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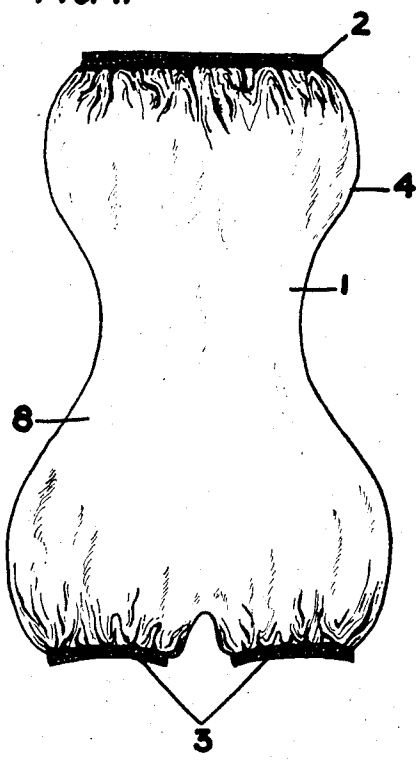
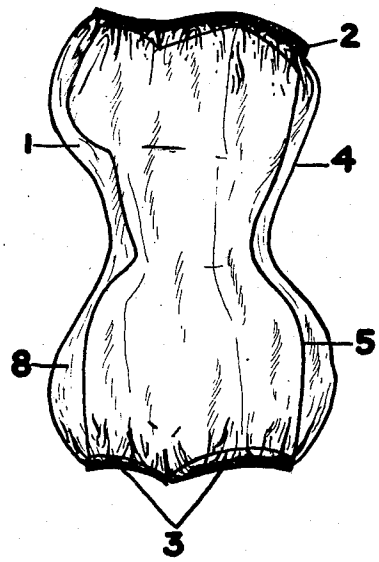


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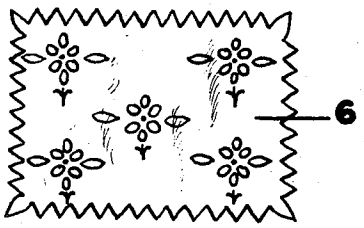


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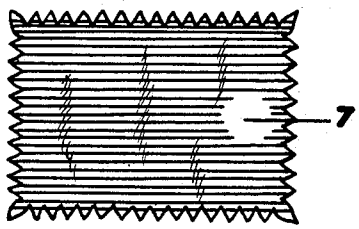


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The present invention relates to an overgarment designed and adapted to protect fine women's bathing suits from deterioration due to the effects of water. With an eye toward beauty rather than function, bathing suit manufacturers are now producing garments made of perishable materials such as fur, velvet, lace, etc. While these bathing suits present a pleasing appearance and thus attract many purchasers, these purchasers often find themselves in a dilemma. While the bathing suit looks fine out of water, they are afraid continued exposure to water will damage the material or otherwise impair the beauty and value of the suit and thus they must refrain from bathing.

It is an object of this invention to provide a waterproof, protective covering for bathing suits so that suits designed primarily for beauty will not lose their function as bathing suits. It is a further object of the invention to provide a decorative overgarment for bathing suits. In addition, the protective garment serves an added function in that it guards the health of the wearer by protecting the wearer from the possible injurious effects of breezes striking a damp bathing suit. Still another object of this invention is to provide a protective overgarment for bathing suits to permit the wearer to bathe during problem days when the wearer would normally refrain from bathing. Other objects of the invention will be disclosed in the following description and in the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings illustrating the invention:

Figure 1 shows a front elevation of the protective garment.

Figure 2 shows a three-quarter view of the protective garment showing the position of the garment in relation to the bathing suit.

Fig. 3 illustrates one modification of the protective garment showing a fragment of the waterproof material which has a decorative design or pattern.

Fig. 4 illustrates another modification of the protective garment showing a fragment of the waterproof material made of transparent colored material.

Referring to the drawings, the protective garment 8 is constructed of clear, waterproof plastic or similar material 1, shaped or styled to fit the body contours 4. The garment is provided with openings at the top 2 and for the legs 3 and at no other places. The garment can be manufactured with seamless construction in order to make it as waterproof as possible. The top and leg openings are provided with stitched elastic bands or equivalent to make the garment substantially watertight at the body openings. The protective garment 8 is designed to be worn directly over the bathing suit 5 and to protect it from damage due to prolonged contact with water.

Fig. 3 shows one modification of the protective garment in that the waterproof material is decorated at 6 to give a pleasing appearance to the overgarment. Fig. 4 shows another modification of the protective garment in that the waterproof covering is made of a transparent colored material 7 to give a pleasing appearance to the overgarment.

It should now be apparent that there has been provided a protective overgarment that both protects and beautifies and that is particularly adapted for use with bathing suits made of materials subject to water damage.

While various changes and modifications may be made in the detail construction, it shall be understood that such changes and modifications shall be within the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the following claim.

Having thus set forth and disclosed the nature of my invention, what is claimed is:

In a protective covering for a bathing suit, an integrally formed seamless waterproof sheath comprising bulbous upper and lower portions integrally extending from a narrowed medial portion to define an hourglass configuration, the upper portion having a peripheral opening adjacent the distal end thereof, the lower portion having a pair of spaced openings adjacent the distal end thereof, and elastic bands peripherally secured about the respective openings whereby said sheath is the sole means for sealing the bathing suit on the body of the wearer.

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