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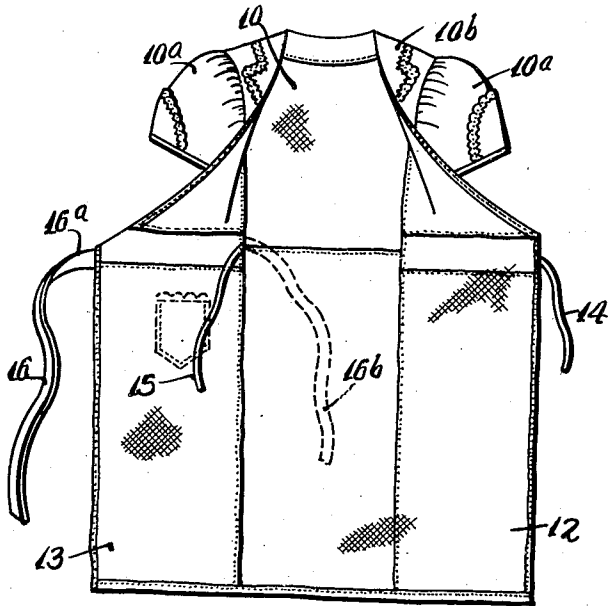


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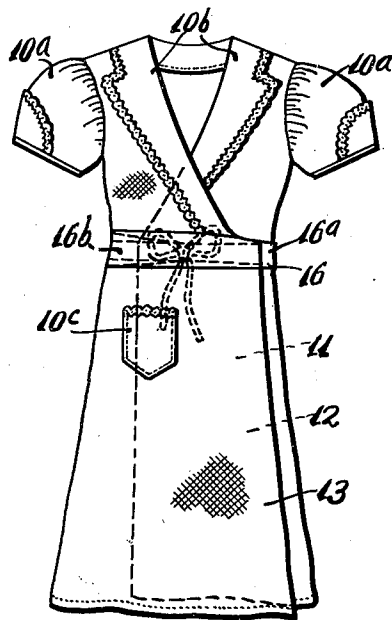


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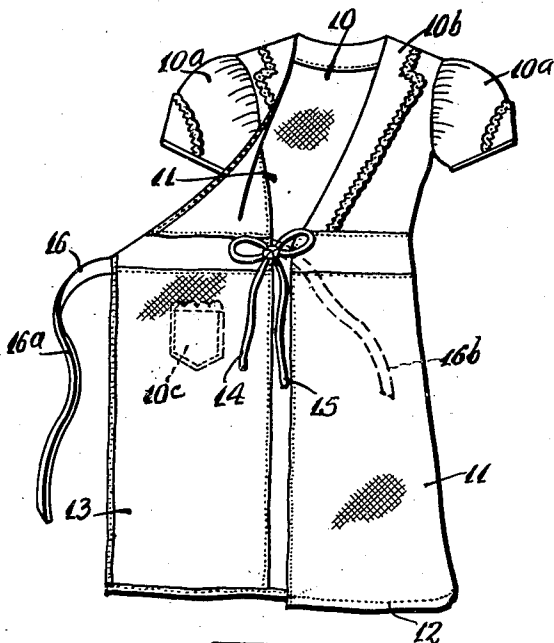


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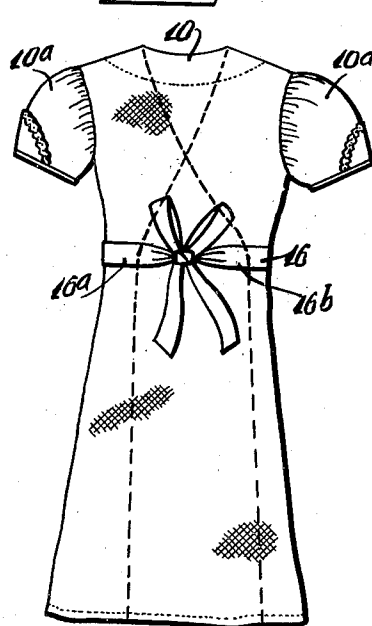


FIG. 4.

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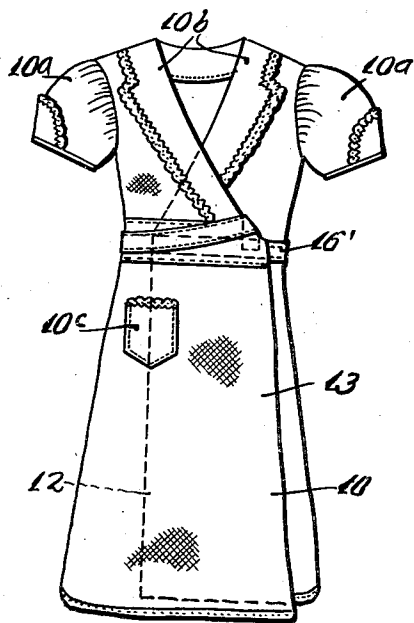


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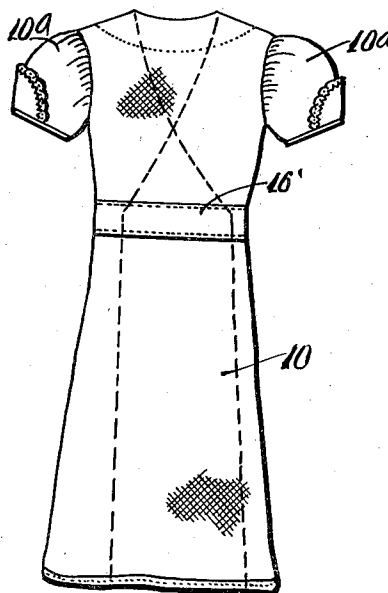


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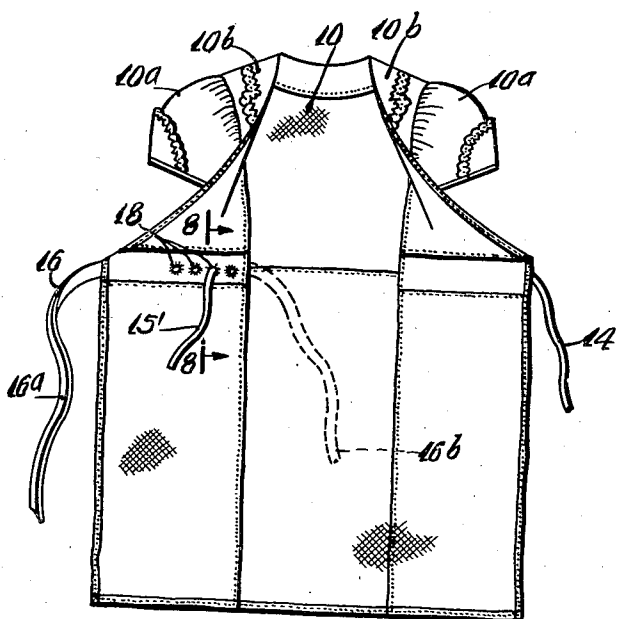


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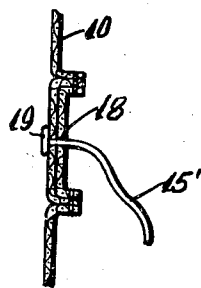


Fig. 8.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a dress.

More specifically, the invention proposes the construction of a dress of the Hoover type having an open front with the edge portions thereof arranged to overlap each other and provided with a novel means for closing the front opening in a manner to individually hold each of the edge portions securely in position.

Still further it is proposed to provide a tie string upon the top portion of the inner of said overlapping edge portions and which is adapted to be engaged with a complementary tie string mounted on the inside of said dress in a manner to securely hold the inner of said overlapping edge portions in position.

Still further it is proposed to provide a belt on the outside of said dress at the waist portion and which is connected to the outer of said overlapping portions in a manner to securely hold the outer overlapping portion in position.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claim in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of a dress constructed in accordance with this invention and in its fully open condition.

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 and illustrating the dress partially closed.

Fig. 3 is an elevational view of the dress completely closed.

Fig. 4 is a rear elevational view of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 3 but illustrating a modification of the invention.

Fig. 6 is a rear elevational view of Fig. 5.

Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but illustrating a still further modification of the invention.

Fig. 8 is an enlarged vertical sectional view taken on the line 8-8 of Fig. 7.

The dress, according to this invention, includes fabric material in the form of a dress 10, and preferably, in the form of a Hoover apron having an open side 11. The dress 10 is of conventional construction having puffed sleeves 10^a, a collar 10^b, and a pocket 10^c. The material of the dress is adapted to have its edge portions 12 and 13 at the sides of the opening overlap each other.

The dress is further formed with a means

for securely holding the inner overlapping portion 12 in position and for individually holding the outer overlapping portion 13 in position for closing the opening 11. The means for holding the inner overlapping portion 12 in position comprises a tie string 14 having one of its ends securely attached to the top edge portion of the inner overlapping portion 12 in the vicinity of the waist. A second tie string 15 is attached on the inner side of the dress 10 in the vicinity of the waist area. The edge portion 12 is adapted to be engaged across the front of a person to cause the tie string 14 to be brought into position adjacent the tie string 15 as shown in Fig. 2 for permitting these tie strings to be conveniently tied into a bow for holding the inner overlapping edge portion 12 in position.

The means for securing the outer overlapping edge portion 13 in position comprises a belt 16 mounted on the outside of the dress at the waist area. This belt 16 more specifically comprises a belt section 16^a mounted on the top edge portion of the outer overlapping edge 13. A second belt section 16^b is mounted upon the dress on one side thereof, preferably immediately adjacent the inside end of the tie string 15. The outer overlapping edge portion 13 is adapted to be extended across the face of the inner overlapping edge portion and the sections 16^a and 16^b of the belt 16 are adapted to be drawn to the back where they may be tied into a bow as shown in Fig. 4 for securely holding the outer edge portion 13 in position.

The operation of this form of the invention is as follows:

The dress is engaged about a person in the conventional manner by passing the arms through the sleeves 10^a. For closing the front opening 11 it is merely necessary to extend the inner overlapping edge portion 12 across the front of the body to permit the tie strings 14 and 15 to be tied together for holding the same in position. The outer overlapping edge portion 13 is then brought into position across the outside face of the inner overlapping edge portion 12 and the belt sections 16^a and 16^b are extended to the back where they are adapted to be tied into a bow to complete the closing of the opening 11.

According to the modification of the invention shown in Figs. 5 and 6 the construction of the dress is similar to that previously described except for the provision of a modified form of belt 16' for holding the outer overlapping portion 13 in position. This belt comprises a strip of

material having one of its ends securely attached to the top edge portion of the outer overlapping edge portion 13. The free end of the belt 16' is adapted to be passed completely around the body, whereupon the free end is adapted to be tucked into the top edge of the outer overlapping edge portion adjacent the point of connection of the belt 16' with the dress. The free end will then be frictionally disposed between the adjacent faces of the inner overlapping edge portion 12 and the outer overlapping edge portion 13 for holding the outer overlapping portion 13 in its closed position. In other respects this form of the invention is similar to the previous form.

According to the modification of the invention shown in Figs. 7 and 8 the construction of the dress is similar to that previously described except for the provision of a means for adjustably mounting the tie string 15' upon the inner side of the dress in a manner to permit an adjustment to be made to accommodate the dress to differently sized waists. In this form of the invention the outer overlapping edge portion 13 is provided with a horizontal row of openings 18 through which the end of the tie string 15' is adapted to be passed from the outside to the inside thereof. One end of the tie string 15' is provided with an enlarged button or stop 19 which is adapted to engage the outside face of the outer overlapping edge portion 13 about the respective opening 18 through which the tie string 15' is passed for preventing the tie string from being completely passed through the respective opening into which it is extended.

With this construction it is possible to withdraw the tie string 15' from the opening 18

through which it is extended and engage the same selectively with anyone of the openings 18 for increasing or decreasing the waist area of the dress to accommodate the same two persons having differently sized waists. In other respects this form of the invention is similar to the previous forms.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

A dress comprising fabric material having an open front with the edge portions of said opening overlapping, a tie string of cloth material adjustably mounted adjacent the waist area on the outer overlapping portion, a string of cloth material secured adjacent the waist area to the outer edge of the inner overlapping portion and adapted to be engaged with the first mentioned tie string, a belt section of cloth material at the waist area secured to the outer edge of the said outer portion, and a second belt section secured adjacent the side of the outer overlapping portion at the waist area to the outside face of the said dress, said belt sections being extendible to the back of the dress where they are adapted to be tied into a bow to secure the outer overlapping portion in closed position.

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