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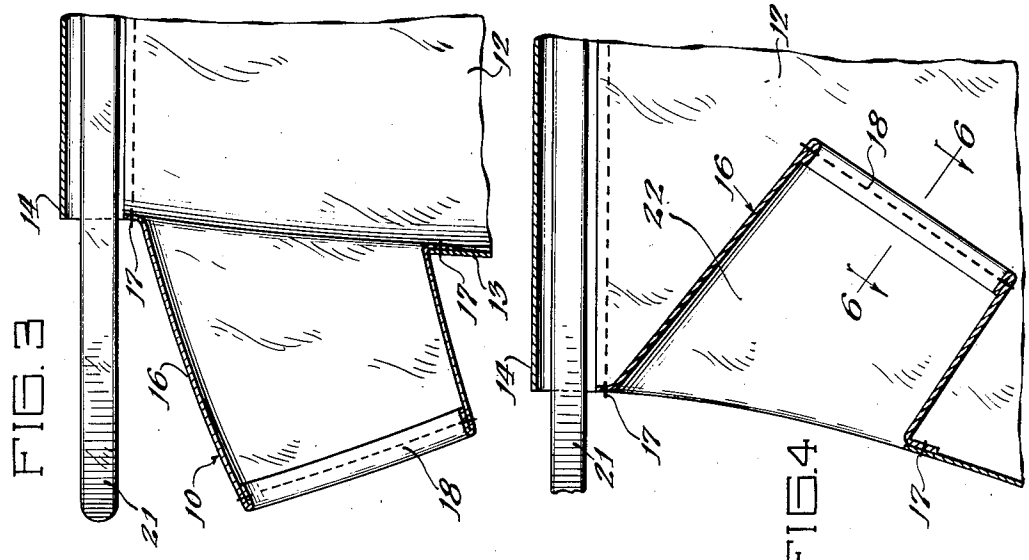


FIG. 3

FIG. 4

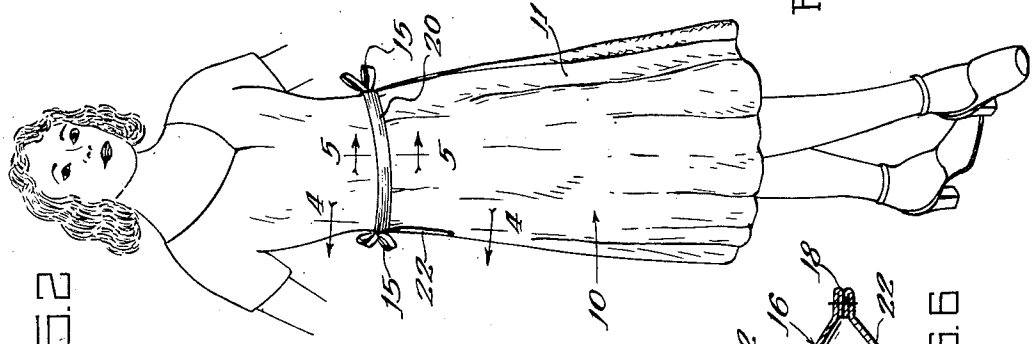


FIG. 2

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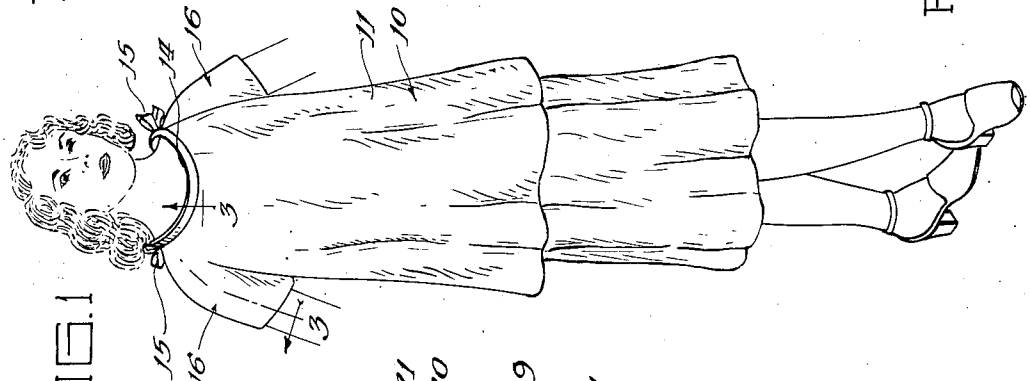


FIG. 1

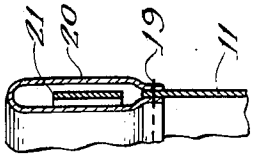


FIG. 5

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This invention relates to a woman's garment, and more particularly to a combination maternity blouse and skirt.

Various types of maternity garments or blouses have been made and used heretofore. However, one shortcoming common to all of such prior maternity garments has been that they have been of such a design and construction that after the baby's birth they cannot be worn or used any longer by the mother.

An object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved maternity garment in the form of a combination blouse and skirt which may be worn as a blouse during the maternity period and after the baby's birth may be readily adapted to be worn as a skirt with only a slight change in the construction and arrangement of certain parts thereof.

A further object of the invention is to provide a new and improved combination maternity blouse and skirt which is so designed and constructed that those portions thereof which provide sleeves when the garment is worn as a maternity blouse may be readily converted into pockets when the garment is worn as a skirt by merely sewing up the arm openings which are provided in the sleeve when the garment is worn as a maternity blouse.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

Fig. 1 is a view showing the new combination garment worn as a maternity blouse;

Fig. 2 is a view showing the new combination garment converted for use as and worn as a skirt, after the maternity period;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line **3—3** in Fig. 1 illustrating the construction of the sleeves embodied in the new combination garment and which are so designed and constructed that they make it possible for the new combination garment to be worn as a blouse during the maternity period and thereafter readily adapted, with a slight change, for wear as a skirt;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on line **4—4** in Fig. 2 illustrating the manner in which those parts which serve as sleeves, when the garment is worn as a maternity blouse, are converted into pockets when the garment is worn as a skirt after the maternity period;

Fig. 5 is a sectional view on line **5—5** in Fig. 2 illustrating the construction of those parts which define the neck opening and waist opening of the garment; and

Fig. 6 is a sectional view on line **6—6** in Fig. 4 illustrating the manner in which the sleeve members are sewed together to convert the sleeve members into pockets.

A preferred form of construction of a new combination maternity blouse and skirt is illustrated in the drawing, wherein it is generally indicated at **10**, and the same is shown in Fig. 1 as being used as a maternity garment or blouse, embodying front and rear panels **11** which are sewed together along seams or hem lines **13** at the sides thereof.

The new combination maternity blouse and skirt **10** has a combination neck and waist band opening **14** at the top thereof. This combination neck and waist band opening **14** is defined by a band or loop of fabric material **20** which is secured to the front and rear panels **11—12**, as at **19**, and has a flexible draw string or band **21** therein having end portions which may be tied together outwardly of the opening **14**, as in bows **15**.

The new combination maternity blouse and skirt **10** also includes a novel arrangement of combination sleeve and pocket-forming members **16** which include fabric panels **22** which are secured to the seams or hems **13** of the garment at the sides thereof, as by stitching **17**.

In the use of the new combination garment as a maternity garment or blouse the combination sleeve and pocket-forming members **16** are open at their outer ends to provide arm openings and are employed as sleeves, as shown in Fig. 1.

However, after the maternity period the new garment may be readily converted from a blouse into a skirt and used as a skirt in the manner illustrated in Fig. 2. This is readily accomplished with only a minor change, namely, by turning the combination sleeve and pocket-forming members **16** inwardly and sewing the fabric panels **22** thereof together, as at **18**, so as to close the arm openings therein, as shown in Fig. 6, and thus converting the sleeve members **16** into sockets, so that when the new combination garment is worn as a skirt, as in Fig. 2, these combination sleeve and pocket-forming members **16** provide pockets at the sides of the skirt.

It will be noted, in this connection, that the panels **22** of the combination sleeve and pocket-forming members **16** are sewed to the front and rear panels **11** and **12** of the garment, as at **17**, along the seams or hems **13** of the panel, so that when turned inwardly and converted into pockets they are properly positioned for use as pockets when the new combination garment is worn as a skirt.

It will thus be seen from the foregoing description, considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, that the present invention provides a novel combination maternity garment or blouse and skirt which has the desirable advantages and characteristics, and accomplishes its intended objects, including those hereinbefore pointed out and others which are inherent in the invention.

I claim:

1. A combination maternity blouse and garment comprising a substantially tubular-shaped body portion having an upper and lower end portion, said body portion having a combination neck and waist opening at said upper end portion, loop means on said body portion adjacent to said opening, flexible elongated means mounted in said loop means and adjustable into a plurality of positions for varying the size of said opening between two sizes, said body portion having two oppositely disposed openings therein below and adjacent to said loop means and disposed at shoulder height when the garment is worn as a blouse, and two elongated substantially tubular-shaped combination sleeve and pocket-forming members, each of said members being secured at one end to said body portion in communication with a respective one of said oppositely disposed openings, said members having outwardly and inwardly disposed positions and being movable through said last mentioned openings between said positions, said members, when disposed in said outward position, normally projecting outwardly and downwardly relative to said body portion into sleeve forming position, said members, when disposed in said inward position, normally projecting inwardly and downwardly relative to said body portion into pocket forming position substantially at waist level when the garment is worn as a skirt, said members having free end portions adapted to be closed by sewing to afford pockets when said members are disposed in said inward position.

2. A combination maternity blouse and skirt garment comprising front and rear panels secured together along seam lines to afford a substantially tubular-shaped body member having upper and lower end portions, said body member having an opening in said upper end portion of sufficient size to encircle the waist of a wearer, means for adjusting the size of said opening, said means comprising loops on said body member adjacent said opening, and draw means extending through said loops for drawing said upper end portion together, said body member having two oppositely disposed openings below and adjacent to said loops and disposed at shoulder height when the garment is worn as a blouse, and two elongated substantially tubular shaped members, each of said last mentioned members having a hemmed free end portion and another end portion, each of said other end portions being secured to said body portion along said seam lines in encircling relation to a respective one of said two openings with said end edge of said other end portion disposed within said body member, said two elongated members having an outwardly projecting sleeve-forming position and an inwardly projecting pocket-forming position and being movable through said two openings between said positions, said free end portions being adapted to be closed by sewing said hems together to afford a pocket when said two members are disposed in said inwardly projecting position, each such pocket being substantially at waist level when the garment is worn as a skirt.

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