To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTOPHER ROBERT HOYME, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York City, in the county of New York, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Combined Bath Robe and Towel, fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawing, forming a part of the same.

This invention relates to a new article of manufacture, adapted to serve both as a bath towel and a sanitary bathrobe.

In my application filed February 6, 1922, Serial No. 534,557, upon which Patent No. 1,492,249 was issued on October 17, 1922, I described an article adapted for these two uses, and comprising a straight strip of toweling of about the length of two ordinary bath towels, provided at or near its center with a head opening, and having along each of its edges at opposite sides of the head opening fastenings by which the edges of opposite sides of the strip might be detachably secured together about the body when it was desired to use the article as a bathrobe. The fastenings illustrated in that application were made of pieces of fabric separate from the strip of toweling and were designed to secure opposite edges of the strip together in abutted relation.

The present invention relates to an improved article of the same general character as that shown in my aforesaid application and patent. Objects of the present invention are to provide improved fastening means for the edges of the strip which may be formed integral with the strip and which increase the attractiveness of the article when worn as a bathrobe by providing it with a belt or sash.

In accordance with the present invention fastenings are provided which, instead of holding the edges of the strip in abutted relation, fold one edge over the other. This has been found to result in securing a more complete closure at the edges with the single pair of fastenings than had heretofore been possible with a plurality of pairs of fastenings. Another feature of the present invention consists in cutting slits inwardly from one end of the strip of toweling near opposite edges thereof so as to form fastening bands out of a part of the material of the strip. A further feature of the invention consists in making the bands of such length that they may be tied together so as to serve as a belt or sash.

The invention may best be understood by a detailed description of the specific embodiment of it which is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the new article secured about the figure so as to form a bathrobe; and

Fig. 2 is a view of the new article spread out flat in condition to be used as a towel.

The new article, as illustrated, comprises a relatively long and relatively narrow strip of toweling 10. The opposite edges of the strip 10 are straight and parallel. The toweling from which the strip 10 is made may be woven in a piece of the same width as the strip 10, so that the opposite edges of the strip need not be cut. The strip 10 has at its center an opening 11 of such size that the head may easily be passed through it. The portion 12 of the strip 10 at one side of the opening 11 contains two parallel slits 13 which are cut in from the end of the strip near opposite edges thereof. My means of these slits the outer edge portions of the part 12 of the strip are formed into narrow bands 14.

The portion 15 of the strip 10 which lies at the other side of the head opening 11 from the portion 12 is provided with two elongated holes 16. These holes are spaced inwardly from the edges of the strip and are located at substantially the same distance from the opening 11 as the inner ends of the slits 13. The holes 16 are slightly greater in length than the width of the bands 14.

The edges of the slits 13, the holes 16, and the opening 11, and the ends of the strip 10 may be finished by means of buttonhole stitching. This stitching may, if desired, be extended along the side edges of the strip 10, although this is not essential, as these are the selvage edges of the piece of toweling of which the strip is formed.

When it is desired to use the article as a bathrobe, the opening 11 is passed over the head and the two portions 12, 15 of the strip 10 are allowed to hang down, one behind and one in front of the body. Ordinarily the portion 12 is placed in front. The edges of the portions 13 and 15 are then secured together by passing the bands 14...
through the holes 16 from the inside and tying the bands together, as seen in Fig. 1. It will be seen from Fig. 1 that owing to the fact that the holes 16 are spaced inwardly from the edges of the strip, the tying of the bands 14 results in folding the edges of the portion 15 of the strip 10 over the edges of the portion 12 of the strip, so that the article forms a garment which is closed at each side. Furthermore, the bands 14 form a belt or sash which adds materially to the attractive appearance of the article when worn as a bathrobe.

When it is desired to use the article as a towel, the bands 14 are untied and withdrawn from the holes 16, so that the article may be spread out flat as shown in Fig. 2. As the article may be spread out entirely flat, as shown in Fig. 2, it may be laundered as easily as an ordinary towel.

It is apparent that the entire article, including the fastening bands 14 may be made of a single piece of toweling. Furthermore, in making the article from a strip of toweling no cutting is necessary, except across the ends of the strip and in forming the holes 11 and 16 and the slits 13. The amount of toweling used is about the same as that needed for two ordinary bath towels. Thus, by use of the invention bathers and hotel guests may be provided with attractive bathrobes as well as bath towels at practically no greater expense, either as to first cost, or as to laundering, than have heretofore been incurred in furnishing them with bath towels.

What is claimed is:

1. An article adapted for use both as a bath towel and as a bathrobe comprising a relatively long and relatively narrow strip of toweling having near its middle an opening through which the head may be passed so that the portions of the strip at opposite sides of the opening will hang down in front and behind the wearer's body respectively, the back portion of the strip containing holes spaced inwardly from its edges at the wearer's waist, and the front portion of the strip having longitudinally disposed attaching portions formed of the strip of toweling between opposite side edges thereof, said attaching portions being designed to pass through said holes and adapted to be connected across the front portion of the strip so as to draw the edges of the back portion over the edges of the front portion.

2. An article adapted to be used both as a bath towel and a bathrobe comprising a strip of fabric provided with substantially straight parallel side edges and having near its middle a head opening, said strip being formed with two holes upon one side of the head opening arranged in spaced relation from the opposite side edges of the strip, respectively, said strip being provided upon the other side of the head opening with two relatively long slits disposed longitudinally of the strip and extending inwardly from the end thereof, said slits being designed to form portions of the strip lying between opposite edges into bands adapted to be passed through said holes and tied around the body while permitting portions of the material adjacent the slits to be overlapped for covering the body.

3. A garment comprising a single piece of fabric having the form of a relatively long and relatively narrow strip and having near its center a head opening, said strip being provided with two relatively long slits disposed longitudinally thereof and extending inwardly from one end of the strip, said slits serving to form portions of the strip adjacent opposite side edges thereof into bands adapted to be tied around the body to hold the garment in position.

4. An article adapted to be used both as a bath towel and a bathrobe comprising a strip of material having near its middle a head opening, said strip being slit longitudinally thereof along at least one side edge and inwardly from one end thereof, said slit providing an attaching portion for tying the article around the body when it is used as a bathrobe.

5. An article adapted for use both as a bath towel and a bathrobe comprising a long narrow strip of toweling having near its middle an opening through which the head may be passed so that the portions of the strip at opposite sides of the opening will hang down in front and behind the wearer's body, respectively, a flexible member provided on the front portion, said member being adapted to form a band arranged to tie the article around the body when used as a bathrobe with the edges of one of said portions overlapping the edges of the other of said portions at the waist so that the portions of the edges below the waist depend in overlapped relation, and means provided on the portion of the strip disposed behind the wearer's body adapted to coact with said flexible member for detachably receiving same when the article is tied around the body.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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