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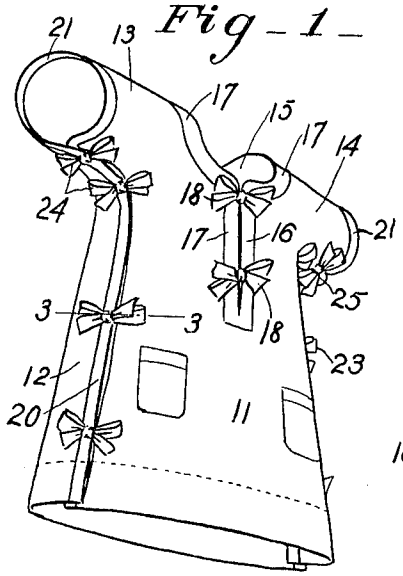



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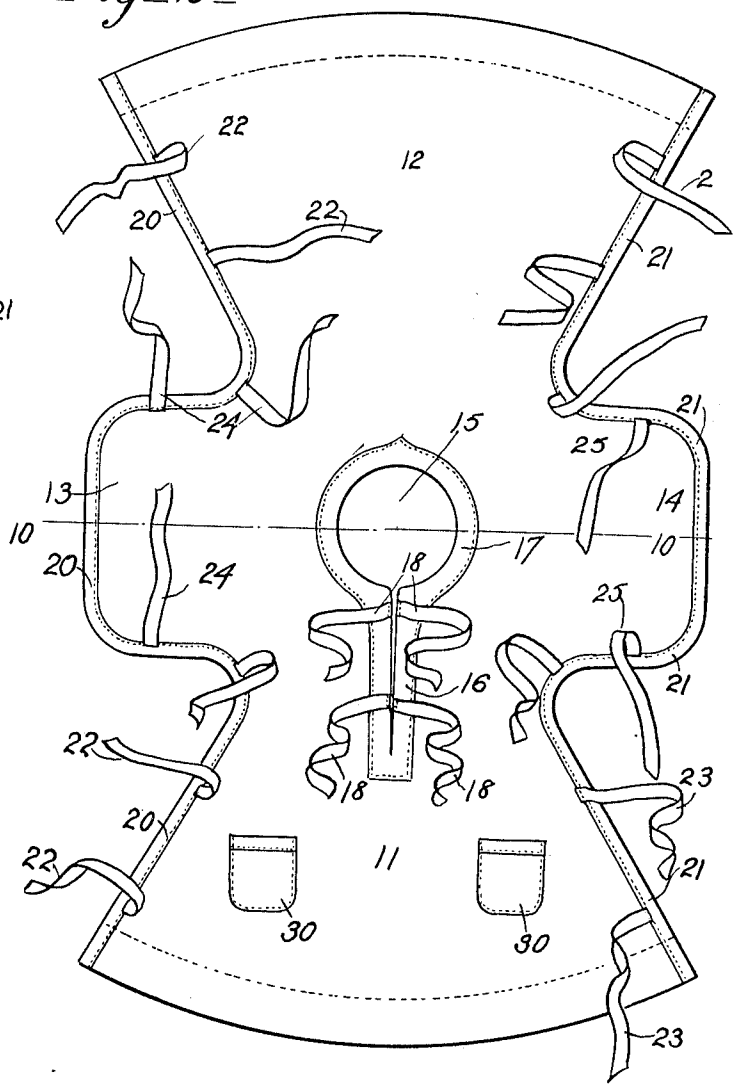
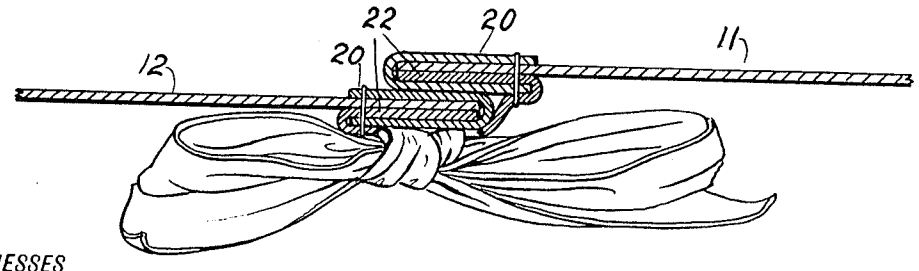



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, MARGUERITE REESER, a citizen of the United States, and WILLIAM W. STEBBINS, a citizen of the United States, both residents of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Seamless Dress, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved seamless dress more especially designed for the use of children, preferably made of a washable material, and arranged to permit of conveniently and quickly washing and laundrying the dress without requiring removal or alteration of any one of the parts. Another object is to provide a dress which is very neat in appearance. Another object is to permit of cheaply manufacturing the dress.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction as hereinafter shown and described and then specifically pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved seamless dress;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged plan view of the improved seamless dress in extended position; and

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional plan view of part of the seamless dress, the section being on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

The dress is made of a single piece of material, preferably a washable material, and is folded along a longitudinal median line 10 indicated in Fig. 2, to provide identical front and back portions 11 and 12 and sleeve portions 13 and 14. The single piece is provided at the middle of the said median line 10 with a neck opening 15 from which extends downwardly a slit 16 at the front portion 11 to allow of conveniently slipping the garment over the child's head into position. The neck opening 15 and the slit 16 are provided with a binding 17 and tying bands 18 are arranged in pairs on the binding 17 at the slit 16 to permit of tying said tying strings into knots to close the slit 16, as plainly indicated in Fig. 1. The bindings 20 and 21 extend along the sides of the garment from the lower edge of the front portion 11 to the lower edge of the back portion 12, the bindings 20 and 21 overlying the edges of the sleeve portions 13 and 14. The sides of the front and back portions 11 and 12 are provided with tying strings 22, 23 arranged in pairs to allow of fastening the sides together with the corresponding portions of the bindings 20 and 21 in overlapping relation, as plainly indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, it being understood that the tying bands are tied into knots to enhance the appearance of the dress. Similar tying bands 24 and 25 are arranged in pairs at the under side of the sleeve portions 13 and 14 to close the sleeves with the binding portions at the under side of the sleeves in overlapping relation, as indicated in Fig. 1. It will be noticed that by tying the front and rear portions and the under sides of the sleeve portions together in overlapping relation it is evident that no sharp, undesirable seams are formed and consequently chafing is not liable to take place under the arms of the wearer.

In practice the tying bands 22, 23, 24 and 25 have their attaching ends interposed between the corresponding bindings 20, 21 and the material of which the front and rear portions 11 and 12 are made, with the tying bands extending outward from the inner edges of the said bindings, as plainly indicated in Figs. 2 and 3. It will be noticed that by this arrangement the bindings can be readily drawn into overlapping relation and held in this position on tying the tying bands 22, 23, 24 and 25 into bows, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 3.

It will also be noticed that when the tying strings are untied the dress can be readily washed and ironed while in extended flat condition and without requiring removal or alteration of any one of the parts, and, after the garment is ironed and placed in position on the child, it can be readily closed by tying up the corresponding tying bands. Also by the arrangement described an entirely seamless dress is provided. Suitable pockets 30 may be attached to the front portion 11 if desired.

In practice the bindings are preferably of contrasting color relative to the dress material to heighten the appearance of the dress. It will also be noticed that the bows into which the tying bands are tied greatly enhance the appearance of the dress.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. A seamless dress made of a single piece of dress material folded into two identical front and back portions along a median horizontal line, the piece having a neck opening at the middle of the said median line, and a slit leading from the said neck opening downward at the front portion, the piece having oppositely arranged and laterally extending sleeve portions, bindings extending along the sides of the said piece, tying bands arranged in pairs on the binding at the sides of the dress body to tie the front and back portions together at the sides and with the bindings in overlapping relation, permanently secured tying bands arranged in pairs on the binding at the under side of the sleeve portions, a binding extending along the wall of the neck opening and its slit, and permanently secured tying bands arranged in pairs at the binding of the slit.

2. A seamless dress made of a single piece of dress material folded into two identical front and back portions along a median horizontal line, the dress having a neck opening at the middle of the said median line, and a slit leading from the said neck opening downward at the front portion, the dress having open sleeve portions, bindings extending along the sides of the said piece, tying bands arranged in pairs on the binding at the sides of the dress body to tie the front and back portions together at the sides and with the bindings in overlapping relation, tying bands arranged in pairs on the binding at the under side of the sleeve portions, a binding extending along the wall of the neck opening and its slit, and tying bands arranged in pairs at the binding of the slit, each of the said tying bands having its attaching end fastened between the binding and the piece of dress material, the tying bands extending from the inner edges of the binding.

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