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Fig. 1

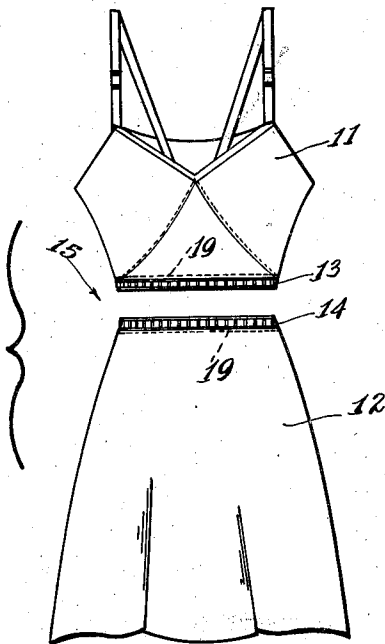


Fig. 2

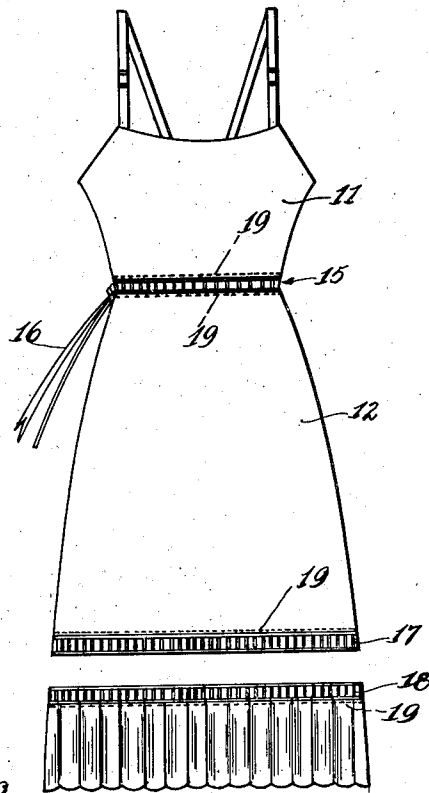


Fig. 3

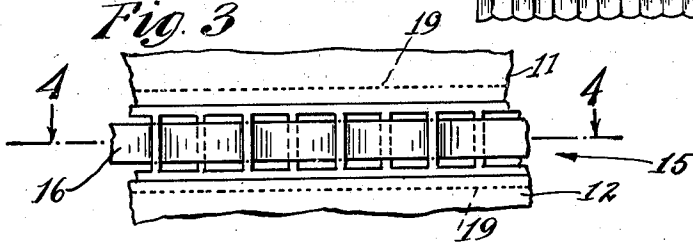


Fig. 5

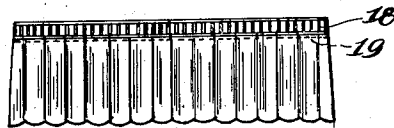


Fig. 4



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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—70)

This invention relates to women's foundation garments and has for its object to provide a separable garment that may be worn as one garment or the individual sections of which may be worn separately.

The invention is particularly applicable to that garment known as a slip, and which usually is a one-piece garment depending from the shoulders to below the knees.

My improved construction of garment provides such a slip, the upper and lower sections of which, if desired, can be worn separately, thus permitting an interchanging of sections if it is desired to have a slip the upper and lower sections of which are of different colors or materials.

In general use the upper section is usually, by preference, of a light color material, and while generally the petticoat section is also of light color there are times when it is desirable to wear a petticoat of darker, or even of heavier material, and my invention provides a means whereby different combinations of colors or weights of material may be quickly and economically assembled.

Further, my invention provides three separate and distinct garments each wearable as desired, to wit, a camisole, a petticoat, and a camisole slip.

Further details of the constructions of my garment will be described in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a view in elevation showing the upper and lower sections of a slip apart and in their relative position before being joined together;

Figure 2 shows the two sections joined together as one garment;

Figure 3 is an enlarged view of the waist line of the combined garment showing the manner of combining the two sections;

Figure 4 is a cross section on the line 4—4 of Figure 3; and

Figure 5 shows an adaptation of my invention applied to a ruffle for attachment to the bottom of my garment.

Referring to the drawing, 11 is the upper section of a slip, which has the usual shoulder straps. 12 is the lower or petticoat section. According to my invention these two sections are constructed as separate garments. To the bottom of the upper section is suitably attached, as by stitching 13, a beading or fagoting of elastic material 14. In similar manner I attach a corre-

sponding strip of elastic beading or fagoting 14 to the top of the lower or petticoat section 12. Each of these sections as so constructed is wearable as a separate garment, the elastic waist line 5 on each causing either garment to cling comfortably about the waist of the wearer without the aid of any gathering ribbon or other fastening means.

To assemble these two garments into a combined slip I utilize the adjacent strips of openwork beading or fagoting 13 and 14 of the two garments by placing the strip of one garment over that of the other, as at 15, and threading through the joined openwork a suitable ribbon 16, thus holding the two garments together as one.

In Figure 5 I have shown a further utilization of my invention for the purpose of lengthening the petticoat or slip. With evening gowns it is usually desired to wear a foundation garment that will be correspondingly longer and have a ruffle or other ornamental bottom, and for this purpose I have shown in Figure 2 a garment having attached to the bottom of the petticoat section a strip of non-elastic fagoting 17, and in Figure 5 I have shown a ruffle having a similar strip of non-elastic fagoting attached to the upper edge, as at 18. For attaching the ruffle to the petticoat the same procedure is followed as in attaching the upper and lower sections of the slip together, namely, the strips of fagoting 17 and 18 are placed one over the other and a ribbon is threaded through both fagotings to combine the two sections as one. The end of the ribbon can be tied in a bow knot, the whole presenting an ornamental bottom for the garment.

It will be seen that my invention provides a garment which can be used for three different garments and which can be produced most economically.

While I have described my invention as applied to a slip, it will be obvious that it can be applied to other foundation garments, such as brassières, and to outer garments of light weight, enabling an unlimited combination of separate garments of different colors.

What I claim is:

A separable undergarment comprising an upper section and a petticoat section, each of said sections having at its adjacent edge a strip of elastic fagoting for engagement with each other and a ribbon for retaining said sections together.

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