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*Fig. 2.*

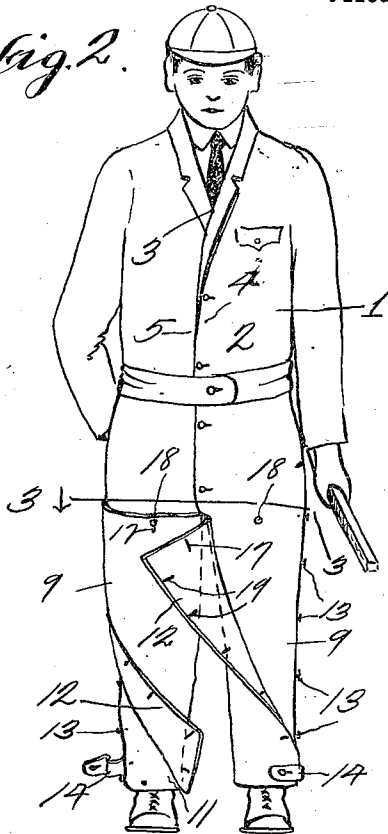


*Fig. 1.*

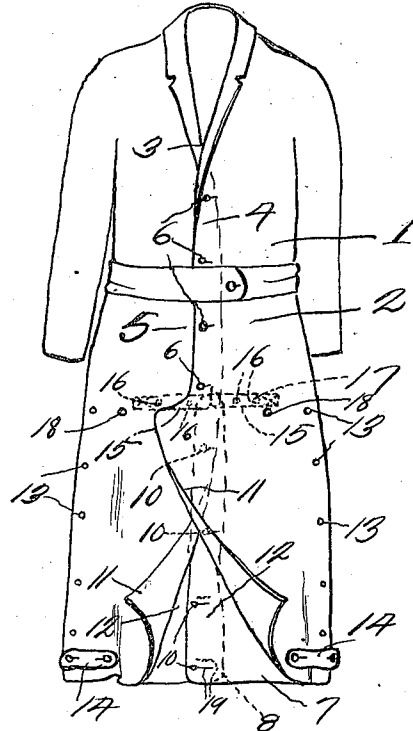


*Fig. 4.*

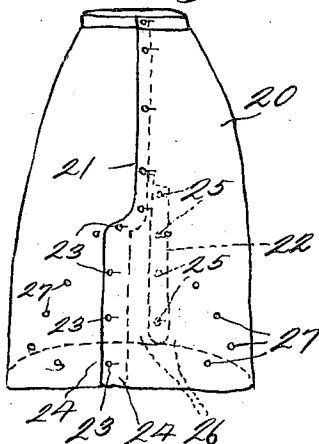


*Fig. 5.*

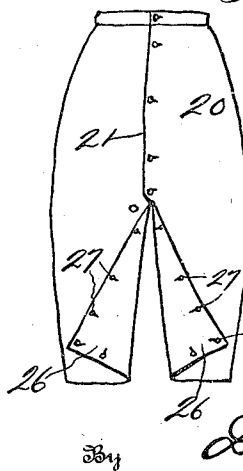
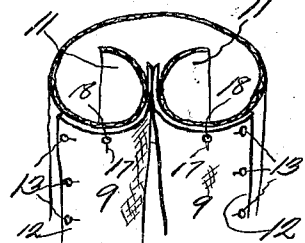


*Fig. 3.*



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The invention relates to garments, and has for its object to provide a garment which may be easily and quickly converted to a bifurcated type of garment thereby allowing  
 5 a long coat to be converted to a bifurcated suit, which is particularly adapted for use by mechanics, and the garment to be used as overalls.

A further object is to provide a convertible garment wherein the legs are formed in such a manner when they are unbuttoned vertically, the overalls may be converted into a skirt type of overall.

A further object is to construct the leg  
 15 forming portions of the garment in a manner whereby when the device is formed into a bifurcated garment, the front part of the legs of the garment will be formed from a double thickness of material, thereby protecting the knees and strengthening the legs at a point where the maximum strain takes place in the legs.

A further object is to provide a convertible garment convertible from a skirt type  
 25 of garment to a bifurcated type of garment, said garment being entirely slit up its front and partially split up its back, the back portions formed by the split being adapted to be drawn around the legs between the legs  
 30 and buttoned around the legs to the outside of the legs.

With the above and other objects in view the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter set  
 35 forth, shown in the drawing, described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the  
 40 invention.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the garment showing the same in skirt form.

Figure 2 is a front elevation of the garment showing the same formed into overalls.

Figure 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a rear elevation of a skirt convertible to knickerbockers.

Figure 5 is a view in elevation showing the skirt after it has been formed into knickerbockers.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1  
 65 designates a coat, 2 the front thereof, which front is split for its vertical length at 3.

The side 4 of the front overlaps the side 5 and is detachably connected thereto by means of buttons 6. The rear side 7 of the coat is provided with a split 8 which extends  
 60 vertically a sufficient distance whereby the legs 9 may be formed. However the split is normally closed by the adjacent edges thereof being buttoned together by means of buttons 10. When it is desired to convert  
 65 the garment to a bifurcated type of garment for forming a suit of overalls, the buttons 10 are unbuttoned and the flaps 11 are passed inwardly between the legs, after which the portions 12 of the back formed by the split 8  
 70 are drawn forwardly between the legs and then wrapped around the forward sides of the legs over the portions 11 and are secured to the buttons 13, thereby forming the legs  
 75 9, the forward sides of which are formed from a double thickness of material as shown in Figure 3. If so desired the garment adjacent its lower end may be provided with straps 14, which straps when the legs are  
 80 formed may be utilized for bracing the lower ends of the legs where considerable strain takes place. The rear side of the garment is provided with horizontally disposed splits 15, which are normally closed by  
 85 means of buttons 16, however the buttons 16 are unbuttoned when the device is formed into a bifurcated garment as shown in Figure 2, and when the portions 12 are drawn  
 90 between the legs and wrapped around the forward sides thereof the button holes 17 which receive the buttons 16 are received by the buttons 18 and the button holes 19 in  
 95 which the buttons 10 are disposed receive the buttons 13, thereby allowing the garment to be easily formed into overalls, and at the same time the legs 9 to be formed on  
 100 their forward sides with double thicknesses of material. The device is particularly adapted for use by automobilists, who use what is known as "dusters" which dusters  
 could be easily and quickly converted into overalls when desired.

Referring to Figures 4 and 5 wherein a skirt 20 is shown, the skirt is split at 21 entirely up its back side, and partially split  
 105 at 22 up its front side. When it is desired to form the skirt into knickerbockers as shown in Figure 5 the rear side of the skirt is unbuttoned or opened by unbuttoning the buttons 23, then wrapping the portions 24  
 110 forwardly between the legs and around the legs, after which the buttons 25, which nor-

mally close the split 22 in the forward side of the skirt, are unbuttoned, and then the portions 26 are wrapped inwardly around the legs and buttoned to the angularly disposed buttons 27 on the rear side of the skirt, as clearly shown in Figure 5, thereby forming knickerbockers.

From the above it will be seen that a convertible garment is provided, which is simple in construction, and one which may be easily and quickly converted from a skirt type garment to a bifurcated garment, such for instance, as from a conventional form of automobile duster to overalls.

The invention having been set forth what is claimed as new and useful is:—

A garment, said garment extending from the shoulders to the ankles of a wearer and

having the lower portion thereof in skirt form, the rear side of the lower portion of the garment being centrally slit vertically, oppositely extending horizontally disposed slits carried by the rear side of the garment in communication with the upper end of the first mentioned slit, all of said slits merging together adjacent the crotch of the wearer, said horizontally disposed slits forming flaps adapted to encircle the legs of the wearer forwardly, outwardly and rearwardly and securing means carried by opposite sides of the lower end of the garment to which the ends of the flaps may be attached.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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