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WEARING APPAREL

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Fig. 1

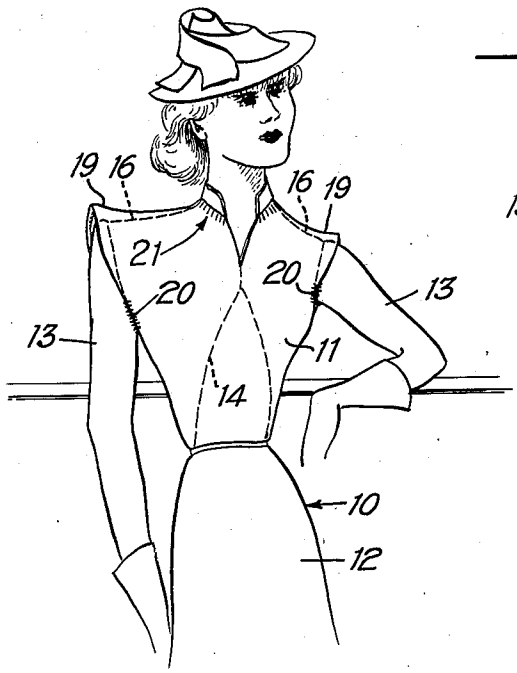


Fig. 2

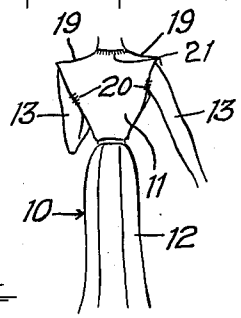


Fig. 3

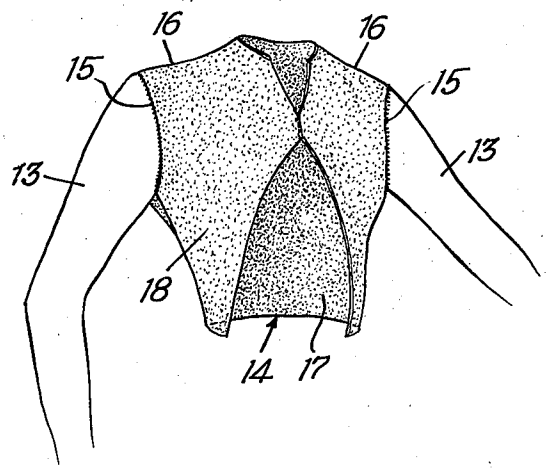
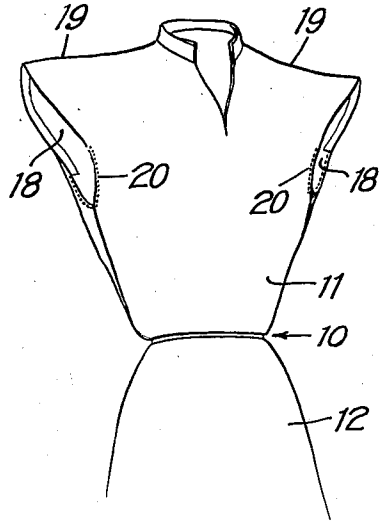


Fig. 4



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This invention relates to improvements in wearing apparel, and more particularly to garments.

Objects

Among the principal objects which the present invention has in view are: to provide an article of wearing apparel having means for presenting a neat and perfectly fitting garment at a part thereof; to provide an article of wearing apparel with a shoulder portion which is free to move independently of the sleeve; to be enabled to attach a sleeve to an article of wearing apparel at a part thereof; to attach the sleeve of an article of wearing apparel to a backing or lining to form an under-bodice; to be enabled to attach the sleeve and under-bodice to the armpit of an article of wearing apparel with the shoulder portion thereof free to move with respect to the shoulder portion of the sleeve and under-bodice; to provide an article of wearing apparel having a square, perfectly fitting shoulder in wool, silk, acetates and the like; to facilitate construction and manufacture of an article of wearing apparel requiring minimum heat and pressure in assembling the same; to be enabled to extend the length of wearing qualities and to minimize the strain of the shoulder material; to secure the under-bodice and attached sleeve to an article of wearing apparel at the armpit, waist line and at the neck; to prevent strain and cracking at the back and across the shoulders of an article of wearing apparel; to secure simplicity of construction, manufacture and operation; and to obtain other advantages and results as may be brought out in the following description.

Drawing

Figure 1 is illustrative of an article of wearing apparel embodying the invention as showing a front elevation of the same;

Figure 2 is a rear elevation of the same;

Figure 3 is a front elevation of part of an article of wearing apparel before assembly of the same to the completed article; and

Figure 4 is a front elevation of article before the showing of Figure 3 is secured thereto.

Description

In the present showing there is illustrated in the several figures, an article of wearing apparel which for purposes of description and clarification will be hereinafter referred to as a dress **10**. However, it is to be understood that the invention is not to be restricted to the showing made, as it can well be incorporated in most all wearing apparel which require the use of sleeves as part thereof. In the present day tailoring or manufacture of dresses and the like, the sleeves preferably are made a permanent part thereof, requiring stitching to go all the way around the arm at the shoulder. Padding at the shoulder to provide square or military effect to the garment is deemed necessary. In order for the garment to retain its shape both at the manufacturing stage and during the wearing life considerable heat and pressing must be resorted to. However, and especially in cheaper garments, the materials used cannot stand considerable heat and pressure, thereby resulting in damaging the garment. Also, it has been found that garments of present day construction become unshapely at the shoulders and the life of such garment loses its neatness as well as becoming distorted by virtue of the wearer unconsciously moving the arms in an upward direction, thereby causing a strain and cracking in the back and across the shoulders of the garment. It is to this end that the present invention is directed to overcome the many defects now encountered in present day construction of wearing apparel, and to present a garment which will be neat and at the same time give comfort to the wearer, allow for freedom of movement of the arms at and across the back of the shoulders and at the same time present a dress which will at all times retain its neatness and shoulder shape.

As seen in the drawing, and referring to the several figures, the dress **10** in construction has a waist portion **11**, skirt portion **12** and sleeves **13**. As illustrated in Figure 3 it is desirable to first manufacture the sleeves **13** which may preferably be either the short or long length type and of the same material as the dress material. The sleeves preferably may be secured to a lining or backing **14** of any suitable light weight and perspiration absorbing material, and is made secure to said lining at the shoulder portions as by a row of stitches **15** extending the entire circumferential area at the joining of the sleeves to the backing or lining **14**. This said backing or lining preferably is of a shape to resemble a waist and having shoulder portions **16**, **16**, back **17** and front open lower portion **18**. The backing or lining **14** in the trade is termed as the under-bodice and with the attached sleeves **13**, **13** may then be inserted within and made a permanent part of the waist **11** of the dress. In passing it further may be stated the shoulders **16**, **16** of the under-bodice, if desired, may be provided with a light stiffening or padding material and

made part thereof in any suitable or convenient manner. Such construction will provide for the so-called square or military shoulder.

Referring now more particularly to Figure 4, the dress is shown as without the under-bodice 14 with sleeves 13 and as illustrated is provided with open armholes 18. The shoulders 19 of the dress proper preferably extend outwardly a slight distance beyond the shoulders 16 of the under-bodice and may be similarly squared as the said shoulders of the said under-bodice as clearly seen in Figures 1 and 2. In order that the material along the outer edges of the shoulders 19 does not fray or unravel, and in order to give a neat finish thereat, the edge material may be turned down and inwardly to underlie the shoulder material, and if desired may be made secure thereto as by stitching or other suitable manner.

In assembling the under-bodice 14 and its attached sleeves 13 to the waist 11 of the dress 10, the under-bodice and sleeves may conveniently be inserted within the waist 11 and the sleeves 13 drawn out through the armholes 18. When thus set within the waist of the dress the under-bodice 14 may be made secure to said waist portion as by blind stitching 21 along the neck and seams at the sides of the waist 11 and extending downwardly to the waist line or belt portion thereof. Furthermore, it will be noted in Figures 1 and 4, the sleeves may be attached to the dress at the armpits as by rows of stitching 20, 20 and extending only part way up on either side of said armpits. When thus attached the sleeves and dress will give an appearance of a one-piece construction, with the shoulder portions of both the under-bodice and dress being entirely independent of each other with the shoulders 19, 19 of the dress proper overlying the shoulders and sleeves of the under-bodice. This detached portion of shoulders not only presents a neatly finished garment, but from all appearances and purposes gives the effect of a one-piece garment, even hanging of the outer portion, freedom of movement for the user without undue distortion of the garment and retention of shape and style over a long period of time.

I claim:

1. A garment of the character described comprising an under-bodice member and sleeves, said sleeves being attached entirely around the armpit and shoulder portions thereof to said under-bodice, an outer member overlying the under-bodice and free of the sleeves around the shoulder portions thereof and attached to the sleeves and under-bodice at the armpits thereof, said under-bodice and outer member having juxtaposed neck portions secured together.

2. A garment of the character described comprising a waist portion having an under-bodice and sleeves, said sleeves secured the entire circumferential area of the shoulder and armpit portions to said under-bodice, said waist portion overlying the under-bodice and having open arm holes and free of the sleeves around the shoulder portions thereof and stitched to the under-bodice and sleeves at the armpits thereof; said under-bodice and waist portion having juxtaposed neck portions secured together.

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