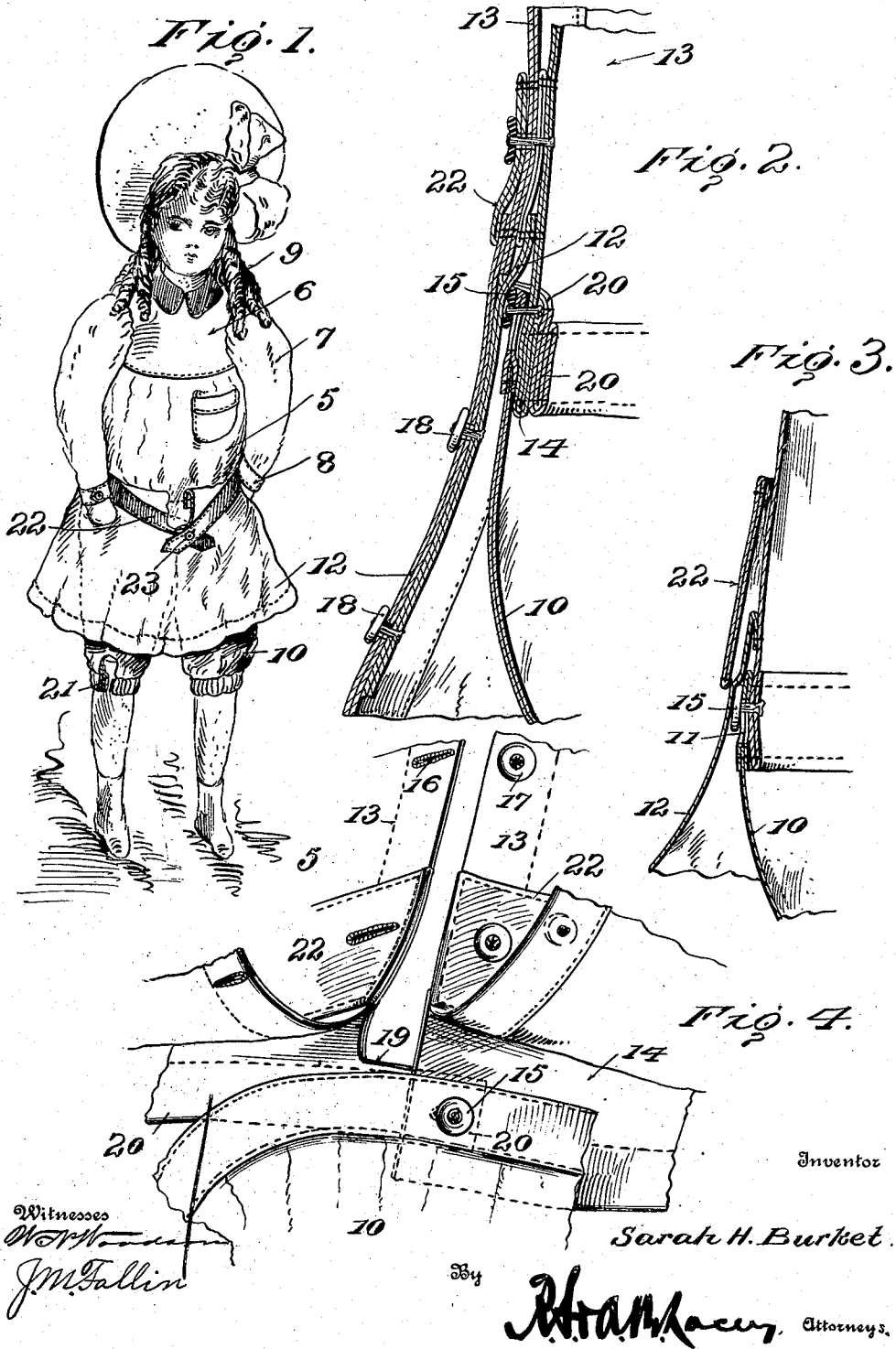


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARAH HANNAH BURKET, citizen of the United States, residing at Findlay, in the county of Hancock and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Girls' Combination-Suits, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wearing apparel and more particularly to a combination garment especially designed to be worn by little girls and other children when playing in the dirt or otherwise indulging in daily recreation.

The object of the invention is to provide a combination garment arranged to button down the back and embodying in its structure, a waist, bloomers, skirt, garters and belt, the several parts being fastened together in such a manner as to form in effect a union suit that may be readily put on or taken off by a child without the assistance of a nurse, parent, or other attendant.

Further objects and advantages will appear in the following description, it being understood that various changes in form, proportions, and minor details of construction may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claims.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction and the means for effecting the result, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a combination garment constructed in accordance with my invention, showing the same in position on a child; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the rear portion of the garment at the waist line thereof, showing the skirt and waist fastened; Fig. 3 is a similar detail longitudinal sectional view taken at the right of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the rear portion of the garment, the skirt being shown in elevated position and the rear sections of the waist unbuttoned in order to more clearly show the several parts.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The improved combination suit forming the subject matter of the present invention comprises a waist 5, having a yoke 6 secured thereto and provided with sleeves 7 terminat-

ing in cuffs 8, there being a collar 9 secured to the yoke of the garment and preferably formed in two sections, as shown. The forward portion of the waist 5 is extended to produce the front portion of the bloomers 10, the rear portion of the bloomers being separated from the front portion thereof so as to permit the same to be folded downwardly, said rear or severed portion of the bloomers being provided at its upper edge with a series of spaced button-holes 11.

Surrounding the garment at the waist line thereof is a skirt 12 which forms a housing or cover for the bloomers, this skirt being stitched or otherwise secured to the fabric constituting the waist, as shown. The rear portion of the skirt is spaced upwardly from the lower edge of the rear sections 13 of the waist so that said lower edge will form a waist band 14 having one or more buttons 15 sewed thereon and which engage the button-holes 11 for the purpose of retaining the movable rear section of the bloomers in position on the waist band.

One of the rear sections 13 of the waist is provided with a series of button-holes 16 which receive buttons or similar fastening devices 17 carried by the adjacent waist section, the rear portion of the skirt 12 being split vertically and also provided with buttons or similar fastening devices 18, whereby the skirt may be closed at the back and thus entirely house the bloomers.

Attention is here called to the fact that the buttons and button-holes on the skirt 12 are arranged in vertical alinement with the buttons and button-holes on the waist sections 13 thus providing a garment which buttons down the back and which may be readily put on and taken off by a small child without the assistance of a nurse, parent, or other attendant. It will also be noted that one end of the waist band 14 is cut or severed at 19 to produce a flap or tab arranged to extend or project under the adjacent edge of the waist band at the rear thereof when the garment is buttoned so as to permit the edges of the skirt and sections 13 to overlap without forming any crimps or wrinkles in the garment. This tab or extension 20 by overlapping engagement with the adjacent end of the waist band, forms in effect a closure to prevent gaping or spreading of said waist band where the garment buttons down the back.

The legs of the bloomers are formed with

annular pockets in which are seated elastic strips 21 constituting garters, the cloth or fabric around the elastic bands being gathered so as to allow the garment to fit snugly around the limbs of the child.

Secured to the garment at the waist line thereof is a belt 22 preferably formed in sections and having its ends extended across the front of the skirt and secured together by a button or similar fastening device 23. Thus it will be seen that by releasing the movable sections of the waist, the child may readily insert its feet through the legs of the bloomers so as to permit the garment to be readily positioned on the child, said garment being retained in proper position by means of the buttons or fastening devices 17 and 18.

The garment may be made in different sizes and shapes to accommodate children of different ages, and in making the garment it is preferred to make the body thereof of one material and the collar, cuffs, and belt of another material so as to give a pleasing effect.

Having thus described my invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A combination garment arranged to button down the back and including a waist, bloomers, and skirt, the upper edge of the skirt being spaced from the lower edge of the waist at the rear of the garment to form a waist band and the front of said waist being extended to form the front of the bloomers, and fastening devices carried by the bloomers and waist band respectively for retaining the bloomers in position on said waist band.

2. A combination garment including a

waist having back sections secured thereto and provided with interengaging fastening devices, bloomers secured to the waist and having the front thereof formed by an integral continuation of the front portion of said waist, and a skirt forming a covering for the bloomers and provided with a fastening device arranged in vertical alinement with the fastening devices of the rear waist sections, the upper edge of the skirt being spaced from the lower edge of the waist at the rear of the garment to form a waist band for engagement with the rear of the bloomers.

3. A combination garment including a front waist section having rear waist sections secured thereto and provided with inter-engaging fastening devices, bloomers forming a part of the garment, a skirt secured to the waist and having its upper edge spaced from the lower edges of the rear sections to form a waist band, the front portion of the waist being extended longitudinally beyond the waist band to produce the front of the bloomers and the rear of the bloomers being provided with spaced button-holes arranged to engage buttons carried by the waist band, one end of the waist band being cut away to produce a reduced longitudinally disposed flap arranged to overlap the adjacent end of the waist band at the rear of one of the buttons thereon when the garment is in position on a person.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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