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Fig. 1.

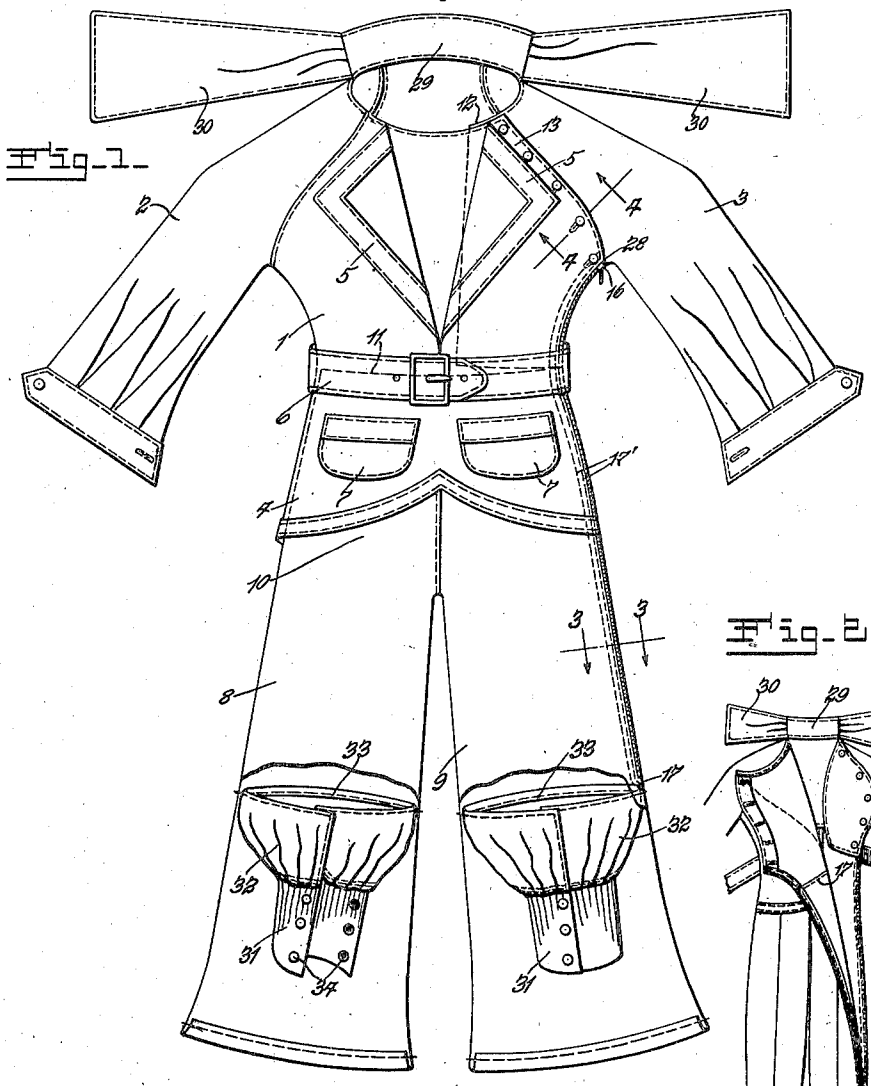


Fig. 2.

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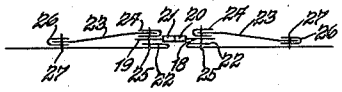
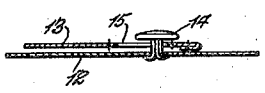


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to garments; and has special reference to a novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts herein disclosed whereby a satisfactory garment is produced and secured on the wearer in a novel manner.

Objects of the invention are to provide a garment including a body portion and legs having the body portion open from the collar or neckband downwardly in continuation of an opening extending upwardly from the lower portion of one of the legs, and fasteners for attaching together the marginal edges of the garment at said opening in an ornamental and satisfactory fashion; to provide cuff elements in connection with the legs of the garment for fitting snugly around the ankles of the wearer; and, generally, to provide a garment of the character herein disclosed that may be manufactured and sold at permissible cost and which is highly attractive and pleasing in appearance and design.

Various other objects and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent from the following description, reference being made to the annexed drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a front perspective view of a garment construction in accordance with one embodiment of the invention, a portion of the legs being broken away.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the garment open.

Fig. 3 is a diagrammatic sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, showing the arrangement of the substantially concealed fasteners for attaching together the marginal portions of the garment at the sides of the opening.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1, showing other fasteners for the upper portion of the garment.

The garment shown on sheet 1 of the drawing comprises a body portion 1 having attached thereto sleeves 2 and 3, and a short skirt portion 4, so that said body portion including these portions may be called a coat. For additional utility and ornamentation, the front of the coat may be provided with lapels 5, a belt 6 and pockets 7.

The lower portion of the garment includes legs 8 and 9 forming trousers and having a waist portion 10 extending upwardly under or within the coat and attached thereto by stitches 11.

The upper end of the body portion or coat opens and has overlapping margins 12 and 13 extending laterally and downwardly from the collar opening to the underside of the sleeve 3. The outer portion 13 may be attached to the inner portion 12 by fasteners of any appropriate type, preferably of an ornamental design such as buttons 14 fastened to the portion 12 and engageable with buttonholes 15 formed in the marginal portion 13.

The garment is also open from the lower end 16 of the opening just described approximately to the point 17. The edges of the coat at the sides of the opening are attached to the trousers by stitches 17'. Tapes 18 and 19 carrying, respectively, releasable and engageable fasteners 20 and 21 are attached to the margins along the opening between the points 16 and 17 in a novel manner. As shown, the margins 22 along the opening are folded inwardly, the tapes 18 and 19 are laid upon the folded margins 22, and bands 23 having their adjacent edges enclosed in binding strips 24 are laid upon the tapes 18 and 19. Rows of stitches 25 pass through the parts 24, 23, 18 and 19, 22 and the margins along the opening, and secure these parts together, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawing. The opposite edges of the bands 23 are enclosed in bindings 25 and attached to the garment by stitches 27. In this way, the hooks 20 and 21 are held out of contact with the body of the wearer or the underwear worn by the wearer, which is a distinct advantage. A slide 28 is connected with the fasteners 20 and 21 and is slidable along the series of fasteners to engage and disengage them. As stated, these fasteners extend between the points 16 and 17 and the slide 28 is moved downwardly from the point 16 to the point 17 to open the garment, and is moved upwardly from the point 17 to the point 16 to close the garment. The belt 11 crosses these fasteners and cooperates therewith to hold the garment to the form of the wearer.

A scarf may be provided in connection with the upper end of the garment and have its central portion 29 attached to the upper end of the rear of the garment, and end portions 30 which may be placed around the neck of the wearer and attached in any appropriate manner.

The garment shown additionally comprises an elastic cuff 31 in the lower portion of each leg. The cuffs 31 are attached to the lower end of elastic supporting members 32 having their upper ends secured to the legs of the garment by stitches 33. The adjacent ends of the supporting members 32 are unattached to each other, and also the adjacent ends of the cuffs 31 are unattached to each other, so that the composite cuff devices may be opened from their lower ends to their upper ends to facilitate getting into and out of the garment. The edges of the cuffs 31 are

provided with releasable and engageable fastener elements **34**, whereby the cuffs may be held closely around the ankles of the wearer, leaving the lower ends of the legs proper of the garment at full size.

The garment may be varied widely in numerous particulars other than those specifically suggested without departure from the nature and principle of the invention.

We claim:—

1. A garment comprising trousers including legs and a waist portion, and a coat attached to the waist of the trousers being closed at the front and having a skirt portion extending downwardly over and covering the waist portion of the trousers, both the coat and the trousers having an opening from one side of the collar of the coat laterally downwardly toward one side of the coat near the shoulder and thence downwardly along one side and throughout the length of the coat and downwardly along one side of one leg of the trousers and terminating substantially above the lower end of said leg of the trousers; fasteners for holding closed the first named opening at the upper portion of the coat, separate fasteners for opening and closing the side of the coat and the trousers from the lower end of said first named fasteners to the lower end of said last named opening that terminates above the lower end of the leg of the trousers, and a device for engaging and disengaging said last named fasteners.

2. A garment comprising trousers including legs and a waist portion, and a coat attached to the waist of the trousers being closed at the front and having a skirt portion extending downwardly over and covering the waist portion of the trousers, both the coat and the trousers having an opening from one side of the collar of the coat laterally downwardly toward one side of the coat near the shoulder and thence downwardly along one side and throughout the length of the coat and downwardly along one side of one leg of the trousers and terminating substantially above the lower end of said leg of the trousers; fasteners for holding closed the first named opening at the upper portion of the coat, separate fasteners for opening and closing the side of the coat and the trousers from the lower end of said first named fasteners to the lower end of said last named opening that terminates above the lower end of the leg of the trousers, and cuffs attached to the inner sides of the leg portions of the garment below the lower end of said opening at the side of a leg portion of the garment and having unattached edges adapted to overlap from their lower ends to their upper ends.

3. A garment comprising trousers including legs and a waist portion, and a coat attached to the waist of the trousers being closed at the front and having a skirt portion extending downwardly over and covering the waist portion of the trousers, both the coat and the trousers having an opening from one side of the collar of the coat laterally downwardly toward one side of the coat near the shoulder and thence downwardly along one side and throughout the length of the coat and downwardly along one side of one leg of the trousers and terminating substantially above the lower end of said leg of the trousers; fasteners for holding closed the first named opening at the upper portion of the coat, separate fasteners for opening and closing the side of the coat and the trousers from the lower end of said first named fasteners to the lower end of said last named opening that terminates above the lower end of the leg of the trousers, cuffs attached to the inner sides of the leg portions of the garment below the lower end of said opening at the side of a leg portion of the garment and having unattached edges adapted to overlap from their lower ends to their upper ends, and detachable means for attaching together said edges of said cuffs and for holding said cuffs closely around the ankles of the wearer of the garment and leaving the lower ends of said leg portions extending downwardly a substantial distance around and loosely enclosing the portions of said cuffs enclosed thereby.

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