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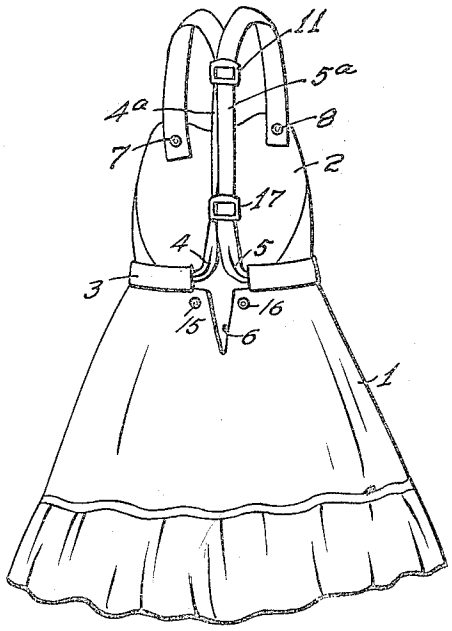


Fig. 2.

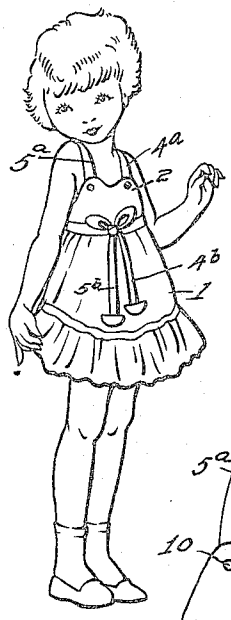


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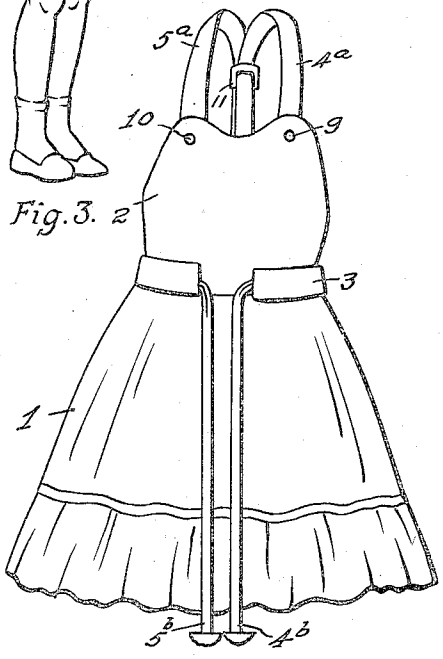


Fig. 1.

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This invention relates to garments and has particular reference to a play suit for female children.

The normal physical growth of female children is so rapid that it often becomes quite a problem to maintain such children properly dressed, the garments usually becoming outgrown long before they are outworn.

It is in view of the foregoing the object of my invention is to provide a garment for female children which is so designed and constructed that it may be readjusted as often as may be found necessary or deemed advisable for proper fitting and proportioning on the body of the child.

To this end, the invention resides in the combinations hereinafter described in detail and a preferred form of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, of which:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a garment embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a substantially corresponding rear view of the device; and

Fig. 3 is added more clearly to illustrate the position the garment takes on the body of the child.

The garment of the invention, in the form illustrated in the drawing, comprises a skirt portion 1 from which rises a bib 2. A seam 3 encircles the garment at the waistline thereof to encase therein tapes 4, 5, by means of which all adjustments of the garment may be made. The seam is open at the rear of the garment and the material thereof may be cut back a distance substantially as indicated at 6, in Fig. 2.

The ends 4^a, 5^a of the tapes extend upwardly over the shoulders of the child and then downwardly terminating in snap fastener elements 7, 8 for engagement with snap fastener elements 9, 10 at the lower upper edge of the bib 2. A buckle 11 is slidably mounted on the tape at the back of the garment nearer the upper end thereof to maintain the ends of the tapes vertically alined at this point and so to prevent the tapes from slipping sidewise over the shoulder of the child.

When the garment is first to be fitted, it is merely required to place the garment in approximate position on the body of the child whereupon the tapes are placed over the shoulders of the child and the snap fasteners 7–10 inter-engaged. The tapes may then be drawn downward along the back of the child until tightly fitted thereto, whereupon the position of the buckle 11 is adjusted until the tapes are comfortably placed on the shoulders of the child. It then merely remains necessary to draw the tape ends 4^b, 5^b, at the front of the garment out of the seams 3 until all slack in the tapes is taken up and the garment is snugly fitted about the waist of the child. It is now merely required to tie the ends of the tapes together, as indicated in Fig. 1 to maintain the garment correctly and snugly in position on the body of the child.

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For appearance's sake, it is preferred also to place inter-engageable snap fastener elements 15, 16 below the seam at the back of the garment, substantially as indicated in Fig. 2 of the drawing. It may also be preferable to place a second buckle 17 on the tapes, directly above the seam, to assist in maintaining the tapes properly alined and held flatly against each other during the tightening of the tapes about the waistline of the body. In the drawing, the buckle is, for the sake of clearness, shown mounted a distance above the seam but it should, in actual practice, be placed as close to the seam as possible.

I claim:

1. A garment for a child, said garment comprising a skirt and a bib rising from the waistline thereof, snap fastener elements at the upper edge of the bib, the skirt having at the waistline thereof a hem, the hem being cut at the front and rear of the garment to form right and left hem portions, tapes slidably extending through the hem portions of the skirt, the tapes being upwardly extendible from the rear ends of the hem in parallel alinement and adapted to extend over the shoulders of the child, and snap fastener elements at the ends of the tapes for engagement with the elements of the bib, the other ends of the tapes extending from the front of the hem for manual operation to draw the tapes through the hem fittingly to adjust the garment to the shape of the child's body.

2. A garment for a child, said garment comprising a skirt and a bib rising from the waistline thereof, snap fastener elements at the upper edge of the bib, the skirt having at the waistline thereof a hem, the hem being cut at the front and rear of the garment to form right and left hem portions, tapes slidably extending through the hem portions of the skirt, the tapes being upwardly extendible from the rear ends of the hem and adapted to extend over the shoulders of the child, snap fastener elements at the ends of the tapes for engagement with the elements of the bib, the other ends of the tapes extending from the front of the hem for manual operation to draw the tapes through the hem fittingly to adjust the garment to the shape of the child's

body, and a buckle mounted on the tapes and adjustable thereon to maintain the portions of the tapes rising from the waistline of the garment to the shoulders of the body in vertically alined contact with each other.

3. A garment for a child, said garment comprising a skirt and a bib rising from the waistline thereof, snap fastener elements at the upper edge of the bib, the skirt having at the waistline thereof a hem, the hem being cut at the front and rear of the garment to form right and left hem portions, the material of the garment being slit from the rear opening of the hem downwardly a distance, interenegageable snap fastener elements at the edges of the slit material of the skirt directly below the hem, tapes slidably extending through the hem portions of the skirt, the tapes being upwardly extendible in parallel alinement from the rear of the hem and adapted to extend over the shoulders of the child, and snap fastener elements at the ends of the tapes for engagement with the elements of the bib, the other ends of the tapes extending from the front of the hem for manual operation to draw the tapes through the hem fittingly to adjust the garment to the shape of the child's body.

4. A garment for a child, said garment comprising a skirt and a bib rising from the waistline thereof, snap fastener elements at the upper edge of the bib, the skirt having at the waistline thereof a hem, the hem being cut at the front and rear of the garment to form right and left hem portions, tapes slidably extending through the hem portions of the skirt, the tapes being upwardly extendible from the rear of the hem and adapted to extend over the shoulders of the child, snap fastener elements at the ends of the tapes for engagement with the elements of the bib, the other ends of the tapes extending from the front of the hem for manual operation to draw the tapes through the hem fittingly to adjust the garment to the shape of the child's body, and buckles on the portions of the tapes rising from the hem of the skirt at the back of the garment, the buckles being slidable on the tapes to maintain the tapes axially alined from the hem to the shoulders of the child.

5. A garment for a child, said garment comprising a skirt and a bib rising from the waistline thereof, snap fastener elements at the upper edge of the bib, the skirt having at the waistline thereof a hem, the hem being cut at the front and rear of the garment to form right and left hem portions, the material of the skirt being slit from the rear opening of the hem downwardly a distance, interengageable snap fastener elements at the edges of the slit of the skirt directly below the hem thereof, tapes slidably extending through the hem portions of the skirt, the tapes being upwardly extendible from the rear of the hem and adapted to extend over the shoulders of the child, snap fastener elements at the ends of the tapes for engagement with the elements of the bib, the other ends of the tapes extending from the front of the hem for manual operation to draw the tapes through the hem fittingly to adjust the garment to the shape of the child's body, and buckles on the portions of the tapes rising from the rear of the hem, the buckles being slidable on the tapes to maintain the tapes axially alined from the waistline to the shoulders of the child.

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