

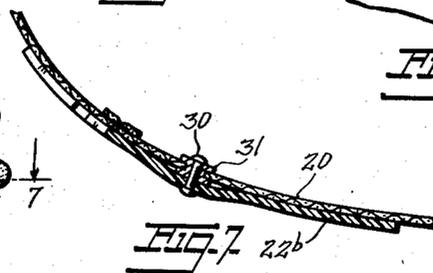
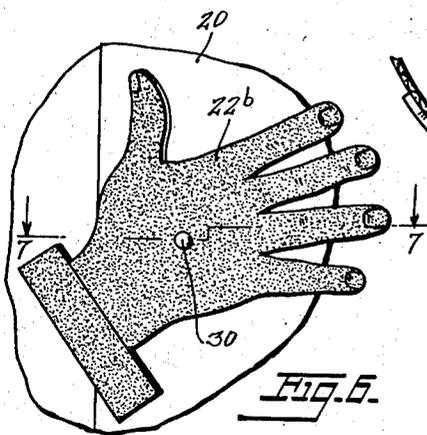
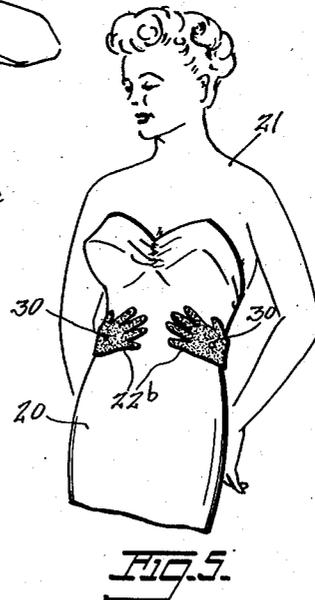
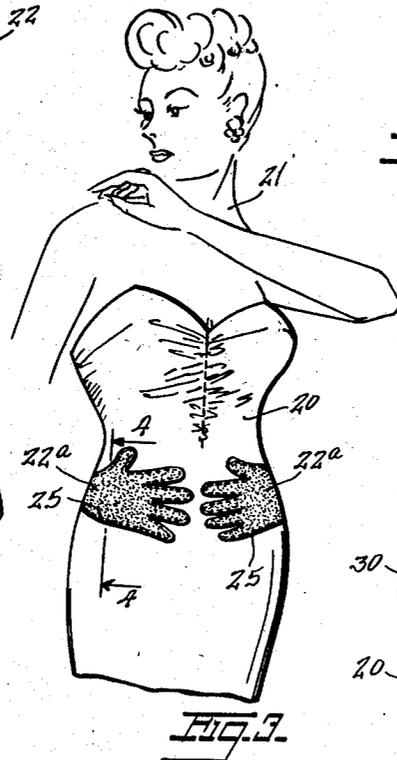
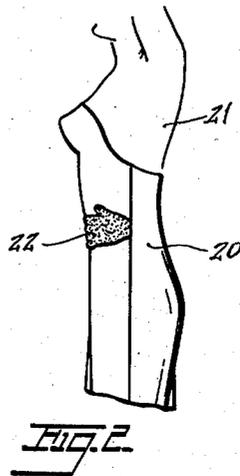
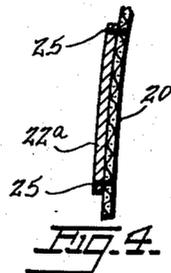
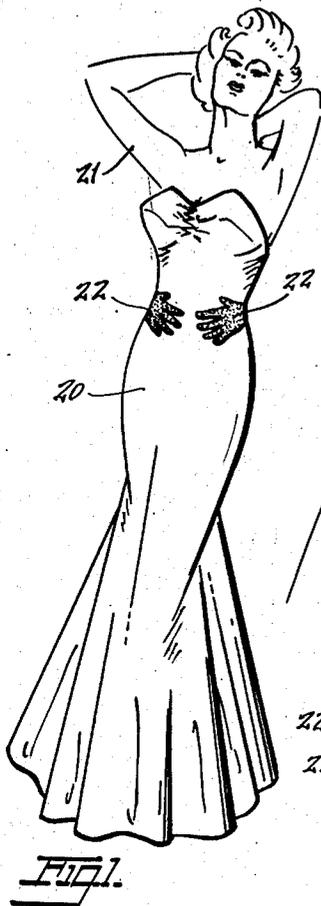
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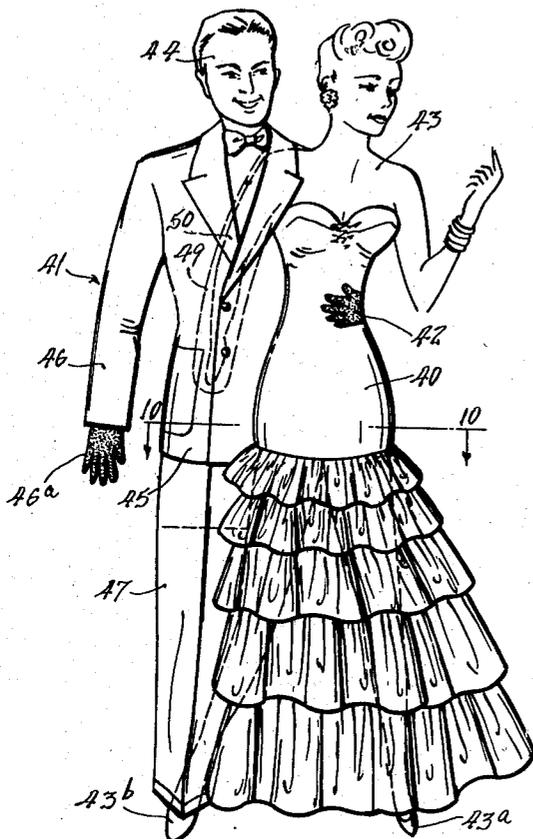


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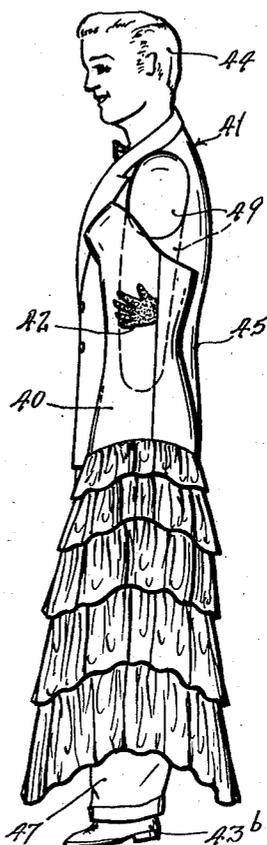


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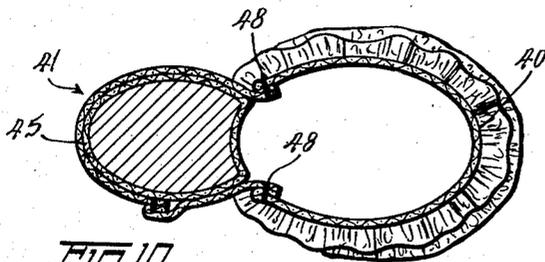


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a dancing costume.

More specifically, the present invention proposes the formation of a dancing costume in the form of a garment to be worn by a dancer and which has radium treated addenda on specified areas of the garment in a manner to glow fluorescently when the garment is viewed in the invisible rays of ultra-violet light.

Another object of the present invention proposes forming the garment as a dress to be worn by a female dancer with masculine hands applied to the dress on opposite sides thereof and at the hips of the wearer in a manner so that the hands will move with the hips of the dancer creating the illusion of a dancing partner when the dance is viewed in ultra-violet light.

The present invention further proposes various different ways of applying the masculine hands to the dress for achieving the purposes of the present invention.

Still further, the present invention proposes forming the hands as separate members which are pivotally mounted on the dress so that their angular position on the dress can be varied by the dancer while the dance is in progress to add further to the realistic illusion created by the garment.

A further object of the present invention proposes constructing the garment to include a dress and an integral dummy of a male dancer to be worn by a female dancer with one leg extending from the bottom of the dress and the other leg extending from the bottom of the one pant leg of the dummy and with certain areas of the garment treated with radium to create the illusion of a dancing couple when the dance is viewed in the invisible light of ultra-violet rays.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a dancing costume which is simple in its formation, which is effective for its intended purposes and which can be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a view of a dancer wearing a dance costume in accordance with the present invention.

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Fig. 2 is a partial side elevational view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged detailed view similar to a portion of Fig. 1, but illustrating the dance costume constructed in accordance with a modification of the present invention.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged partial vertical sectional view taken on the line 4-4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is another enlarged detailed view similar to a portion of Fig. 1, but illustrating the dance costume constructed in accordance with a further modification of the present invention.

Fig. 6 is an enlarged detailed view of a portion of Fig. 5.

Fig. 7 is an enlarged partial horizontal sectional view taken on the line 7-7 of Fig. 6.

Fig. 8 is a view of a dancer wearing a dance costume in accordance with a still further modification of the present invention.

Fig. 9 is a side elevational view of the top portion of the costume looking from the left side of Fig. 8.

Fig. 10 is an enlarged horizontal sectional view taken substantially on the line 10-10 of Fig. 8.

The dancing costume, according to the first form of the present invention illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, includes a garment 20 to be worn by a dancer 21. The garment 20 is in the form of a dress of a cocktail or evening type to be worn by a female dancer.

Applied to specified areas of the garment 20 there are addenda 22 treated with radium or similar material to produce a fluorescent effect when viewed in the invisible rays of ultra-violet light. The addenda 22 are in the form of a pair of masculine hands applied to the dress at opposite sides thereof at suitable locations to be on the hips of the wearer of the garment. The addenda 22 are applied to the dress by painting with a radium containing paint or by stamping or printing using a radium containing ink or by any other process employing a radium containing substance.

The dancer wearing the dress dances in the invisible rays of ultra-violet light so that the addenda 22 will glow fluorescently and move with the hips as the dance progresses. The illusion created will be such that the dancer will appear to have a dancing partner while actually she is performing the dance all alone.

In the modification of the invention shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the addenda 22 are cut from thin sheets of cloth fabric, leather, synthetic resinous material or other flexible material and secured to the garment 20 by means of stitches 25. The

exposed faces of the addenda are coated with a radium containing material so as to glow fluorescently when the dance by a dancer wearing the garment is viewed in the invisible ultra-violet light.

In other respects the form of the invention shown in Figs. 3 and 4 is similar to that illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 and like parts are identified by the same reference numerals.

The modification of the invention shown in Figs. 5 to 7 is characterized by the fact that the addenda 22^b, also in the shape of a pair of masculine hands, are cut from thin sheets of a flexible synthetic resinous material biased to the curvature of the female form at the hips. The addenda 22^b are pivotally supported on the garment 20 at the hip areas thereof and have their outer faces treated with a radium containing material so as to glow fluorescently when viewed in the invisible ultra-violet light.

Pivotal attachment of the addenda 22^b to the garment 20 is effected by means of rivets 30 which are passed through substantially the center of the addenda 22^b and through eyelets or grommets 31 engaged through the material of the garment 20 where the rivets 30 pass therethrough. The eyelets or grommets 31 serve to reinforce the material of the garment 20 and provide a secure anchorage for the rivets 30.

Pivotally mounting the addenda 22^b enables the dancer to change their position on her hips as the dance progresses to thereby add to the realistic appearance of two dancers created when the dance is viewed in the invisible ultra-violet light. The flexible nature of the synthetic resinous material of which the addenda 22^b are formed enables them to conform themselves to the shape of the wearer's hips in all shifted positions about the rivets 30 as pivots.

In all other respects, the form of the invention shown in Figs. 5 to 7 is also similar to that described in connection with Figs. 1 and 2 and like reference numerals are used to identify the same parts.

The modification of the invention shown in Figs. 8 to 10 illustrates the dancing costume as comprising a garment 40 to be worn by a dancer and addenda 41 and 42 applied to the garment 40. The garment 40 is in the form of a dress to be worn by a female dancer 43 and which is open along its one side which on the drawing is shown to be the right side.

The addendum 41 is in the form of a masculine dummy complete as to a head 44, a body 45, a right arm 46 and a right trouser leg 47. The vertical edge portions of the garment 40 along the open right side are secured to the adjacent side of the dummy comprising the addendum 41 by means of stitches 48, see Fig. 10. The addendum 41 is suitably stuffed from a point just slightly below its hip area to the top of the head and has the left shoulder open and continued into a cavity 49 extended into the body 45 to receive the dancer's right arm 50. The right arm 46 of the addendum 41 is left free to swing at the side thereof and has a stuffed hand 46^a depending from the bottom end thereof.

The addendum 42 is in the form of a masculine left hand painted or otherwise applied in a radium containing material to the left side of the garment 40 at the hip area thereof, as in the manner shown in any of Figs. 1 to 7.

The dancer dons the dancing costume by putting on the garment 40, suitable slide fastener closed opening being provided at the back and/or left side thereof for that purpose, with the right arm 50 extended into the cavity 49 and with one leg 43^a depending from beneath the garment 40 and with the other leg 43^b extending from the bottom of the pant leg 47 and proceeds to dance in invisible ultra-violet light. Parts of the addendum 41 as the head 44, the bow tie and the stuffed hand 46^a are treated with a radium containing material as is the addendum 42 so that those parts will glow fluorescently during the dance to create an illusion of two people dancing. The illusion can be carried out further by having a feminine shoe on the leg 43^a and a male shoe on the leg 43^b with those shoes also being treated with the radium containing material to glow in the invisible ultra-violet light.

It is to be understood that the luminous effect on the addendum may be produced by treating them with radium or other suitable application of phosphorus or any other similar material which will become luminous in the dark.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

A dancing costume for a female dancer adapted to create the illusion of a male dancing partner comprising an article of clothing including a female hollow dress including a bodice portion and a skirt portion constituting one side of the article, a fragment of a man's suit of clothing constituting the other side of the article including a portion of a coat, one arm portion and a trouser leg portion, said coat and arm portion being stuffed, said stuffing including the representation of a male head above the neck portion of the coat, said dress and suit being disposed in side by side erect posture, the adjacent sides of the dress and suit merging at the center of the article, and a device in simulation of a male hand supported on the hip portion of the skirt on the side thereof remote from the suit, said device being treated with radium, said dress having an opening for receiving the body of the wearer, and having a side opening communicating with the leg portion whereby one leg of the wearer may be extended into the leg portion, the stuffing material in the coat having a cavity to receive one arm of the wearer.

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