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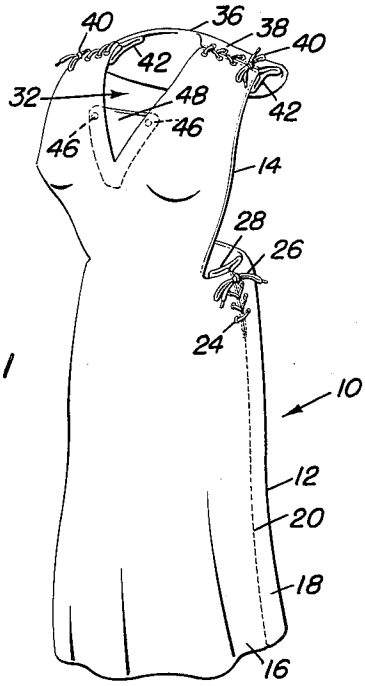


Fig. 1

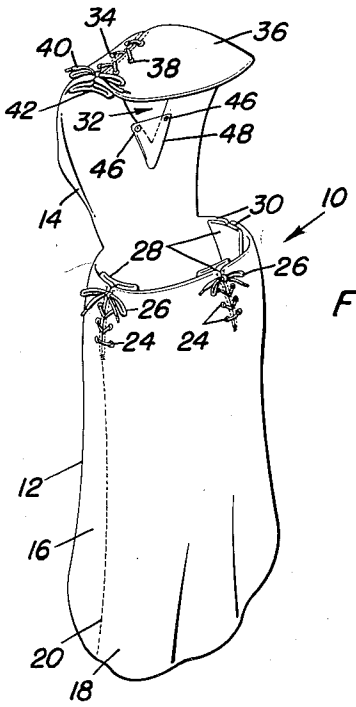


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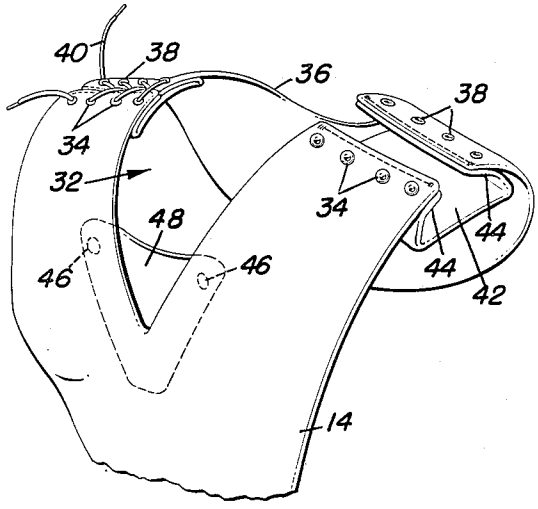


Fig. 3

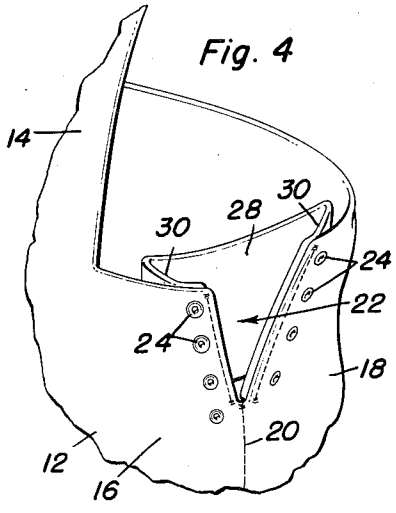


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to maternity garments known as jumpers, and the primary object of the invention is to provide a garment of this kind including an upper bib member that may be easily let out at the shoulders, and a lower skirt member whose upper portion may be easily expanded as required in progressive stages of development of the body during the period of pregnancy, to preserve the original style and appearance of the garment during the entire period.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment of the above kind which is simple in construction and neat and attractive in appearance.

The exact nature of the present invention, as well as other objects and features thereof, will become apparent from the following description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of the invention,

Figure 2 is a rear perspective view thereof,

Figure 3 is a fragmentary front perspective view of the bib member, shoulder piece and dickey used in the invention, the lace at the rear portion of this being omitted, and

Figure 4 is a fragmentary perspective detail showing one of the V-shaped notches and gussets in the rear section of the skirt member.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the reference numeral 10 designates a maternity jumper comprising a skirt member 12 and a bib member 14. The skirt member 12 consists of a front section 16 and a rear section 18 which are connected together by stitching 20 at the opposite sides of the garment, while the bib member 14 is integral with and constitutes an upward continuation of the front section 16, as shown.

The upper edge portion of the skirt member section 18 is provided at the sides and back thereof with V-shaped notches 22 (see Figure 4) and with rows of eyelets 24 at the opposite side edges of the notches to accommodate laces 26, whereby side edges of the notches may be drawn together to circumferentially contract the skirt member 12.

Each of the notches 22 is bridged by a substantially triangular pleat or gusset 28 which has its opposite side edge portions 30 folded inwardly upon itself and stitched to portions of the skirt member at the sides of the notch, so as to cover the openings resulting from the formation of the notches, and, at the same time, to permit the edges of the notches to be drawn together.

The bib member 14 is provided with a V-shaped

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neck opening 32 and with transverse rows of eyelets 34 along the upper edge of the bib member at the opposite sides of the neck opening, while a transversely elongated, rearwardly depending shoulder piece is provided at the upper edges of the bib member and has end portions thereof equipped with transverse rows of eyelets 38 disposed adjacent the eyelets 34, so that laces 40 may be threaded therethrough to adjustably attach the shoulder piece to the bib member. Substantially rectangular pleats or gussets 42 underlie the laces 40 and have side edge portions 44 thereof folded inwardly and stitched to the bib member and shoulder piece, as is best shown in Figure 3.

Buttons 46 are secured to the inside of the bib member 14 at the opposite sides of the lower region of the neck opening 32, and a substantially triangular dickey 48 is detachably secured inside the bib member at the lower portion of the V-shaped opening and extends along the opening and under the bib member to close the lower portion of the neck opening, as desired to compensate for lowering of the neck line during late stages of pregnancy, when the shoulder laces 40 are considerably or fully let out. Of course, upper corners of the dickey 48 are provided with suitable button-holes (not shown) to receive the buttons 46.

From the foregoing description, it is believed that the construction, manner of use and advantages of the present invention will be readily understood and appreciated by those skilled in the art. Modifications and changes in details of construction are contemplated, such as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A maternity jumper comprising a skirt member and a bib member, the skirt member including a front section and a rear section connected together at the opposite sides of the jumper, said bib member being integral with and constituting an upward continuation of the front section of the skirt member, the upper edge portion of the skirt member being provided at the sides and back thereof with V-shaped notches and with rows of eyelets adjacent opposite side edges of each notch, laces extending through said eyelets for drawing the side edges of the notches together, whereby to circumferentially contract said skirt member, said bib member being provided with a V-shaped neck opening and with transverse rows of eyelets along the upper edge

of said bib member at the opposite sides of said opening, a transversely elongated rearwardly depending shoulder piece disposed at the upper edges of said bib member and having end portions thereof provided with transverse rows of eyelets adjacent the eyelets in the bib member, and laces extending through the eyelets in the bib member and shoulder piece whereby to adjustably connect the same together.

2. The garment as defined in claim 1 together with a substantially triangular dickey removably attached to the inside of said bib member at the lower portion of said V-shaped opening and extending along said neck opening and under said bib member.

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