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BLOOMERETTES.

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Fig. 1.

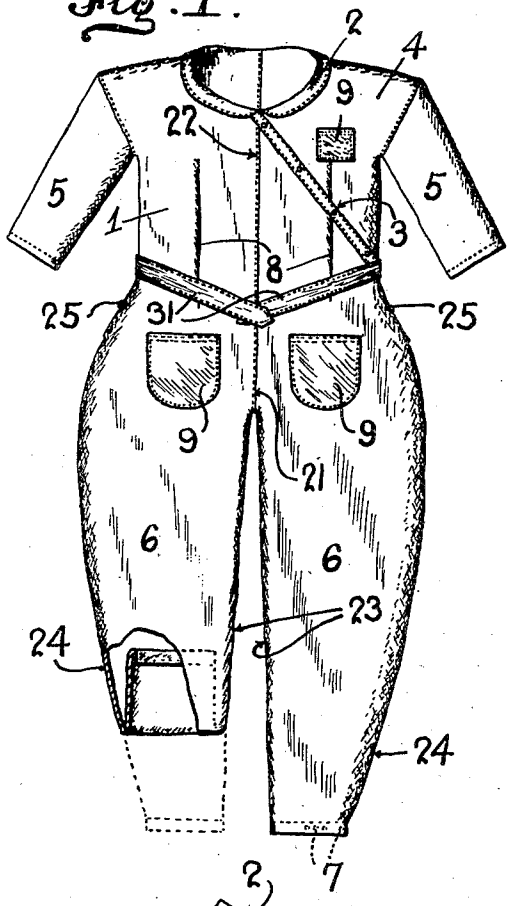


Fig. 2.

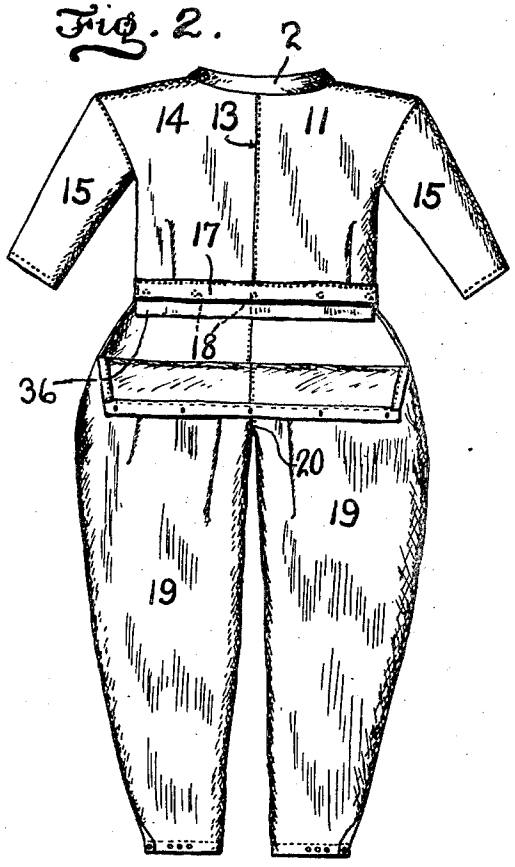
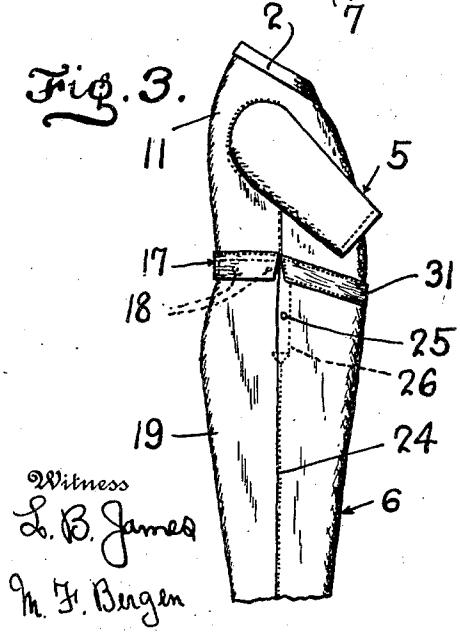
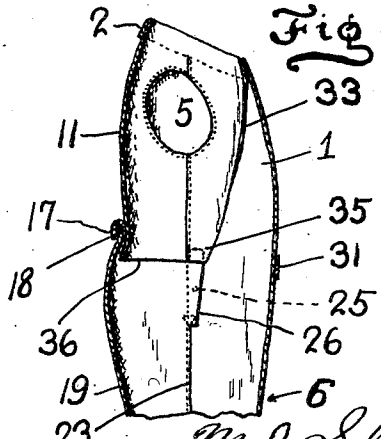


Fig. 3.



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Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MITCHELL J. SLATTERY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Denver, in the county of Denver, and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bloomerettes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to apparel, and more especially to union garments, and the object of the same is to produce a bloomerette for women's wear.

The garment is a combination of waist and knickerbockers, so made as to be readily adapted to the female figure, easy to put on and take off, entirely comfortable no matter in what position the wearer works, and capable of being worn beneath a shirt waist and skirt in going to and from work.

Details of construction are set forth in the following specification and illustrated in the drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation,

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation with the seat dropped,

Fig. 3 is a side view, and

Fig. 4 is a central section.

The waist 1 is divided from the collar 2 to the left side of the waist line on a line which is preferably oblique as shown at 3, and the minor portion 4 of the waist fastens to the major portion along this line with fasteners such as buttons and button holes. Each waist portion carries its sleeve 5, and the sleeves may be short or long, with fastenings at the wrists if desired. The major portion of the waist in front is continued down into the two legs 6, 6 which are full, as shown, and which may extend to the ankles or be gathered up just below the knees, and in either case they may be provided at the bottom with an adjustable fastening device such as a strap and buckle, or a button hole and several buttons as shown at 7. Darts 8 at the waist line shape the garment to the figure, and pockets 9 occur at appropriate points. So much for the front, shown in Fig. 1.

The back may be in one piece, or if preferred it may be in two breadths 11 and 14 connected by a central seam 13, and each carries its part 15 of one arm and is connected with the respective front portion by an upright side seam. The waist terminates in the back at a belt 18 over which lies a transverse fly 17 to cover the fastening devices (herein shown as buttons and button holes) which connect the drop seat with said belt at the rear. Such seat is made up of the upper portions of the rear breadths 19 of the legs; and a central seam 20 connects these breadths and extends under the crotch, being shown in Fig. 1 at 21, and possibly extending up through the major portion of the front, as at 22, to the neck—thus providing for fullness of the bust if necessary. The inside leg seams are indicated at 23; the outside at 24. The latter are left open at the hips, and fastening devices 25 close them there after the garment is put on. The opening at the left hip communicates with the lower end of the waist opening 3, so that when both are unfastened the garment may be put on or removed with ease. Each rear breadth carries at this point a fly 26 which passes inside said fastening devices 25 as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3, and prevents exposure of the person in any position. So much for the back.

The material of the back of the waist is preferably continued below the belt in a fly 36 extending for some distance down within the drop seat, and this fly is carried around over the left hip as at 35 and up along the front inside the line 3 as at 33. In short, at every point where one breadth is connected by fastening devices with another, there is a fly to prevent exposure in case a button should become lost, a button hole tear out, or some other type of fastening device become broken or defective; and, in addition, the inside fly prevents the fastening devices from contacting with the undergarments. A drop or other form of belt may be sewed across the abdomen; the collar may be of any desired type, or the garment collarless and the throat open if preferred.

I do not wish to be limited to the material employed, although I prefer wash goods which will not shrink—plain, and of one color. For fastening devices, buttons and button holes may answer, or stud-and-socket fasteners; this is a matter of preference excepting that, if the garment is to be washed, the fasteners should be removed unless they be of a material which will not rust. The bloomerettes will be made in sizes, and other darts than those referred to may be necessary to produce a fit—if, indeed, a close fit

is thought desirable. The garment is for female wear, and woman is now engaged in so many occupations where freedom of movement is necessary which cannot be had in her conventional garb, that I believe there is a demand for a one-piece bloomerette suit of this kind. As stated before, it may be put on and covered with a waist and skirt while the wearer is going to and coming from her work, and of course it can be worn in the garden, factory, cannery, or elsewhere with ease and modesty. Special advantages arise from the cut of the garment, in that the buttons along the line 3 from the neck to the left hip, and the opening and buttons 25 at that point, facilitate the putting on and taking off of the bloomerettes, even though the wearer have hips of ample size. The oblique or diagonal line 3 could cross the other breast; in fact, it might be a broken instead of a straight line, but I now prefer it as shown and described. However, modifications and amplifications are possible without departing from the spirit of the invention, and details are unimportant excepting as specified below.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:

The herein described bloomerette garment comprising a waist having a closed back and a front open diagonally from the neck to one hip, a belt across the lower end of the back, a fly below the belt, a fly hanging over the belt, legs whose front breadths are integral with the major portion of the front of the waist and whose rear breadths constitute a drop seat, the side seams being open over the hips and one hip opening communicating with the diagonal front opening, flies under these openings, and detachable fastening devices closing all openings and attaching the drop seat to said belt between its flies.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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