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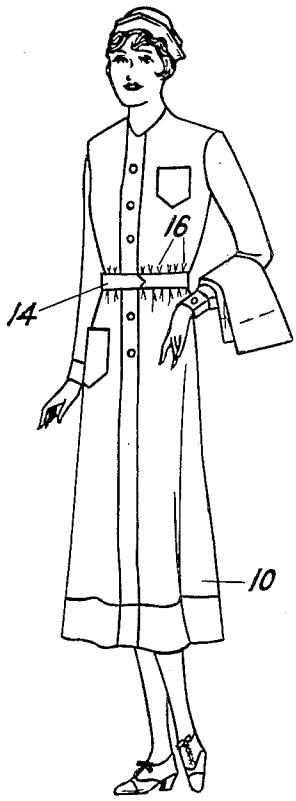


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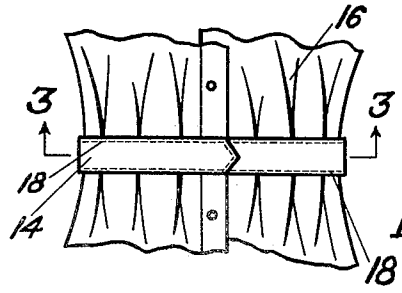


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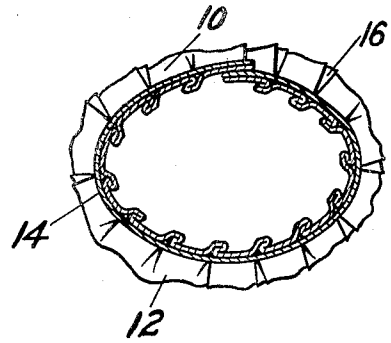


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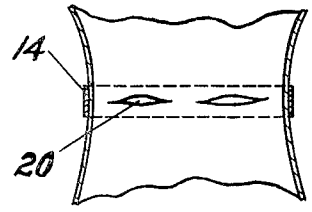


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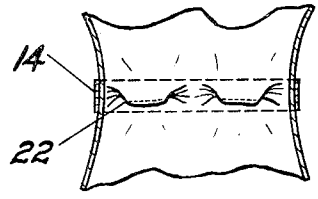


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Our invention relates to clothing and relates particularly to the shaping of nurses' uniforms.

Uniforms for nurses have generally been constructed so that a tight, snug fit will appear on the waist line. This has been accomplished by building the garment of a top or waist portion which is sewed to the top of a belt and a bottom or skirt portion which is sewed to the bottom of the belt. Although the construction of such garment presents a good fit and effects a pleasing appearance, ordinarily an unsightly appearance of the garment when worn is presented if the waistline of the wearer increases, or what amounts to an equivalent effect if the material shrinks.

The belt for the above described two piece sewed-in-belt uniform serves as a foundation for an apron which is usually worn over the uniform.

However, a neat appearance is not presented in another type of uniform known as "straight-line" uniforms which are constructed of a front and a back piece, and such "straight-line" uniform is tied about the waist by a loose belt. The belts for such straight-line uniforms do not serve as a suitable foundation for an apron, when worn over the uniform, since there will be a bulging of the uniform due to the loose fit of the belt.

When hospital uniforms are laundered and then ironed in a mangle machine the mangle actually makes the material shrink, even though the material is preshrunk, thus changes in the size of the garment are necessitated even though the wearer does not change in size.

When a uniform is constructed to conform to the shape of the wearer and the wearer gains or loses in weight or if the garment shrinks, or if the mangle causes the garment to become smaller, then the skirt needs to be recut which requires the remodeling and the rebuilding of the uniform to make it fit the wearer properly.

It is, therefore, an object of our invention to provide a nurse's uniform having a waist portion which will permit the uniform to neatly conform to the shape of the wearer and, at the same time, to serve as a foundation for an apron belt.

Another object of our invention is to provide a belt for a uniform which may be reduced in size to permit the uniform to be worn and which will neatly conform to the figure of the wearer.

A further object is to make provision for a new longer belt to replace the old belt when there is a substantial increase in the circumference of the waist line.

Another object of our invention is to construct a uniform of a type especially suitable for nurses and others desiring to wear a uniform that is comfortable to work in and one that fits to the body so as to present a neat appearance.

Another object of our invention is to provide a uniform having a belt wherein the uniform may be easily remodeled at a minimum cost.

With the above objects in view, our invention consists in a uniform having a belt sewed thereon, slits or darts in the waist line, a plurality of gathers formed about the waist, and the same stitching holding the gathers and the belt.

Further, in accordance with our invention, we provide an improved uniform such that if the wearer desires to reduce the uniform in size, then more gathers are taken in and the portion of the belt is cut to conform to the new measurements so that the uniform fits snugly.

Other objects of our invention are to provide an improved device of the character described, that is easily and economically produced.

With the above and related objects in view, our invention consists in the details of construction and combination of parts as will hereinafter be more fully described, when the description is read in conjunction with the accompanying drawing in which:—

Figure 1 is an elevational view of a nurse's uniform embodying our invention;

Figure 2 is a fragmentary elevational view of the belt and gathers about the waist line of the uniform;

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view showing slits in the waist line, and

Figure 5 is a fragmentary view showing darts in the waist line.

A nurse's uniform is shown in Figures 1 and 3 composed of front and back materials 10 and 12, respectively. A belt 14 is sewed about the waist line of the uniform and at the ends thereof are suitable fastening means, as, for example, a hook and eye or a two-piece socket and button clasp, whereby the belt may be held together at the front of the uniform. As the belt 14 is sewed upon the uniform, gathers 16 are formed in the uniform, so that the stitching which retains the belt also retains the gathers. During the sewing of the uniform the gathers are formed on the waist-line as the stitching 18 of the belt progresses, and the gathers function so that the uniform will conform properly to the hips of the wearer.

In order to make the uniform smaller at the waist line, the belt 14 is removed, the gathers are increased in number or in size, as the belt

is sewed thereon and a part of its end is cut to conform to the new circumference.

When it is desired to enlarge the waist line the stitching 18 on the belt is released, a number of gathers are left out, as a new belt of the proper length is sewed upon the waist line which results in the uniform having a new enlarged waist line.

In order to accommodate large hips a slit 20 may be cut in the sides of the uniform, about the waist line, and then the edges of the slit are folded to overlap one another. However, such slits do not dispense with the gathers and are covered by the snugly fitting belt 14.

The slits 20 may be replaced by darts 22, which are sections of the material folded over transversely.

Altho this invention has been described in considerable detail, such description is intended as illustrative rather than limiting, as the invention may be variously embodied, and the scope of the invention is to be determined as claimed.

We claim:—

1. In a uniform comprising a front and a back piece, said back piece being fastened to said front piece, a belt thereon, a plurality of small gathers about the waist portion of the uniform, stitching retaining said belt and said gathers, a plurality of slits horizontally arranged in said waist portion, each slit having its edges secured in overlapping relationship, means for fastening said belt at its ends, and said belt being so positioned that the waist portion is snugly held on the wearer.

2. In a uniform for nurses comprising a belt; gathers in said uniform, said gathers lying about the waist line of the uniform; slits in said uniform and the edges of each slit overlapping, said slits being horizontally arranged on the waist line of said uniform; stitching retaining said belt, said gathers and also the overlapping edges of each slit upon said uniform; and means for holding said belt at its ends.

3. A uniform comprising a combined shirt waist and skirt and including a waist portion, said waist portion having a plurality of gathers and a plurality of horizontally arranged darts having overlapping edges whereby said waist portion will conform to the shape of the wearer, a belt over said gathers and said darts, and stitching for retaining said waist portion in a predetermined position and for holding said belt fastened to said waist portion.

4. A uniform comprising a combined shirt waist and skirt and including a waist portion, said waist portion having a plurality of gathers and a plurality of horizontally arranged slits having overlapping edges therein whereby said waist portion is made to conform to the shape of the wearer, a belt over said gathers and said slits, and stitching for retaining said waist portion in a predetermined position and for holding said belt fastened to said waist portion.

5. In a garment for women comprising a front piece and a back piece, said back piece being fastened to said front piece, a plurality of discontinuous sets of overlapping edges horizontally arranged completely about the waist portion of the garment, a belt over the overlapping edges, stitching holding the overlapping edges and the belt together to make the garment form-fitting at the waist portion, and means for holding the ends of the belt together.

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