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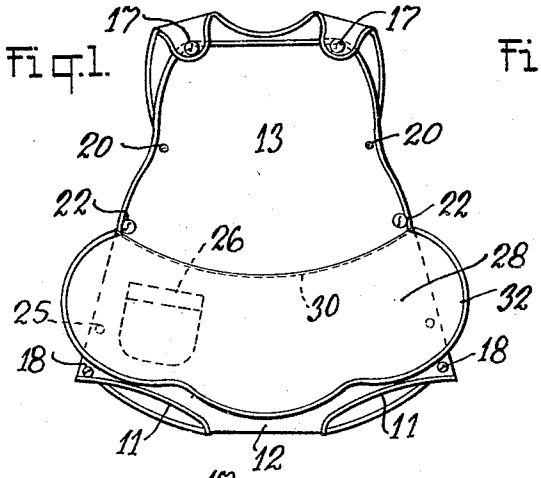


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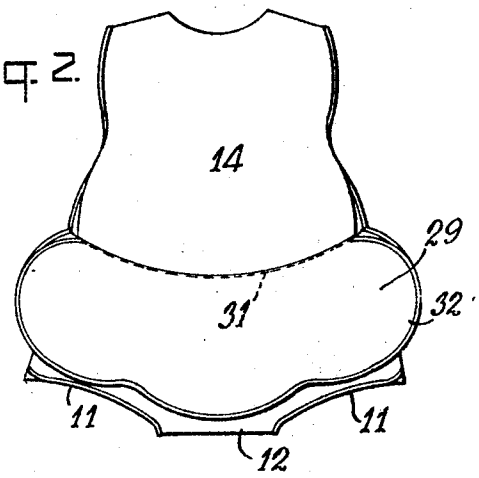


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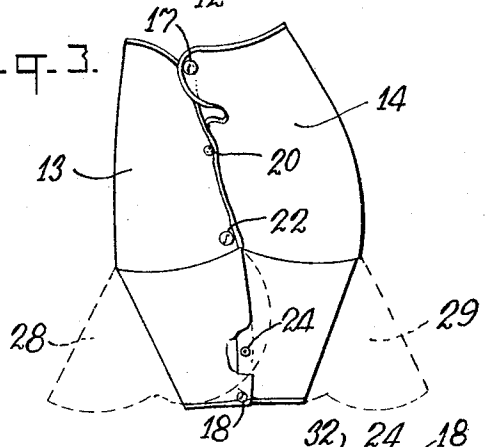


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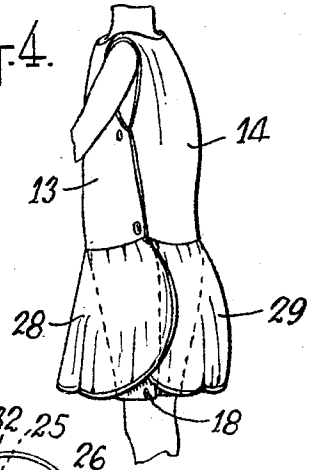
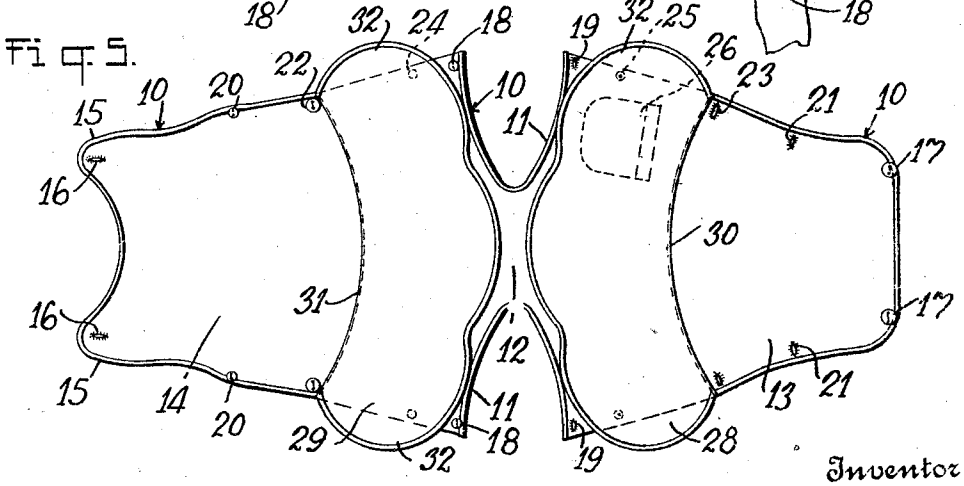


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This invention relates to garments, and more particularly to children's outer garments.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved type of garment which can be spread out longitudinally for laundering and which can be readily secured in place on the wearer.

Another object is to provide improved means for forming a skirt portion on a garment composed of a single piece of material.

Another object is to provide a child's outer garment which can be readily and economically manufactured, which can be laundered with extreme ease, which can be readily put on and secured in place by a child, and which will efficiently serve the purpose for which it is intended.

Other objects of the invention will in part be obvious and will in part appear hereinafter.

The invention accordingly comprises an article of manufacture possessing the features, properties, and the relation of elements which will be exemplified in the article hereinafter described and the scope of the application of which will be indicated in the claims.

For a fuller understanding of the nature and objects of the invention, reference should be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a garment embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof;

Fig. 3 is a side view thereof;

Fig. 4 shows the garment in place on a wearer; and

Fig. 5 illustrates the garment spread out longitudinally.

A garment, the body of which is formed with a single piece of material and which is adapted to be spread out flat in order to be packed or mangled, has obvious advantages, both because of the economy in manufacture and shipment thereof, and because of the ease of laundering and the simplicity of putting the same away with a minimum danger of the garment being mussed.

The present invention contemplates the provision of a garment of this type in such form that a minimum number of securing means are necessary and that the garment is particularly well shaped for its purpose. The particular garment exemplified comprises a blank 10 consisting of a single piece of material formed with recesses 11 extending inwardly toward one another from each side of the piece of material so as to form substantially in the center of the garment a relatively narrow band 12 adapted to fit between the legs of the wearer, and with end portions 13 and 14 adapted to serve respectively as the front and rear of the garment. The garment having been drawn up between the legs of the wearer it is only necessary to secure the outer ends of the portions 13 and 14 to one another so that the garment may be supported from some portion of the wearer's body, as for example, from the shoulders of the wearer. As exemplified, the rear portion 14 of the garment is provided at its outer end with lobular extensions 15 adapted to hang over the shoulders of the wearer. These extensions are formed with button-holes 16 adapted to fit over buttons 17 on the end portion 13, or with other suitable fastening means. By this arrangement the fastening means is so readily accessible that a child can secure the garment in place without difficulty. At the corners of the portion 14 adjacent the recesses 11, there are provided buttons 18, or other suitable fastening means, adapted to cooperate with means such as the button-holes 19 at the corresponding corners of the front portion 13 so as to permit the portions of the garment adjacent the recesses 11 to serve as trousers portions. Preferably, the garment is provided with other fastening means, for example, as the buttons and buttonholes 20 and 21, respectively, for securing the garment together under the arms of the wearer and the buttons and button-holes 22 and 23 for securing the sides of the garment together at the sides of the wearer. If desired, suitable supplemental means, such for example, as the snap fasteners 24 and 25 may also be provided. A piece of material may be sewed to the front

of the trousers portion to provide a pocket 26, if desired. The fastening means at one side may be readily unfastened and the edges of the garment separated by the child, when desired.

The garment of the type illustrated has, besides the advantages of economy of manufacture, ease of laundering, simplicity of design and adaptability to children's needs, a further advantage of excluding the access of air and light to the child's body to a relatively small extent.

When the garment is to be worn by girls, it is desirable that skirt portions be provided, and the invention contemplates the provision of flaps 28 and 29 for this purpose. The flap 28 is secured by means of a row of stitching 30 to the member 13 at the waist portion thereof and the flap 29 secured at the waist portion of the member 14 by a row of stitching 31. These flaps can be made of such size as to extend outward to any desired degree. With a view to fully enclosing the trousers portion by the flaps the same are so formed, in the present instance, as to extend outwardly as at 32 so that when the garment is in place the ends of the flaps will overlap and provide a substantially continuous skirt portion. As will be seen, the flap 28 serves to cover the pocket 26 to protect and conceal the same.

Since certain changes may be made in the above article and different embodiments of the invention could be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawings shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

It is also to be understood that the following claims are intended to cover all of the generic and specific features of the invention herein described, and all statements of the scope of the invention which as a matter of language might be said to fall therebetween.

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

1. A child's seamless garment, formed of a single piece of material recessed laterally at opposite sides of its middle portion to provide a narrow band adapted to fit between the child's legs, the recesses indicating the boundary between a main portion for the child's front and another main portion for the child's back, which portions will extend to approximately the child's shoulder-line lobular continuations formed integrally at the outer end of one of the main portions for extending over the child's shoulders, coacting yet separable means for securing the respective lobular portions to the outer end of the other main portion for supporting the garment from the child's shoulders, other coacting yet separable means located at approximately the wearer's thighs for securing the sides of one main portion to the respectively adjacent sides of the other main portion to constitute trousers, and still other coacting yet separable means located at approximately the child's arm-pits and also at approximately the waist-line for attaching the sides of one main portion to the respectively adjacent sides of the other main portion, all of said securing-means being so located as to be readily accessible for fastening and unfastening by the child while wearing the garment.

2. A child's seamless garment, formed of a single piece of material recessed laterally at opposite sides of its middle portion to provide a narrow band adapted to fit between the child's legs, the recesses indicating the boundary between a main portion for the child's front and another main portion for the child's back, which portions will extend to approximately the child's shoulder-line, coacting yet separable means for securing the outer end of one main portion to the outer end of the other main portion for supporting the garment from the child's shoulders, other coacting yet separable means located at approximately the child's thighs for securing the sides of one main portion to the respectively adjacent sides of the other main portion to constitute trousers, and still other coacting yet separable means at approximately the child's arm-pits and also at approximately the waist-line for securing the sides of one main portion to the respectively adjacent sides of the other main portion, all of said securing-means being so located as to be readily accessible for fastening and unfastening by the child while wearing the garment.

3. A child's seamless garment, formed of a single piece of material recessed laterally at opposite sides of its middle portion to provide a narrow band adapted to fit between the child's legs, the recesses indicating the boundary between a main portion for the child's front and another main portion for the child's back, which portions will extend to approximately the child's shoulder-line, coacting yet separable means for attaching the outer end of one main portion to the outer end of the other main portion for supporting the garment from the child's shoulders, other coacting yet separable means located at approximately the child's thighs for attaching the sides of one main portion to the respectively adjacent sides of the other main portion to constitute trousers, and still other coacting yet separable means located between the shoulder and the thigh for securing the sides of one main portion to the respectively adjacent sides of the other main portion, all of said securing-means being so located as to be readily accessible for fastening and unfastening by the child while wearing the garment.

4. A child's garment as claimed in claim 2 in which each of the main portions of the garment has a skirt-flap secured thereto by a line of stitches located about midway between the outer end of the main portion and the recesses.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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