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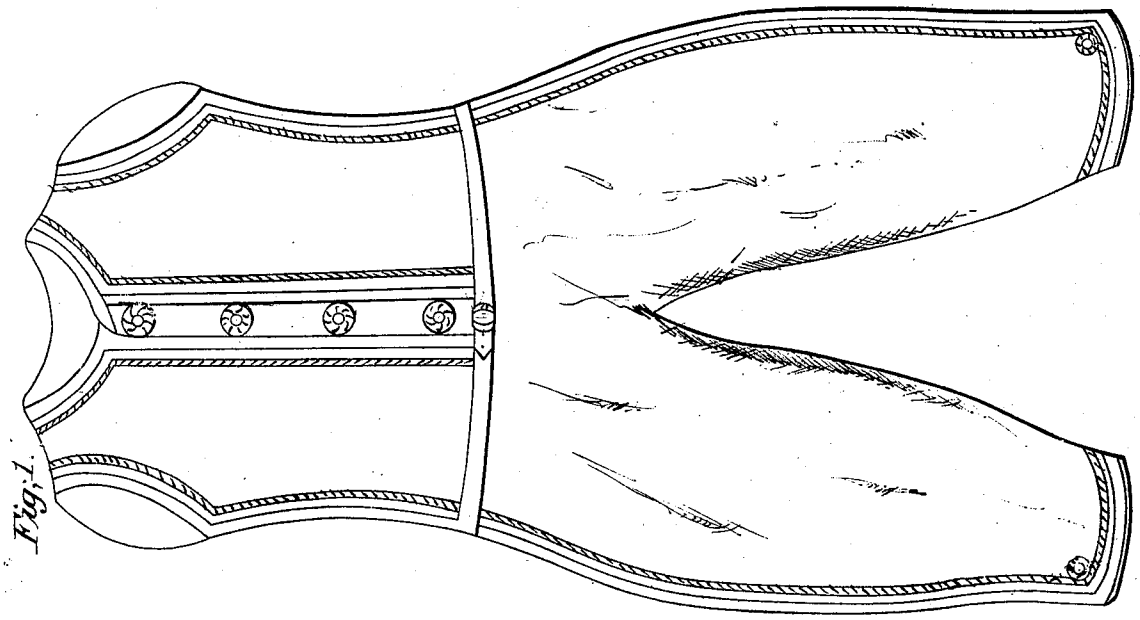


Fig. 1.

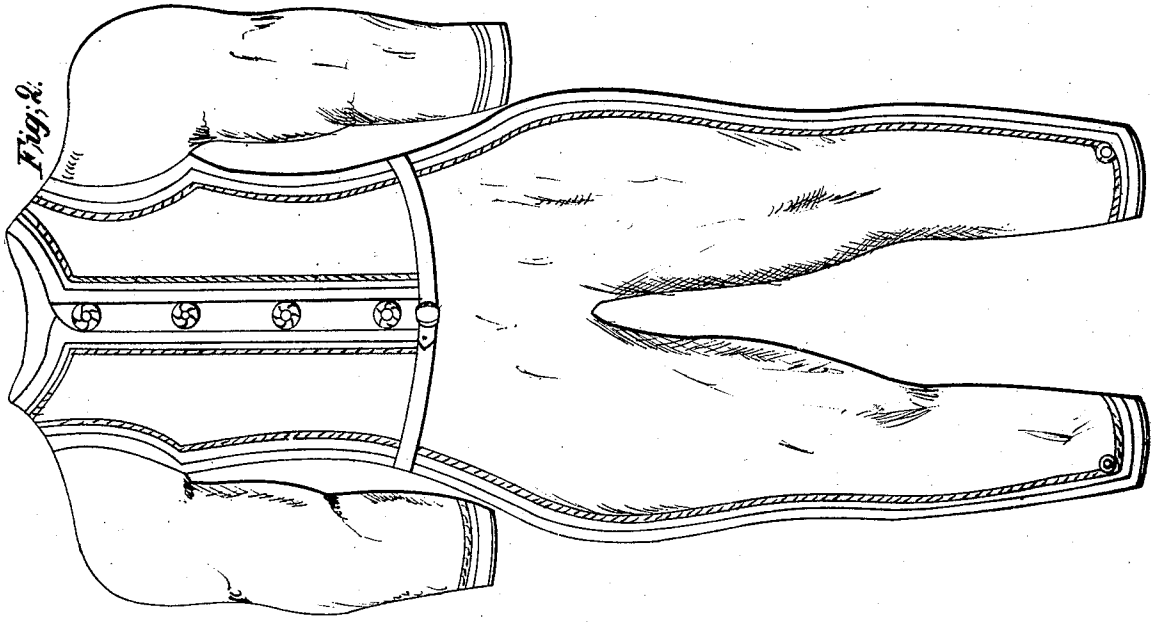


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVED BATHING-DRESS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OZIAS MORSE, of Concord, in the county of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful article of manufacture, in a new Mode of Constructing Bathing-Dresses, or other garments of like uses; and I declare the following to be a full and exact description thereof.

I construct the dress for the whole body and limbs, in one garment, so as sufficiently to protect the person of the wearer, and avoid the inconveniences attending upon the usual mode of construction.

In bathing-dresses, as usually made, several objections exist, which I have in a great degree avoided and obviated. The water gathers in the folds when the upper and lower garments are fastened together at the waist. A larger amount of material is required and used, and the strain is unequal, and impedes the motion of the wearer, by binding, &c.

To avoid these objections, and to make a dress at once compact and cheap, I make one garment, the upper portion of which, or that part intended for the upper part of the body, I make like a well-fitting undershirt, open in front down to the waist, or sufficiently to admit of being easily put on.

This is, when on, intended to be closed with buttons, and it is best to have the one part lap a little over the other.

From the waist downward, I make the garment whole like drawers, without any front or rear opening, simply extending the upper part downward, and terminating the same in legs, reaching down as far as desired. The waist may be fastened around by an elastic belt, but this is unnecessary; so also the neck, wrists, and ankles.

The drawings accompanying this, show my mode of constructing these garments.

The figure marked 1 is what I esteem the best form for females; the figure marked 2, the best for males.

They may be made with or without sleeves.

I make each side of the garment of one piece of cloth, and join the two in the middle of the back and up the front to the opening; but this is unimportant. Also, if desired, the opening may be made down the back, instead of the front, but I esteem the front opening the most convenient.

I claim constructing a bathing or swimming-dress in one garment, having the opening for putting it on extending from the neck to the waist, and being whole below the waist, substantially as described.

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