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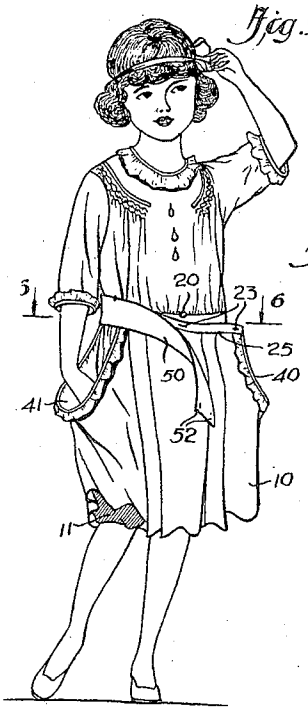


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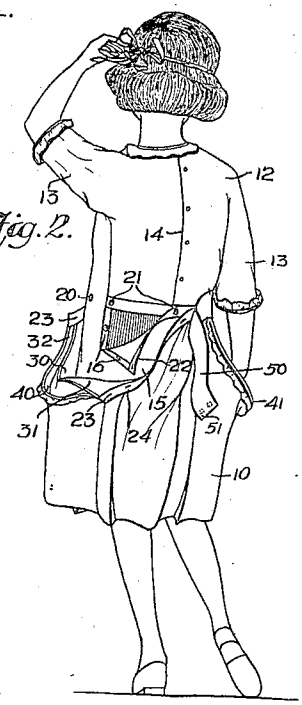


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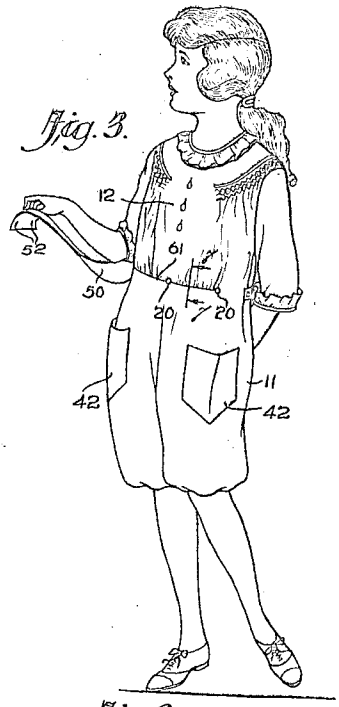


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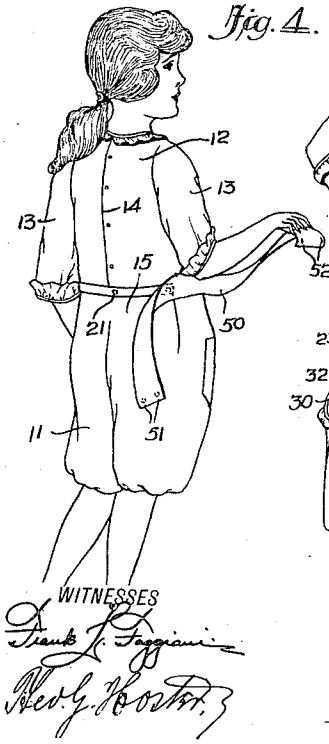


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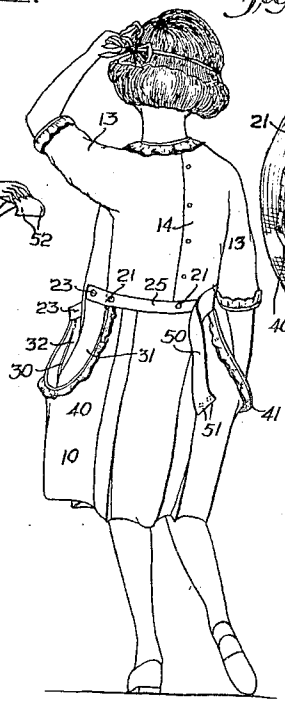


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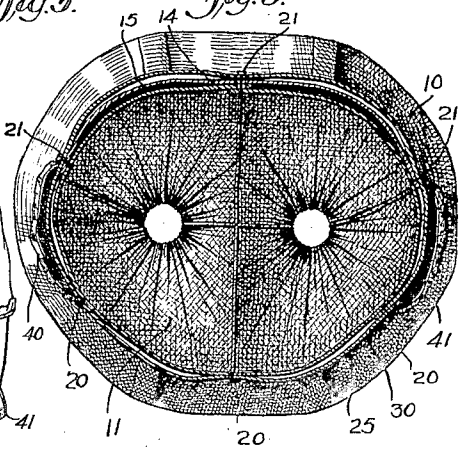
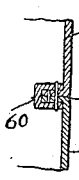


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRVING WHEELER, 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 Garment, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to wearing apparel and its object is to provide a new and improved convertible garment more especially designed for wear by children and arranged to be worn either as a combined waist and bloomers or as a dress and bloomers.

Another object is to permit of conveniently opening the garment at the rear for sanitary purposes.

Another object is to provide a garment exceedingly neat in appearance when worn in either of its two forms.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction as hereinafter shown and described and then specifically pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of the improved convertible garment worn as a combined dress and bloomers, part of the skirt and belt being shown open;

Figure 2 is a rear perspective view of the same with part of the skirt, part of the sanitary flap and the belt in open position;

Figure 3 is a front perspective view of the garment worn as a combined waist and bloomers;

Figure 4 is a rear perspective view of the same;

Figure 5 is a similar view of the improved convertible garment worn as a dress and bloomers with part of the belt and the skirt in open position;

Figure 6 is an enlarged sectional plan view of the convertible garment, the section being on the line 6—6 of Figure 1; and

Figure 7 is an enlarged cross section of the joint at the front of the waist and bloomers, the section being on the line 7—7 of Figure 3.

The convertible garment in its general construction comprises a skirt 10 and combined bloomers 11 and waist 12. The waist 12 is provided with sleeves 13 and is adapted to be opened and closed at the back, as indicated at 14 in Figures 2, 4 and 5. The bloomers 11 are provided at the back with a sanitary flap 15 adapted to be closed at the sides by suitable fastening devices 16 such as snap fasteners, and the waist 12 is provided along the waistline with three spaced front buttons 20 and three spaced back buttons 21, of which the latter are adapted to be engaged by buttonholes 22 arranged on the upper end of the sanitary flap 15. The several buttons 20 and 21 are adapted to be engaged by corresponding buttonholes 23 and 24 arranged on the waistband 25 of the skirt 10. The skirt 10 is provided, slightly at the front of one side (preferably the left-hand side, see Figures 2 and 5), with a placket 30 having overlapping flaps 31 and 32 provided with a registering pair of rear buttonholes 24 adapted to engage the same rear button 21 on one side of the back of the waist 12 and used for fastening the corresponding side of the sanitary flap 15 in closed position. The sides of the skirt are provided with pockets 40 and 41, of which the pocket 40 encloses and conceals the placket 30 at the time the parts are in closed position with the skirt supported from the waist 12. The bloomers 11 are provided with pockets 42 for use when the skirt is omitted and the garment is worn as a combined waist and bloomers, as shown in Figures 3 and 4. The waistband 25 of the skirt 10 and the buttons 20 and 21 are concealed by a belt 50 attached at several points of its upper edge to the waist 12 above the waistline thereof, thus giving a neat appearance to the convertible garment when worn as a dress and bloomers, as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 5. The ends of the belt 50 are provided with suitable fastening devices 51, 52, such as buttons and buttonholes to permit of opening and closing the belt opposite the upper end of the placket 30 (see Figure 5).

It will be noticed that by the arrangement described the belt 50 can be readily opened as well as the placket 30 to allow of conveniently opening the back flap 15 for sanitary purposes and without completely detaching the skirt 10 from the waist 12, as will be readily understood by reference to Figure 2. It will further be noticed that when the skirt 10 is worn the sanitary flap 15 is completely concealed.

In the manufacture of the combined bloomers 11 and waist 12 a portion of the front is cut out and the edges securely fastened together with the aid of a binding 60 (see Figure 7), to provide a horizontally disposed joint 61 (see Figures 3 and 7) which foreshortens the front of the bloomers 11 to insure the proper hang thereof.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. A convertible garment, comprising a skirt and combined bloomers and waist, the bloomers having a sanitary back flap adapted to be closed at the sides, and the skirt secured to the waist over the bloomers and having a placket at one side, and a pocket at each side, one of the pockets concealing the placket of the skirt.

2. A convertible garment, comprising a skirt and combined bloomers and waist, the skirt having a waistband provided with spaced buttonholes and having a placket at one side, the bloomers extending under the skirt and having a sanitary back flap having buttonholes, the said waist being provided along the waistline with spaced buttons, of which the buttons at the back are adapted to be engaged by the buttonholes of the said sanitary flap to hold the latter in closed position, the said buttons being adapted to be engaged by the said buttonholes on the waistband of the skirt to support the latter from the said waist, and pockets at the sides of the said skirt, one of the said pockets enclosing and concealing the said placket.

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