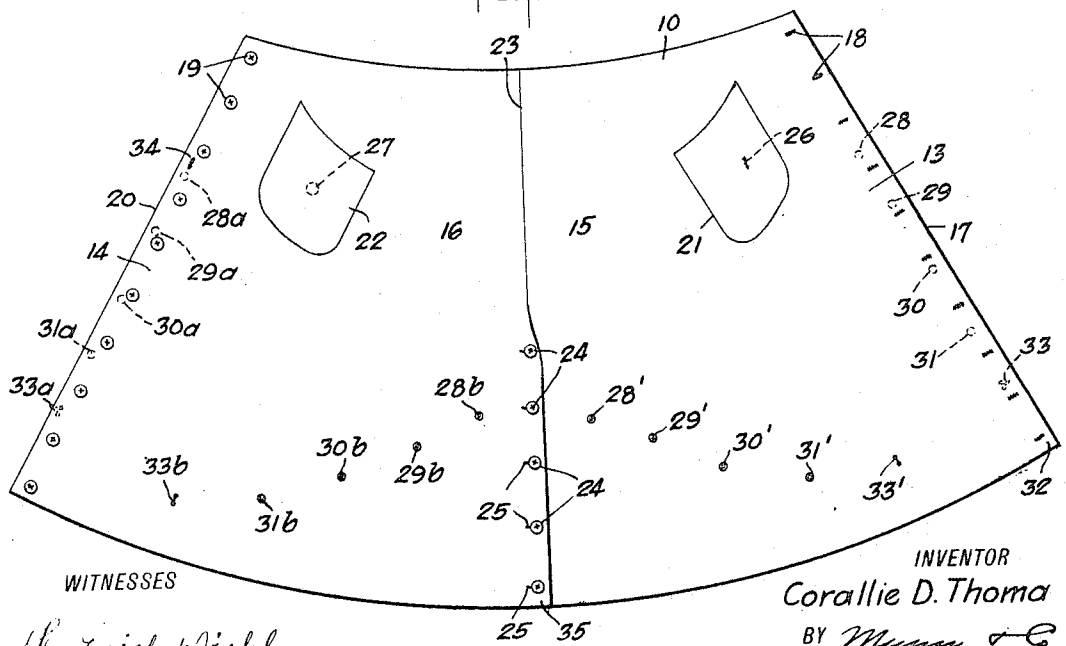


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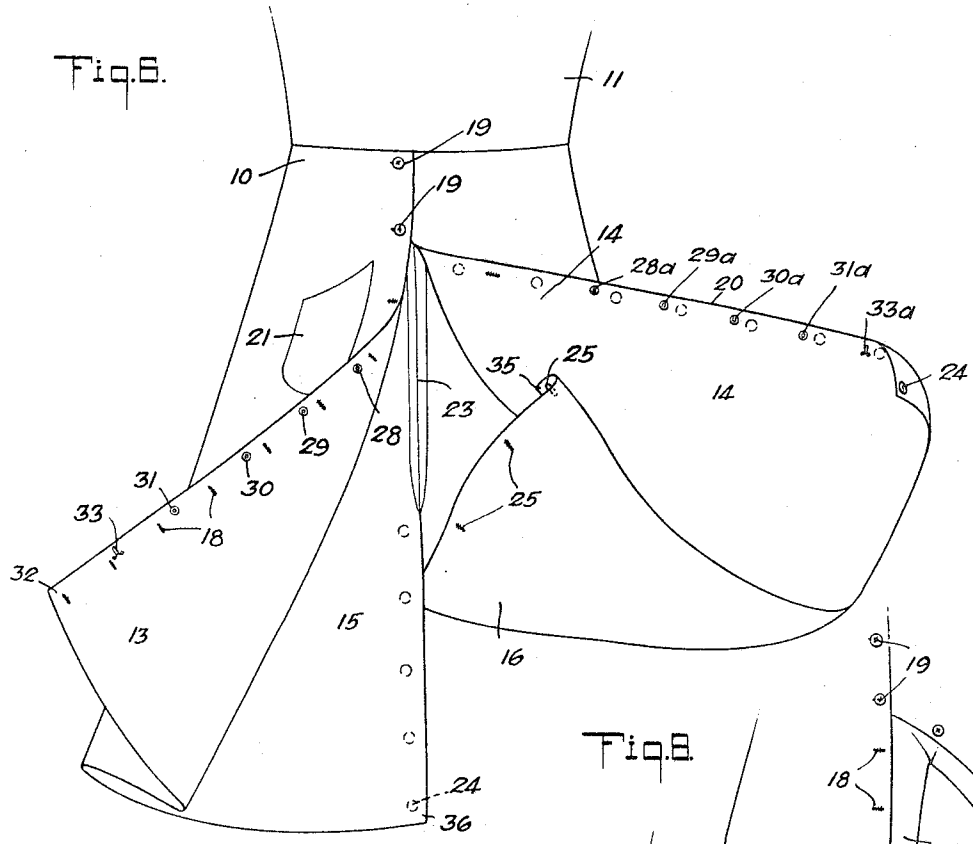


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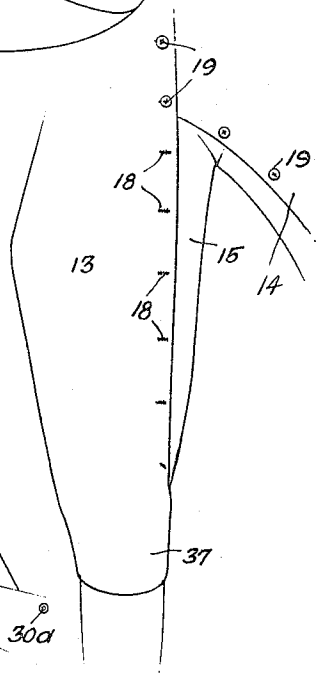
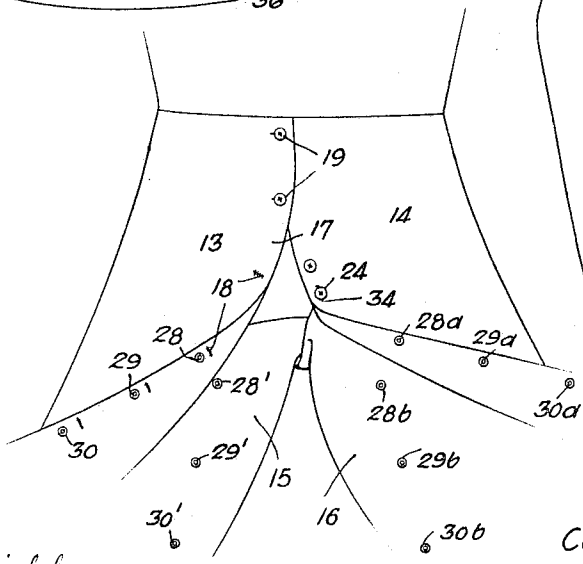


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CORALLIE D. THOMA, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Convertible Skirt and Breeches, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to garments such as are worn especially by women or girls, and has particular reference to a peculiar construction of a lady's outer garment adapting it interchangeably for use as either a skirt of walking length or as bloomers or breeches.

Another object of the invention is to provide in a convertible garment a special arrangement of fastening devices whereby in the transformation into the form of the breeches the design of the garment across the hips is so modified as to present the wide military effect even though the skirt presents narrow hip lines.

A still further object of this invention is to so design or construct a lady's garment as to facilitate the application thereof to a person and the transformation from one adaptation to the other and to insure the neatest and best appearance irrespective of the particular adaptation.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists in the arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed, and while the invention is not restricted to the exact details of construction disclosed or suggested herein, still for the purpose of illustrating a practical embodiment thereof reference is had to the accompanying drawings, in which like reference characters designate the same parts in the several views, and in which—

Figures 1 and 2 are respectively front and rear elevations of the garment adjusted and worn as a skirt.

Figs. 3 and 4 are respectively front and rear elevations of the same garment transformed into breeches.

Fig. 5 is a rear elevation of the garment laid out flat and with the vertical row of rear buttons fastened as in Fig. 2.

Fig. 6 is a front view of the skirt opened from the bottom and indicating at the right side of the figure one of the first steps in converting the garment into breeches.

Fig. 7 shows a succeeding step, and particularly the manner of adjusting the crotch; and

Fig. 8 is an inside perspective view showing especially the finishing appearance of the right leg of the breeches.

In the consideration of this garment it will be understood that some suitable coat is intended to be worn to cover the hips, but such feature not constituting any part of this invention is not illustrated.

Referring now more specifically to the drawings, I show a garment having a waistline 10 which obviously may be provided with a belt or may be attached to any suitable bodice or waist 11, but which *per se* has no direct bearing upon the case. The garment may be described as comprising right and left side fronts 13 and 14 respectively, and right and left side backs 15 and 16. The right side front 13 is provided along its vertical edge 17 with a series of buttonholes 18 adapted to coöperate with a similar series of buttons 19 secured along the vertical edge 20 of the left side front 14. While I indicate in this connection buttons and buttonholes, I wish it to be understood once for all that while I refer specifically in this description to certain types of fasteners I do not propose to be limited in the practice of the invention to any particular fasteners since it is obvious that the character of the fasteners employed is of no particular moment. I do show, however, such fasteners as have been found by me in practice to be suitable for the purposes for which they are intended.

Upon each of the fronts are provided pockets indicated herein as patch pockets 21 and 22 for the usual purpose and also to hide certain features referred to below, the pockets being located for this reason upon the upper portions of the side fronts.

The side backs 15 and 16 are united permanently along their upper adjacent edges in a seam 23 while the lower end portions of these parts are provided with buttons 24 and coöperating buttonholes 25 closing the skirt at the bottom as shown in Figs. 2 and 5.

Any desired amount of fullness in the skirt may be provided according to the figure to be fitted or the desires of the particular wearer. It is to be understood obviously that any desired material or materials may be employed in the construction of the garment and that the same may be finished in various ways according to individual taste.

Under the pocket 21 the garment is provided with a buttonhole 26 and under the other pocket the garment is provided with a button 27. Adjacent to the edge 17 of the right side front are arranged a row of snap fastener sockets 28, 29, 30, and 31. These are fastened upon the inner face of the garment and extend from the groin portion or opposite the pocket down to the corner or point 32. Between the last socket 31 and the point 32 is secured a hook 33. On the outer face of the same half of the garment are fastened a series of snap fastener heads 28′, 29′, 30′ and 31′ suitably spaced and located for coöperation with the correspondingly numbered socket members, and also I provide an eye 33′ for coöperation with the hook 33. The left half of the garment is similarly provided with a row of socket members 28^a, 29^a, 30^a, and 31^a for cooperation with the socket member heads 28^b, 29^b, 30^b, and 31^b. Also I indicate a hook 33^a and eye 33^b.

Adjacent to the vertical edge 20 of the left side front I provide between the third and fourth buttons 19 a vertically arranged buttonhole 34.

The transformation of the garment into breeches will now be appreciated in view of the features of construction above enumerated. The wearer loosens the buttons 24 at the back and most of the buttons 19 in front as indicated in Fig. 6, she then grasps one of the uppermost buttons 24 and draws it and the portion of the garment to which it is attached directly forward and upward along the crotch and passes said button outward through the buttonhole 34 as indicated in Fig. 7. This makes a substantial closure for the crotch, and has the additional important function of causing the lateral bulging of the garment at the hips to which reference has been made above. It will be noted in this connection that the button just referred to is worn by the opposite half of the garment from that which has the buttonhole 34. This button 24 though irregularly spaced when attached as indicated is inconspicuous for the reason that it is covered by the edge portion 17 of the right side front 13 in practice. The point 35 of the left side back is then drawn directly forward between the legs and around the front of the left leg, and the buttonhole 25 thereof is engaged over the button 27, the outer face of this point portion 35 coming against the inner face of the left side front 14. This movement or adjustment of the lower portion of the left side back brings the snap fastener heads fastened thereon around to the inside of the leg and into an approximately vertical line or in position for the snap fastener sockets 28^a to 31^a to be brought down directly over and into engagement therewith, the inner face of the edge portion 20 being applied against the outer face of that portion carrying the snap fastener heads 28^b to 31^b. Finally the hook 33^a is drawn snugly around the leg below the knee and hooked into the eye 33^b. After the left leg portion is thus adjusted the point 36 of the right leg portion is then brought forward and upward around the front part of the right leg and the button 24 carried thereby is slipped through the buttonhole 26 into or beneath the pocket 21, the outer face of the corner portion being brought directly against the inner face of that portion of the garment having the hole 26. Next the snap fastener sockets 28 to 31 are snapped directly over the correspondingly numbered snap fastener heads 28 to 31′, and finally the hook 33 is engaged in the eye 33′ below the right knee. This arrangement provides for the wide seat for the breeches and also the military effect of the patches at the inside of the knees as well as the snug cuff effect 37 under the knees. The idle buttons 19 and buttonholes 18 resulting along the inner faces of the legs are negligible in practice, as likewise are the snap fasteners and hooks and eyes at the back when the garment is worn as a skirt.

I claim:

1. The herein described convertible skirt and breeches, the same comprising right and left side portions permanently connected adjacent to the waistline by a vertical seam, the two side portions being detachably closed from said seam down to the lower edge and along another portion of the garment remote from said seam, means to utilize a portion of the attachment means aforesaid to secure one side portion to a diagonally opposite part of the other side portion when worn as breeches, and auxiliary fastening devices to adjust the lower portion of each side portion as a breeches leg.

2. The herein described convertible garment comprising skirt portions, means to detachably connect said portions in skirt formation, said attachment devices being separated when converted from skirt to breeches, means to utilize a portion of said fastening devices to adjust the breeches legs and produce a military hip design, and auxiliary fastening devices to complete the adjustment with the breeches legs.

3. The herein described convertible garment adapted to be worn either as a skirt or as breeches, the same comprising right

and left side portions, means to attach said side portions together in skirt formation, pockets formed on the side portions, auxiliary fastening means beneath said pockets, the first mentioned attaching means being separated in the conversion of the garment into breeches and a portion of said attachment means coöperating with the fastening means beneath the pockets as a part of the means to adjust the breeches legs, and auxiliary separable fasteners serving to complete the leg adjustments along the insides of the legs.

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