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Fig. 1.

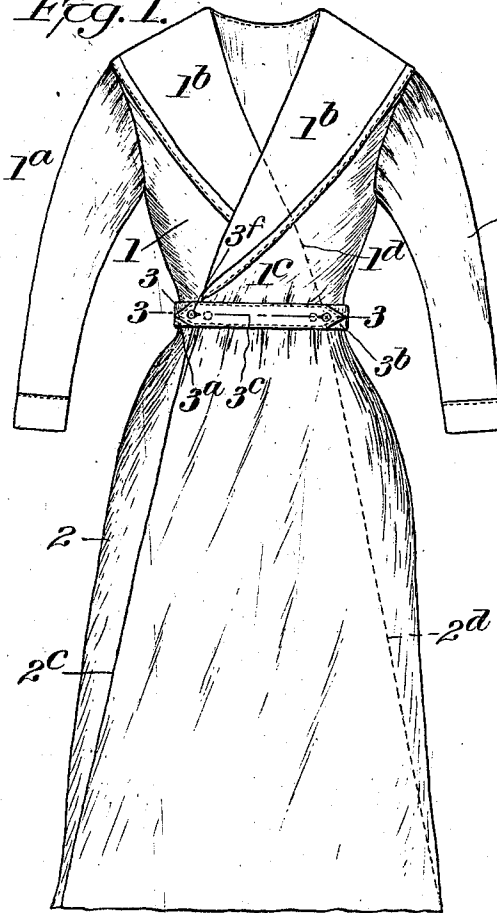


Fig. 2.

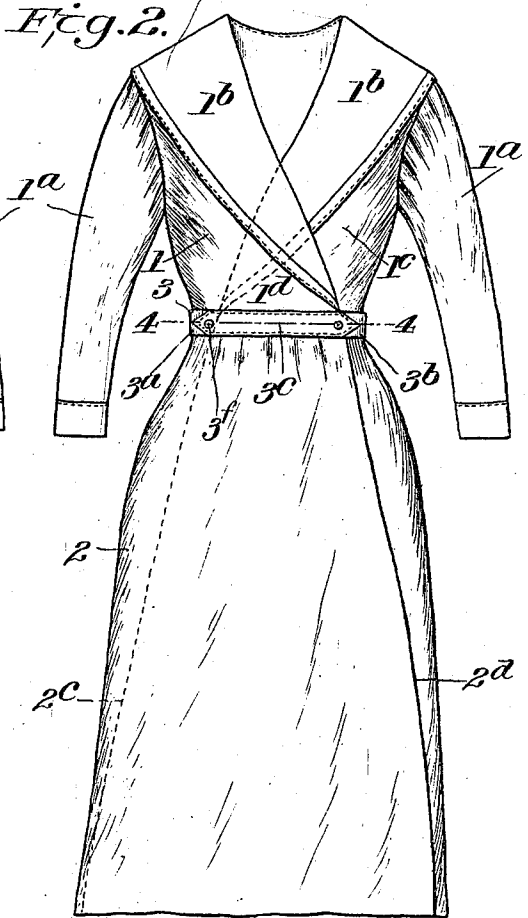


Fig. 3.

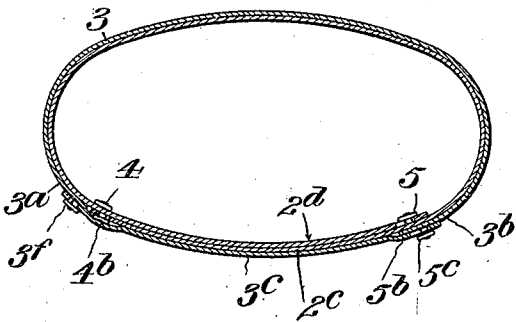
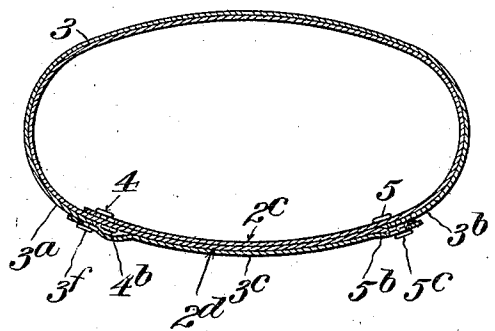


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MOSES ALSHULER, of Waukegan, in the county of Lake and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' House-Dresses; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

This invention is an improvement in ladies' garments and its object is to provide a very convenient house-dress which can be readily put on, or off, like a coat; which will have a double front, either side of which can be lapped over the other side, and which can be readily confined by a single belt, and which when worn will have the appearance of a neat fitting waist and skirt; and which can be made practically in one piece, or in two pieces. Its principal advantages are, simplicity of manufacture; ease and facility with which it can be put on and taken off by the wearer; and its neat fitting appearance.

I will describe the invention with reference to the drawings in which I have conventionally illustrated a garment constructed in accordance with the invention, and which in connection with the following description will enable others to fully understand the same.

In said drawing—Figure 1 is a front view of the garment showing its arrangement when worn. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the garment front reversed. Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view of the garment on line 3—3, Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view of the garment on the line 4—4, Fig. 2.

The garment comprises a waist portion 1, skirt portion 2 and a belt 3. In practice the waist and skirt portions may be made in one continuous piece or of separate pieces united. The waist portion may have sleeves 1^a of any desired style, and may be finished with a collar 1^b of any desired style, either high or low neck. The peculiarity of the garment is that it opens in front from top to bottom of the waist and skirt portions, and the garment is made with overlapping front portions 1^c, 2^c, and 1^a, 2^a; the parts 1^c, 1^a being continuations of the waist, and parts 2^c, 2^a being continuations of the skirt.

The belt 3 is preferably stitched to the garment at the waist-portion or junction of

the waist and skirt, and the stitching preferably extends from a point 3^a at one side around the rear of the garment and back to the opposite side at 3^b; and the space between the points 3^a and 3^b is to be closed or covered by a belt-flap 3^c, which may be attached to the garment at 3^a and be detachably attachable to the other end of the belt at 3^b, so that when the garment is adjusted and the flap 3^c fastened, it will give a neat close belted appearance to the garment around the waist of the wearer. The garment is provided adjacent the belt and at opposite sides and adjacent the parts 3^a, 3^b of the belt with fastening devices 4 and 5 respectively. These fastenings may be of any suitable kind such as hooks and eyes or buttons; the latter being shown in the drawings. The button 5 is near the end 3^b of the belt and the button 4 is near the end 3^a of the belt and the stitches which fasten the buttons extend through the flaps and adjacent parts of the belt.

The overlapping front portions (2^a, 2^c) of the garment are provided at the waist line with fastening devices,—button holes being shown; and when the portion 2^a is lapped over the portion 2^c (Fig. 4), the latter is then attached to the flap 2^a at 4 and the portion 2^a is attached at 5^b to a suitable fastening, such as a button 5^c attached to the belt. Then the end of the belt flap 3^c is also attached to the fastening 5^c as indicated in Figs. 2 and 4. This gives a close fitting appearance to the garment as indicated in Fig. 1. If it is desired to reverse the front portions the garment is unfastened and the portion 2^c is lapped outside the portion 2^a and is fastened or buttoned to a device or button 4^b secured to the belt near 3^a. The end of portion 2^a is attached to 5, and the belt-flap 3^c is again attached to 5^c as indicated in Figs. 1 and 3; in either case a close fitting and neat appearing garment is provided.

When the fastening devices are buttons, as shown, a button 3^f is preferably sewed to the left-hand end of the button flap 3^c to balance the button 5^c.

While I have herein described and shown buttons and button holes as the fastening devices for the garment, it is obvious that any of the other well known fastening devices, such as hooks and eyes, may be employed in place of buttons; as such are fully equivalent in the art for buttons and well known I have not deemed it necessary to

show same herein; but I would consider hooks and eyes or like devices an equivalent of buttons and that the use thereof in place of buttons or interchangeably with 5 buttons and button holes, is within the scope of my invention.

It will be readily seen from the drawings that a garment thus constructed can be taken off or put on like a coat and either front portion 1^c, 2^c (or 1^a, 2^a) can be arranged outermost. When fastened as described the front portions are securely held so that the bottom hems at the front of the garment appears as an ordinary skirt and the overlapped front 15 portions are of such width that they will not open when the wearer is walking and will be securely held in place.

The garment can be used as a house-dress or wrapper and if desired can be slipped on 20 over another dress to protect same.

What I claim is:

A lady's house-dress, comprising a united waist and skirt open from top to bottom and having front portions extending from top 25 to bottom and adapted to be overlapped from either side, a belt attached to the waist

portion of the garment; fastening devices attached to the inside of the garment, at the inner side of each front portion; and correlated fastening devices on the front portions respectively adapted to engage the inner fastening devices according as the front portions may be lapped; and fastening devices on the outside of the garment and attached to the belt at opposite sides of 35 the front portions and respectively adapted to be engaged by correlated fastening devices on the outermost front portions according as the fronts may be lapped; a belt-flap attached to one end of the belt and 40 adapted to be lapped over the front portions; and means for attaching the free end of the belt-flap to the opposite end of the belt.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I affix my signature in presence of 45 two witnesses.

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