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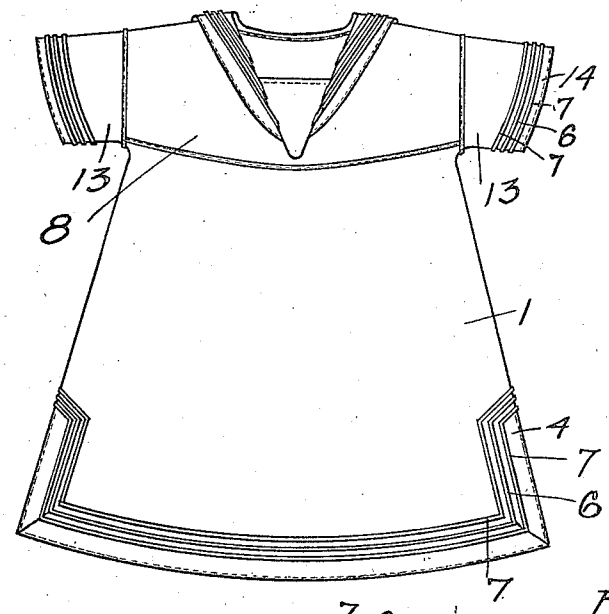


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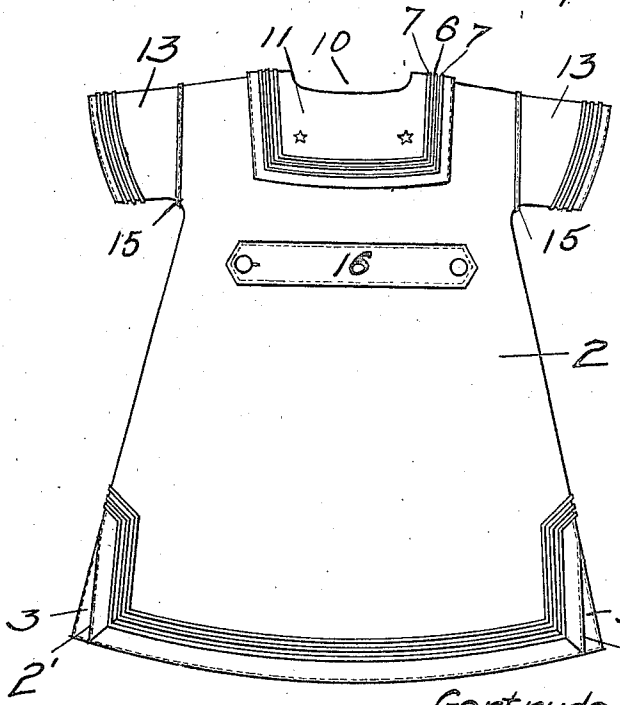


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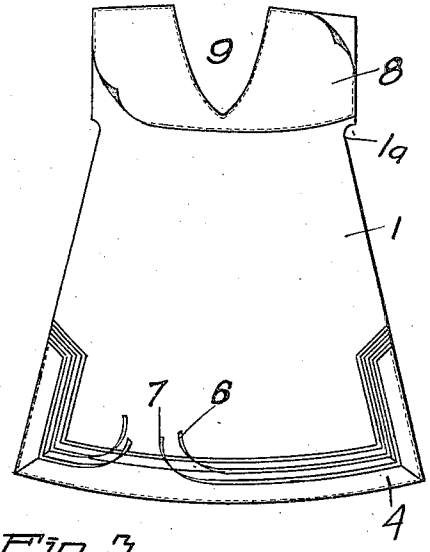


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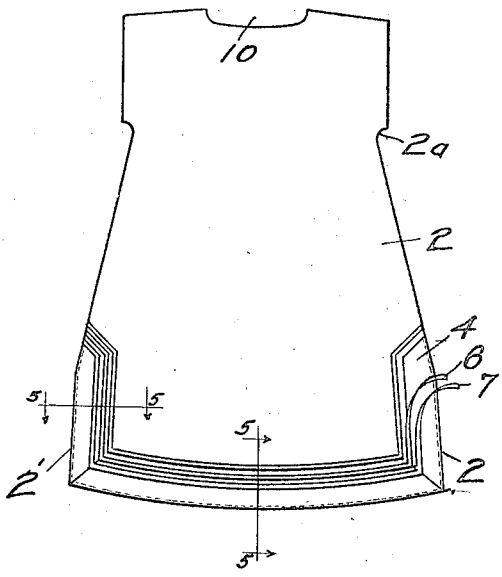


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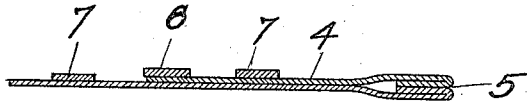


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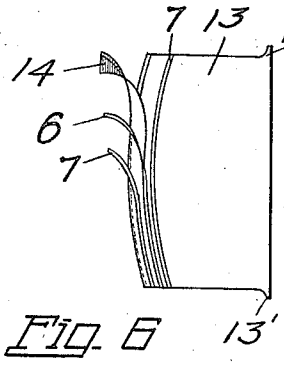


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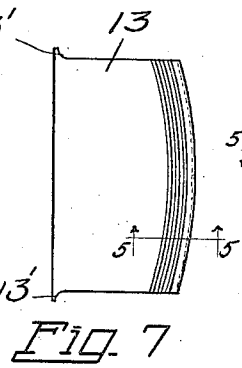


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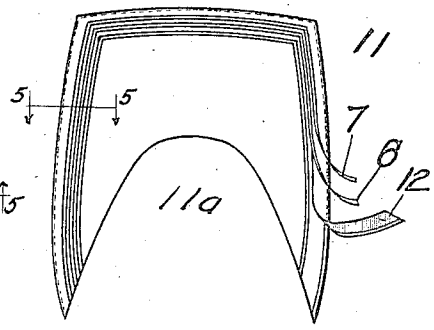


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GERTRUDE KILLFEATHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Spokane, in Spokane County and the State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Body Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to improvements in body garments especially adapted for children's wear and of the middy dress type. The primary object of the invention is the provision of an outer body garment of this type which is constructed in the form of a one-piece dress, patterned and stitched or sewed in such manner that the garment may laid out flat and smooth, thus rendering the operation of laundering convenient and facile. A further object of the invention is the formation of the dress of a minimum number of parts requiring a comparatively small expenditure of time and labor for stitching, thus reducing the cost of manufacture. By the utilization of my invention in the making of garments of this character, the completed and laundered dress may be folded compactly and neatly without danger of wrinkling or creasing for insertion in or wrapping within a suitable envelope or wrapper, and for putting away in drawers until used. The dress thus made readily adapts itself for display in transparent wrappers when on sale, or being shipped, and presents a neat and attractive appearance not only when thus displayed, but when in actual use.

The invention consists in certain novel combinations and arrangements of parts making up the whole dress as will hereinafter be more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated one complete example of the physical embodiment of my invention constructed according to the best mode I have thus far devised for the practical application of the principles of my invention, which has proven highly satisfactory in actual use.

Figure 1 is a front view of a middy dress constructed according to my invention, the dress being laid out flat.

Figure 2 is a rear or back view of the dress of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a view of the dress front, showing also the yoke at the neck, partly separated for convenience of illustration, and showing also portions of the braid separated from the bottom portion of the skirt.

Figure 4 is a view of the back of the dress.

Figure 5 is an enlarged detail sectional view showing the hem of the front and back portions of the skirt, as at lines 5—5 in Figure 4.

Figures 6 and 7 are views of the sleeve pieces, detached, and Figure 8 is a view of the collar, detached, parts of the binding strips and binding braids being separated for disclosing the relation of parts.

In the preferred form of the invention as illustrated in the drawings the one piece garment may be made up of denim or other durable material, linen or other wash goods, and in many instances silks and satins may be advantageously used.

Preferably the dress is made up of wash goods or material and in order to facilitate the washing and ironing of the dress the essential parts as the front 1 and back 2 are cut on lines which permit the garment to lie flat as shown in the drawings. It will be noted in the drawings that the lower portion of the skirt of the dress is slashed at 3, 3, at the opposite sides, and the back portion is cut away at 2′ thus providing for a fullness at the front to accommodate the dress to the body of the child and insure the proper position of the slits 3 at the sides of the skirt when worn.

At the edges of the skirt on both the front and back portions thereof a strip 4 is sewed to the outside, the edges of the strip and skirt being turned in and hemmed as at 5. The inner edge of the reinforcing strip on both the front and back is secured to the dress by means of a strip of braid 6 the stitches extending through the braid, strip and skirt of the garment, and this strip, which extends across the front and back and around the slashed portions 3 of the skirt, is of sufficient width to reinforce the skirt and adds rigidity to insure proper set to the lower portion of the skirt. In addition to the binding braid 6 other braids 7 may be stitched to the lower portions of the skirt for ornamentation and for reinforcement of the goods.

At the top of the dress front a reinforcing yoke 8 is provided for the shoulders and for the neck portion 9, the yoke being stitched around the neck, across the shoulder portions and also across the breast portion of the dress front, to strengthen the neck, breast, shoulder and sleeve portions of the dress, and the back 2 of the dress, as seen in Figure 4 is cut out at 10 to form the rear neck

portion complementary to the front portion 9. The complementary edges 1^a and 2^a of the respective front and back shoulder portions are stitched together, and this formation together with the cut out 10 in the back of the dress provide a neat and smooth close-fitting arrangement about the neck of the wearer permitting the shoulder and neck portions to lie smooth without wrinkling, over the shoulders and about the neck of the wearer, and this formation also affords proper support for the sailor collar 11.

The collar 11 is cut out at 11^a in order that its front wings may be stitched to the edges of the neck portion 9 of the dress front, and a reinforcing strip 12 is extended around the three loose edges of the collar, similar to the strips 4 of the skirt, the same binding braid 6 and ornamental braids 7 being utilized about the collar as are used about the skirt.

The complementary sleeve portions 13 are also provided with edging strips as 14, and these strips are attached in the same manner as the strips 4 and 12, the braids 6 and 7 also being utilized.

The single piece sleeves as in Figures 6 and 7 are each provided with points or extensions 13′ to correspond with the notches 1^a and 2^a of the front and back of the dress, which, when the sleeves are stitched to the shoulders of the dress, form a continuous curved line between the sides of the garment and the seam line of the sleeves, thus providing for a snug fit beneath the arms, and freedom of movement of the sleeves, and insuring, when the garment is laid flat as for ironing, that no wrinkles or creases will appear at the junction of the sleeves with the dress.

The sleeves are stitched at 15 to the arm holes, a row of stitching is provided across the shoulders between the neck and sleeves, and rows of stitching are provided down the sides of the dress between the front and back thereof. Preferably a strap 16 is buttoned at the back, and may be detached readily for laundering.

From the above description taken in connection with my drawings it is apparent that I have provided a dress of the type described, which embodies the features and meritorious elements and combinations set forth as the objects and purposes of my invention, resulting in an attractive garment and possessing highly advantageous characteristics.

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

A one piece dress comprising a closed front and closed back and having the opposite sides of its skirt slashed, an outside reinforcing strip attached at the edges of the skirt and around the slashed portions, said strip and skirt having their respective edges turned inwardly and secured together, and a binding member attached at the upper edge of the reinforcing strip.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

GERTRUDE KILLFEATHER.