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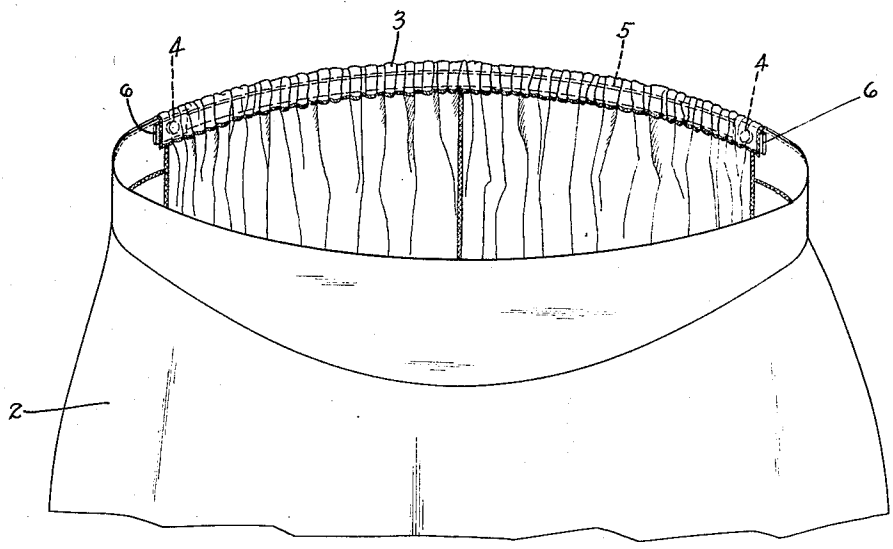


FIG. 1

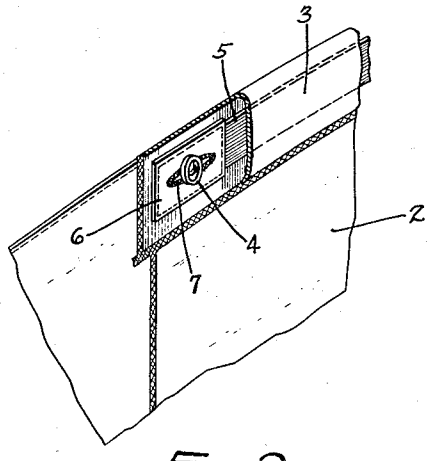


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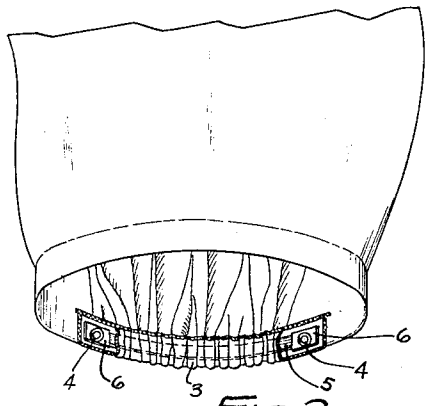


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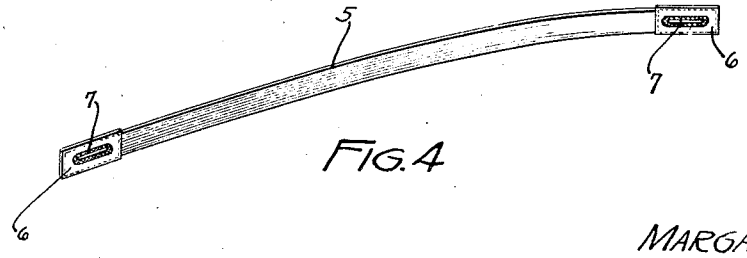


FIG. 4

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This invention relates to the bloomer type of undergarment wherein an elastic band is inserted in the upper part of the garment at the waist line and also at the lower end of the leg portions of the garment for the purpose of holding it in proper position on the wearer. These bands are removed for renewal or repair and should also be removed preparatory to washing the garment but when stitched in place, considerable time is required to remove and re-insert them, and the object of my present invention is to provide a simple inexpensive means for attaching the band to the garment so that it may be easily and quickly removed from the garment when desired for any purpose and as conveniently replaced for use.

The invention consists generally in various constructions and combinations, all as hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification

Figure 1 is a detail view of the upper portion of a bloomer garment showing the hem or fold at the back of the garment to provide a sheath for the band;

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the band in place in the sheath with the tabs on the ends of the band provided with buttonholes to receive the buttons in the sheath;

Figure 3 is a detail view of the lower portion of one of the legs of the garment showing how the band may be incorporated in the leg band in substantially the same manner as shown with respect to the waist band; and

Figure 4 is a detail view of the band removed from the sheath showing the buttonhole tabs thereon.

In the drawings, 2 represents the waist portion of a bloomer type of garment and provided at the waist line, preferably in the rear of the garment, with a fold 3 forming a sheath extending across the back of the garment terminating preferably above the hip portion on each side and having open ends. Within these open ends and normally concealed by the wall of the sheath are buttons 4 of suitable size. 5 is a band of elastic material having tabs 6 at each end provided with buttonholes 7 of suitable size to receive the buttons in the wall of the sheath. The band is threaded through the sheath and the tabs engaged with the buttons and both the band and the tabs and buttons will be covered by the walls of the sheath, the band being put under sufficient tension when the garment is worn to hold it in place on the wearer. Whenever desired the end walls of the sheath may be pushed back, exposing the buttons, and thereupon the tabs may be disengaged from the buttons and the band easily and quickly removed from the sheath for any purpose, as when it is desired to wash the garment, or replace or renew the elastic band. The fold in the waist band of the garment is preferably located at the back so that the front portion will be drawn smoothly and evenly over the wearer and I prefer to have the fold extend entirely across the back between the hip portions. The buttons being on the inside of the sheath and normally concealed, may be easily exposed by pushing back the wall of the fold or sheath. The leg portions of the garment may have the ordinary band or may be equipped with a suitable elastic strip for the purpose of holding the leg portions in place.

In the drawings, I have shown one of the leg portions of the garment provided with a fold extending about one-fourth of the circumference of the leg band, each end of the fold forming the sheath having a button secured to the garment to engage the buttonholes in the end of the band corresponding to the one shown at the waist, except that it may be smaller as well as shorter. If preferred of course, this elastic band at the bottom of the leg may be omitted entirely.

It will be understood that the sheath or casing provided at the waist band of the garment and preferably at the lower ends of the leg portions may be varied in length according to the desired length of the elastic band and the buttons secured to the garment may be located in any suitable position

where they are conveniently accessible for the purpose of attaching the elastic band to the garment or removing it therefrom.

I do not wish, therefore, to be confined in this application to the details of arrangement herein shown.

I claim as my invention:

An undergarment having a band provided with a fold or hem forming a sheath extending partially around the garment and provided with open ends and a series of tucks formed in its walls between said ends, buttons secured to the garment within and adjacent the open ends of said sheath and normally concealed by the tucked walls thereof, and an elastic band loosely fitting within said sheath and having end tabs thereon provided with buttonholes to receive said buttons, said tabs being normally covered by the walls of said sheath but becoming exposed and readily separable from said buttons when said tucked walls are pulled back.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 14 day of October, 1930.

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