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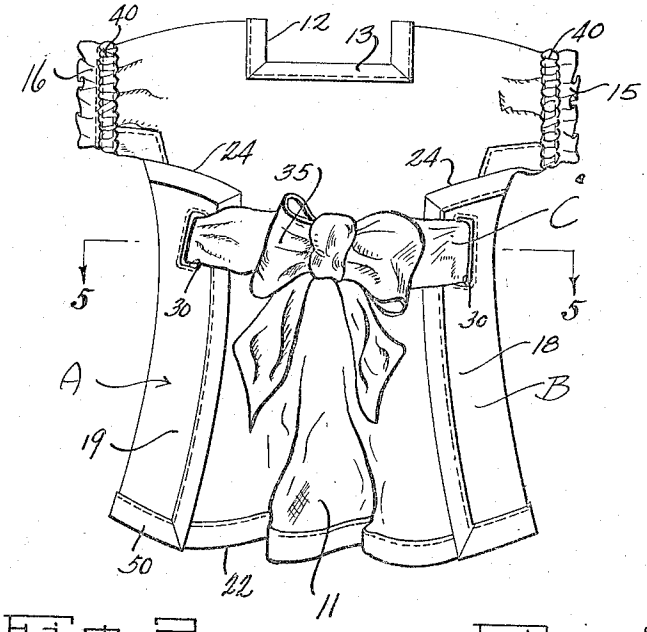

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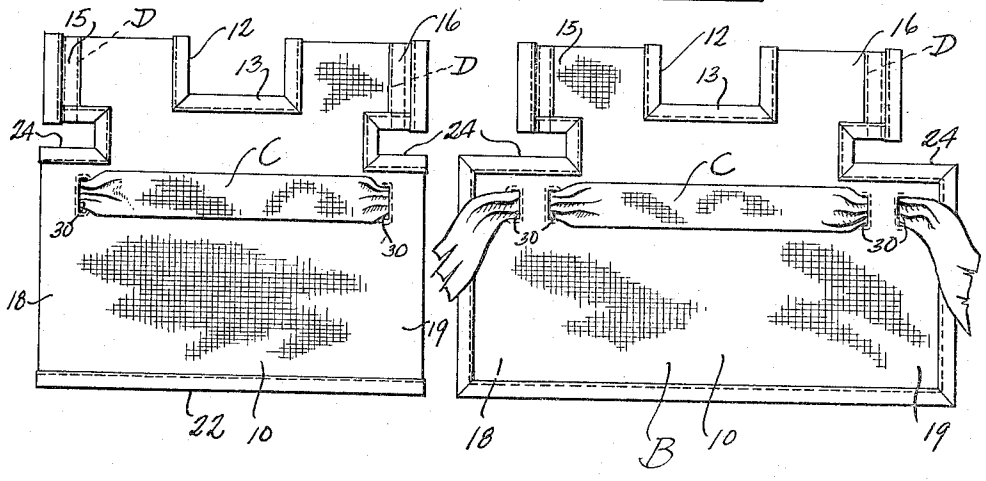

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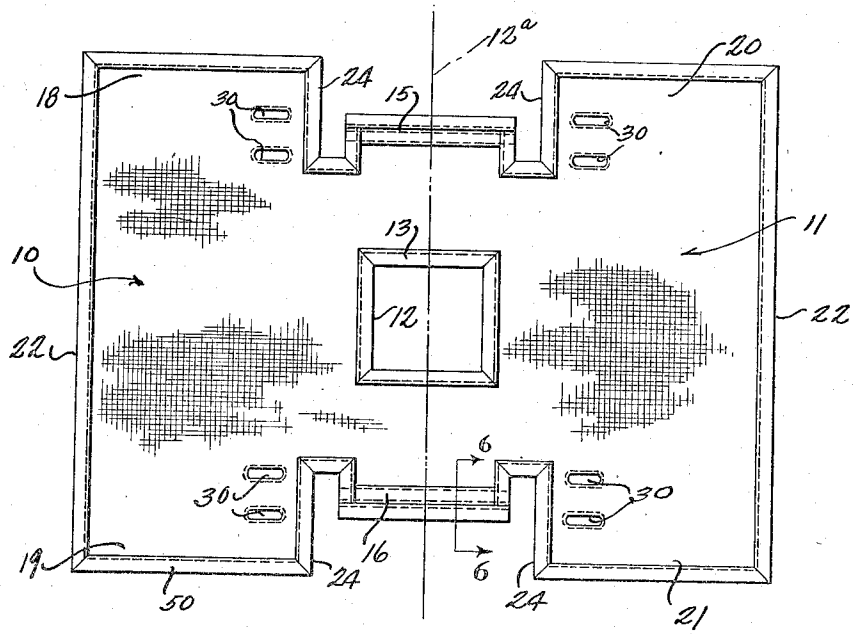

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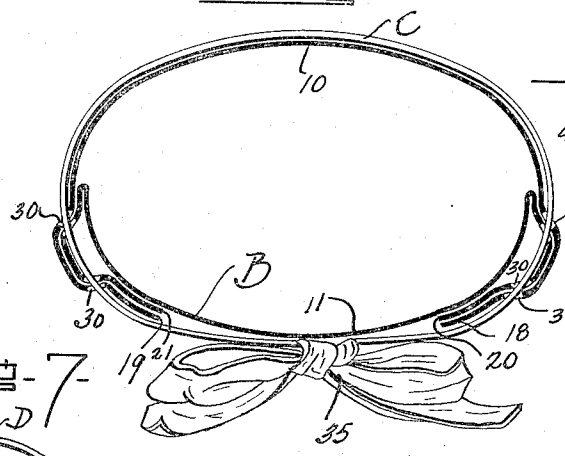

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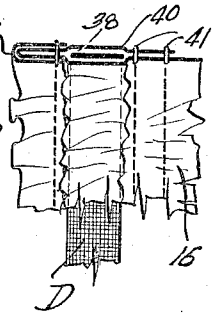

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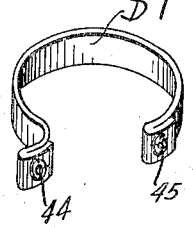

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUISE M. DU BOSE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Long Beach, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in wearing apparel.

The primary object of this invention is the provision of a garment simulating a waist or dress, being preferably adapted for use by children, and being of such formation as to facilitate handling and application of the same as a garment.

A further and important object of this invention is the provision of a dress which is of relatively simple construction, including a main portion formed of a single piece of material, so arranged that the same when not in use, and especially during washing and ironing may be disposed in flat relation, since the same includes no overlapping and interconnected folds.

A further object of this invention is the provision of a child's dress embodying a novel arrangement for attachment of the same to a wearer, as a garment, and whereby the provision of buttons, hooks, and like fastening expedients is obviated, thus providing a garment which may be washed, ironed, and generally handled in facile manner.

Other objects and advantages of this invention will be apparent during the course of the following detailed description.

In the drawings, forming a part of this specification, and wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of the improved garment, showing the various details thereof in assembled relation, to simulate the appearance that the garment would have upon a wearer.

Figure 2 is a front elevation of the improved dress or garment.

Figure 3 is an extended front view of the garment.

Figure 4 is a developed view of the main body portion of the improved garment.

Figure 5 is a transverse cross sectional view, taken substantially on the line 5—5 of Figure 1, and showing the manner in which the garment body portion is maintained in position for use as a garment by means of a sash.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary cross sectional view, taken substantially on the line 6—6 of Figure 4.

Figure 7 is a perspective view of an elastic retaining member utilized in connection with the application of a garment sleeve about a wearer.

In the drawings, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown but the preferred embodiment of this invention, the letter A generally designates the improved garment, which may include the improved single piece body B; sash C; and elastic retaining member D.

The body B of the improved garment is preferably a single piece of seamless material, which may be unfolded into a single flat section having no overfolding portions whatsoever, and substantially as is illustrated in Figure 4 of the drawings. The body B may best be described by referring to the application of the same upon a wearer, and for this purpose includes front and rear portions 10 and 11 of identical formation, which are folded upon each other, at the transverse line 12a. At the juncture of the front and rear portions 10 and 11, it is preferred to provide an opening 12 whereby the garment A may be slipped over the head of the wearer to receive the neck in said opening. Binding 13 is preferably provided peripherally about the opening 12 and which may be of contracting material with respect to the material forming the body B. Relatively short sleeve extensions 15 and 16 are provided on each side of the body B on opposite sides of the neck opening 12; these sleeve portions 15 and 16 being split, so that they may be laid out flat, so to speak, and for this purpose a portion of each of said sleeve parts 15 and 16 is provided on each of the front and rear portions 10 and 11, as is illustrated in Figure 4 of the drawings.

Relatively wide side flaps 18 and 19 are provided on the front portion 10 of the garment body B, and similarly relatively wide side flaps 20 and 21 are provided laterally on the rear portion 11 of the garment body B. These flaps 18 to 21 are preferably provided extending from the bottom marginal edges 22 of the portions 10 and 11, to just below the sleeves 15 and 16; it being preferred that the width of these flaps 18 to 21

are preferably horizontal, and spaced just below the lower edges of the sleeve portions 15 and 16, substantially as is illustrated in Figures 2 and 3 of the drawings. A pair of parallel and adjacently disposed slots 30 are provided in each of the flaps 18, 19, 20 and 21, adjacent the top marginal edges 24 of said flaps; the run of the slots preferably being at right angles to the horizontal edges 24.

Referring to the arrangement of the improved body B as a garment for use upon a wearer, the portions 10 and 11 are folded respectively forwardly and rearwardly of the wearer upon the medial line 12ª. In this position the relation of the flaps 18 and 20 of the front and rear portions 10 and 11 respecively, are in adjacent relation to one side of the garment A, with the slots 30 of the flaps 18 and 20 in aligning relation. Similarly, the flaps 19 and 21 of the front and rear portions 10 and 11 respectively, are in adjacent relation upon the opposite side of the garment A with the slots 30 thereof in aligning relation. The garment body B in this preliminary position with the flaps 18 and 20 in overlapping relation, and the flaps 19 and 21 in similarly overlapping conforming relation, permits the wearer to utilize the sash C by threading the same across the front portion 10 with the ends of the same through the slots 30, in order to connect the flaps 18 and 20, and the flaps 19 and 21, as is illustrated in Figures 3 and 5 of the drawings. The sash C and the overlapping flaps are then folded and brought rearwardly of the garment A, so that the garment may conform to the wearer and the ends of the sash C are then secured in an appropriate tie 35 over the rear portion 11, substantially as is illustrated in Figure 1 of the drawings. It can readily be seen that this arrangement of the garment body B, as a waist or as a dress, permits the comfortable and effective formation of the same as a garment, without liability of there being any side openings laterally of the garment, in view of the fact that the flaps 18, 19, 20 and 21, are relatively wide and may be folded over the rear portion 11 for the entire length from the top edges 24 thereof to the bottom edges 22 of the garment A.

In view of the fact that the sleeve portions 15 and 16 are split to permit the effective and simple formation of the body portion B, it is preferred to provide a way 38 adjacent the outer marginal portion of each of the sleeves 15 and 16, for the reception of the elastic bands D. This way 38 may be variously provided as by means of a portion 40 secured on one side by stitching 41, and on the outer marginal portion of the sleeve by means of binding material 42. The retaining strip D is preferably of elastic material, having the male and female portions 44 and 45 respectively, of a snap fastener arrangement, secured to the ends thereof in the well known manner, whereby the ends of the retaining band may be secured about the arm of the wearer, and thus draw the outer portion of the sleeves 15 and 16 in closed manner, substantially as is illustrated in Figure 1 of the drawings.

The entire garment body B is preferably bound marginally by means of contrasting material 50, similar to the binding 13 and 42 above mentioned. This binding is of such nature and application on the body B, as to permit the reversal of said body B, as desired, without effecting any material change in appearance in the application of the garment upon a wearer. This provides a reversible feature for the garment A, permitting the wearing of the same upon both sides.

The improved garment A is preferably utilized as child's garment, in connection with any ordinary type of bloomers of analogous material and binding. However, the garment A need not necessarily be restricted to such use, as the same may be utilized with a skirt of analogous material and binding.

From the foregoing description, of this invention, it can readily be understood that a garment of practical nature has been provided, which may be effectively retained on a child without the parts thereof coming apart or exposing the undergarments of a child, particularly in view of the relatively wide flaps 18, 19, 20, and 21, provided, and the means of securing said flaps so that they fold for their entire width rearwardly of the garment body B. The elimination of all fastening buttons, hooks, and other like expedients, of course, simplifies the garment, and facilitates the handling of the same for washing and ironing.

Various changes in the shape, size and arrangement of parts may be made to the improved garment, without departing from the spirit of this invention or the scope of the claims.

I claim:

1. A garment comprising a single piece body portion including front and rear sections having a neck opening at the juncture thereof, said front and rear sections each having relatively wide flaps at the sides thereof, said sections when in garment forming relation to each other having the flaps of the rear section folded to extend rearwardly and the flaps of the front section extending rearwardly in overlapping relation with the flaps of the rear section at the sides of the garments, and means for retaining said sections in the garment forming position with the flaps extending rearwardly and in the overlapping relation.

2. A garment comprising a single piece

body adapted for folding upon a transverse line to provide front and rear sections of similar formation, said sections when so folded providing sleeve and neck openings, said sections laterally thereof and below said sleeve openings each having a relatively wide flap forming side extensions, the flaps of the rear portion being folded to extend rearwardly when the garment is in use and the flaps of the front section extending rearwardly in overlying relation to the flaps of the rear section in conforming relation, said flaps of the front and rear sections having slots therein adapted for alignment, and sash means for threading through said slots to retain the front and rear sections in an operative position with the flaps overlapping and extending rearwardly.

3. A garment comprising a single piece body of flat formation when unfolded, adapted for folding upon a transverse line to provide front and rear portions having a neck opening at the juncture thereof and provided with outstanding sleeve portions, flaps of relatively wide formation provided on said front and rear body portions from the sleeves to the bottom edge of said garment portions, the top marginal edges of said flaps being disposed in spaced relation to said sleeves, each of said flaps having a pair of parallel slots adjacently disposed with respect to the top marginal edge thereof and at right angles thereto, said front and rear portions of said garment when in garment arrangement having each flap of the same arranged in overlying conforming relation with an adjacent flap of another portion, so that the slots of the flaps of the front and rear portions at each side of the garment are in aligning relation, and a sash adapted for peripheral disposition about said garment for threading through said aligning slots at the sides of the garment to fold the overlying flaps upon the rear portion of said garment and have the rear ends of said sash tied over said rear portion.

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