

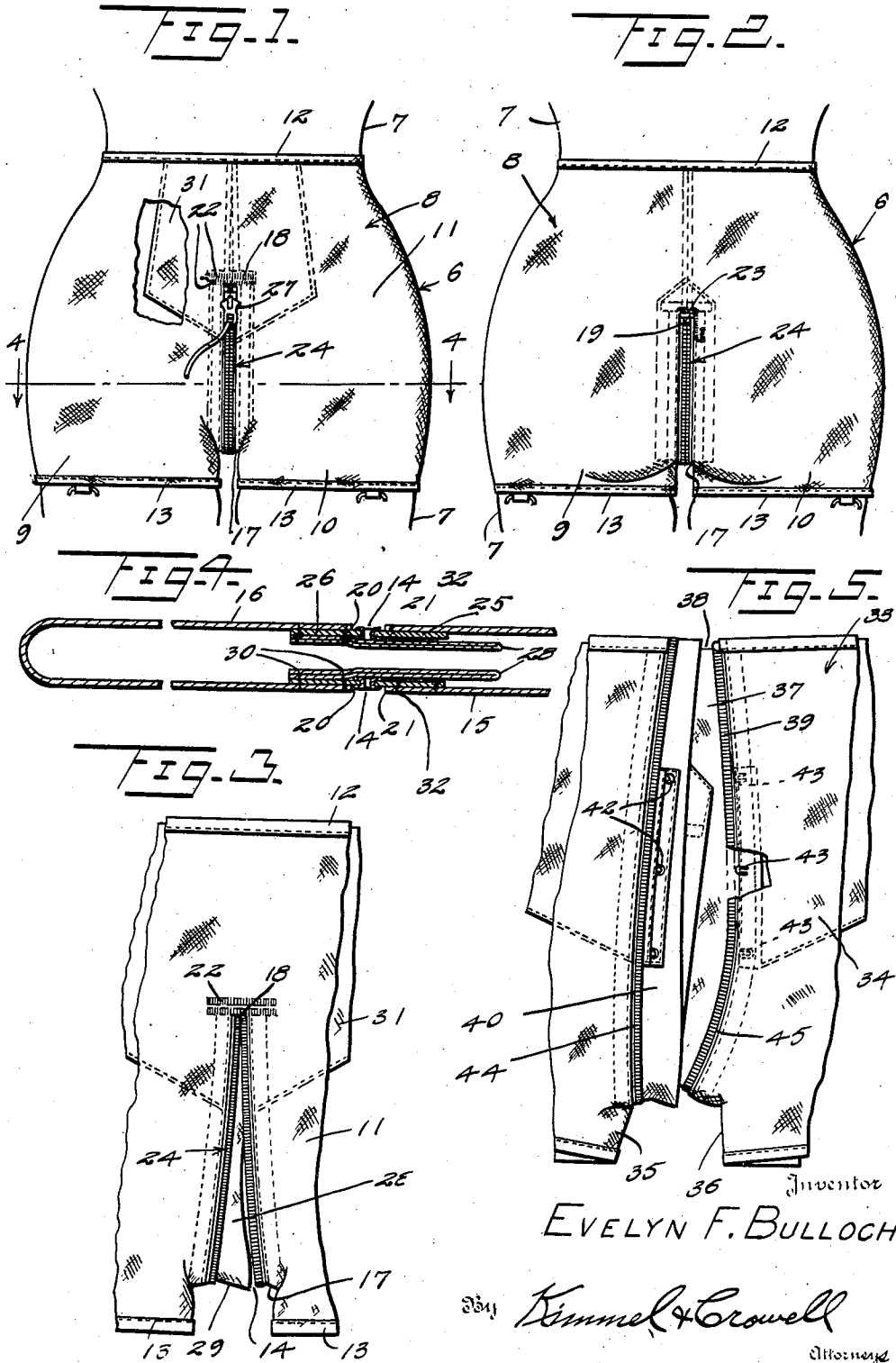
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This invention relates to a garment, more particularly to an improvement in undergarments of the pantie-girdle type for women's wear possessing an inherent fitting characteristic, but it is to be understood that the improvement, in accordance with this invention is to be employed in any form of garment for which it is found applicable.

The invention aims to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a normally closed undergarment of the snug fitting type for women's wear so constructed as to permit of the wearer to attend to bodily functions without the necessity of removing the undergarment or the other garment or garments encompassing the undergarment.

The invention further aims to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, an undergarment of the snug fitting type for women's wear formed with a normally closed slit extended from a point spaced below the top of the back to a point on the front of the garment and a conveniently reached and expeditiously operated slit opening and closing means for the use of the wearer to provide respectively for the opening of the slit to the desired extent to enable the wearer to attend to bodily functions and for closing the slit without removing the undergarment or the other garment or garments encompassing the undergarment.

The invention further aims to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, an elastic snug fitting undergarment for women's wear having means for conveniently and expeditiously partly opening the garment from front to back and through the crotch to permit the wearer attending bodily functions without removing the garment and to provide for the snug fitting of the garment after the bodily functions have been performed.

The invention further aims to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a garment for women's wear having the body thereof formed with a normally closed slit aligning at one end with a hollow or cavity in the back of the wearer at the upper end of the rectal cavity, extending down the back, through the crotch of said body and then up the front of the latter to an extent to have its other end positioned above the pubic region, and said body having means correlated with the slit for opening and closing the latter disposed in convenient reach of and expeditiously operated by the wearer of the garment for opening the slit to permit of the wearer attending bodily functions and for closing the slit without

the necessity of removing the garment from the person.

The invention further aims to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, an undergarment for women's wear slitted in its back, throughout its crotch and in its front, and means correlated with the body of the garment for opening and closing the slit, the said means being so disposed as to prevent it being seen when the undergarment is encompassed by an outer garment having a low front and back.

The invention further aims to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a snug fitting undergarment having its body formed with a slit to permit of the wearer attending to bodily functions without disrobing, means coextensive with the slit expeditiously and conveniently operated by the wearer for releasably holding the edges of the slit in close relation, for maintaining the slit normally closed and for opening the slit, one end of the slit arranged below the top of the back of the garment, the other end arranged at the front of the garment below the top of the latter and the slit extending through the crotch of the garment from the bottom of the front to the bottom of the back of the garment.

The invention further aims to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, an undergarment for women's wear possessing inherent snug fitting characteristics adapted to be worn on the torso and including a utilitarian releasable closure extending from the front to the back of the garment and through the crotch of the latter.

The invention further aims to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a slitted elastic undergarment of the close fitting type provided with a releasable closure means for the slit disposed in novel relation with respect to the body of the garment and in convenient reach of the wearer, when occasion requires for expeditiously opening and closing the slit.

The invention further aims to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, an undergarment for women's wear which is simple in its construction and arrangement, strong, durable, compact, thoroughly efficient for the purpose intended thereby and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

Embodying the aims aforesaid and others which may hereinafter appear, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be more specifically referred to and illustrated in the accompanying drawing wherein are shown embodiments of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes,

variations and modifications may be resorted to which fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a front elevation, broken away, of a slitted garment in accordance with this invention showing the adaptation thereof with respect to a fragmentary simulation of the body of a wearer and with the slit of the garment closed,

Figure 2 is a rear elevation of the garment with the slit of the latter closed and showing the adaptation of the garment with respect to a fragmentary simulation of the body of a wearer,

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view in front elevation of the garment with the slit thereof open,

Figure 4 is a section on line 4-4 Figure 1, and

Figure 5 is a view similar to Figure 3 of a modified form.

Referring to Figures 1 to 4, the garment 6 illustrated thereby is shown as of the pantie-girdle type. The body portion of the garment 6 possesses an inherent characteristic to provide for the snug fitting thereof, that is to say it is formed of suitable yieldable elastic material to provide for it to automatically conform to the shape of and to snugly fit the body of the wearer. A fragmentary simulation of the body of the wearer is indicated at 7 and the garment 6 is shown as in encompassing relation with the simulation 7.

The garment 6, as shown includes a body portion formed of a girdle or body part 8 and a pair of spaced leg parts 9, 10 depending from the part 8. The parts 8, 9, 10 are formed from a two part web 11 of material possessing the elastic characteristic desired. An elastic endless binder 12 is arranged at and secured to the upper end of the part 8. An elastic endless binder 13 is arranged and secured to the lower end of each of the leg parts.

The part 8 is formed with a slit, cutout, slot or opening 14 and which will be hereinafter termed a slit. The latter is intersected centrally by the vertical median of the front 15, the vertical median of the back 16 and the horizontal median of the crotch 17 of the part 8. The front end 18 of the slit 14 is arranged below the top of the front 15 and disposed at a point above and in proximity to the pubic region of the wearer. The rear end 19 of the slit 14 is arranged below the top of the back 16 and disposed at a point above and in close proximity to the upper end of the rectal cavity of the wearer. The rear end 19 of the slit 14 is arranged below the front end 18 of the latter. The lengthwise edges of the slit 14 are indicated at 20, 21. The part 8 is provided with reinforcing means 22, 23 for the ends 18, 19 respectively of the slit 14. The means 22 is in the form of a pair of parallel horizontal rows of closely related stitchings and the means 23 is in the form of a single horizontal row of closely related stitching. The means 22 is disposed in transverse relation to, is flush with and borders the end 18 of the slit 14. The means 23 is disposed in transverse relation to, is flush with and borders the end 19 of the slit 14. The means 22 is of greater length than the width of slit 18 and it is also of greater length than the means 23. The latter corresponds to the width of slit 14.

There is correlated with the slit 14 for the purpose of opening and closing it, a slide fastener means 24 of the "Zipper" type. The elements of the means 24 are indicated at 25, 26, 27. The

elements 25, 26 are oppositely disposed and are in the form of a pair of folded flexible tapes each carrying a row of teeth. The element 27 is in the form of a slide correlating with the teeth of elements 25, 26 for the purpose of opening and closing the slit 14. The elements 25, 26 are co-extensive with the slit 14, have their tapes secured to the inner face of part 8 and extend outwardly from the edges 20, 21 respectively of slit 14.

Arranged within the part 8 is a protecting member 28 of flap-like form constructed from a strip of fabric folded upon itself to form a pair of folds. The member 28 gradually increases in width from each end thereof to its bend 29. The ends of the member 28 are anchored by the means 22, 23 to the inner face of part 8 above the ends 18, 19 of slit 14. The member 28 is of a width to extend from the edge 20 to beyond the edge 21 of the slit 14. The member 28 is arranged against the tapes of the elements 25, 26. The member 28 and the tape of element 25 are secured together and to the part 8 by the stitching 30. The member 28 is free of connection to the tape of element 26. The bend 29 of member 28 is arranged at the crotch of part 8.

The inner face of the front of part 8 has secured thereto, by stitching, a non-elastic strip of fabric 31, which extends from the top of the front to a point below the end 19 of slit 14. The strip 31 is intersected by the vertical median of the front of part 8. The lower portion of strip 31 is split on its vertical center. The strip 31 acts to arrest the stretching and contracting of that portion of the front of part 8 to which it is secured.

The tape of the element 26 is secured to part 8 by the stitching 32. The width of the member 28 is greater than the combined width of the tapes of the elements 25, 26 and is permanently free of the tape of element 26.

With reference to Figure 5, the modified form of garment 33 shown thereby includes a girdle part 34 and a pair of leg parts 35, 36. The garment 33 is of the snug fitting type and possesses the same characteristics as the garment 6. The part 34 is formed with a slit 37 having a closed rear end of the same form and disposed in the part 34 in the same manner as the end 19 of the slit 14 is arranged in the part 8. The front end 38 of the slit 37 is open and it is disposed at the top of the front of the part 34. The slit 37 is of greater length than the slit 14, but it is positioned in the part 34 at a point similar to that in which the slit 14 is positioned in part 8. The garment 33 includes a slide fastener means 39 corresponding in form to, but of greater length than the slide fastener means 24. The means 39 corresponds in length to the length of the slit 37. The means 39 is arranged relative to the slit 37 in the same manner as the means 24 is disposed relative to slit 14. The garment 33 includes a protecting member 40 for the same purpose as and which is of the same form and arranged in relation to the slit 37 in the same manner as the member 28 is disposed with respect to the slit 14. The member 40 is of greater length than the length of member 28. The member 40 on the outer face of its front portion 41 has secured thereto, below the top thereof a set of superposed eyes 42, which are to correlate with a set of hooks 43 for detachably connecting the intermediate portion of the front part of the edges 44, 45 of the slit 37 together, independently of the slide fastener means 39. The latter is arranged out-

wardly of said eyes and hooks. Otherwise than that as stated the garment 33 will be substantially of the same construction as the garment 6.

What I claim is:

In a foundation garment for women's wear, an endless girdle part possessing inherent close fitting characteristics and formed of a front, a back, a pair of sides and a crotch, spaced short leg parts possessing inherent snug fitting characteristics integral with and depending from said girdle part adjacent opposite sides of the crotch, said girdle part being formed with a slit having a rear portion disposed downwardly on the vertical median of said back, a front portion disposed upwardly on the vertical median of said front and an intermediate portion disposed on the horizontal median of the crotch from said rear to said front portions, said slit having front and rear ends, said rear end being closed and so located at said back to provide when the garment is worn to align with a point above and in close proximity to the upper end of the rectal cavity of the wearer, slide fastener means secured to the inner face of said front, crotch and back, bordering both sides of, coextensive with and extended from both sides of the slit and providing

for opening and closing the latter, the slide of said means when the slit is closed being located at the front end of the slit and when the slit is opened being located at the rear end of the slit, a folded protecting member of strip-like form secured to the inner face of a side portion of said means, corresponding in length to the length of the slit, extending from such side and opposing the inner face of the other side of said means when the slit is closed, said slit having its front end closed, said front end being so located in said front of the girdle part to provide, when the garment is worn to align with a point above and in proximity to the pubic region of the wearer and below the top of said front of the girdle part, reinforcing means for the rear end of the slit carried by the back of the girdle part, reinforcing means for the front end of the slit carried by the front of the girdle part, and a non-elastic reinforcing means secured to the inner face of the upper portion of the front of the girdle part and slitted centrally of its lower portion, the slit in said reinforcing means registering with the upper part of the front portion of the said other slit.

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