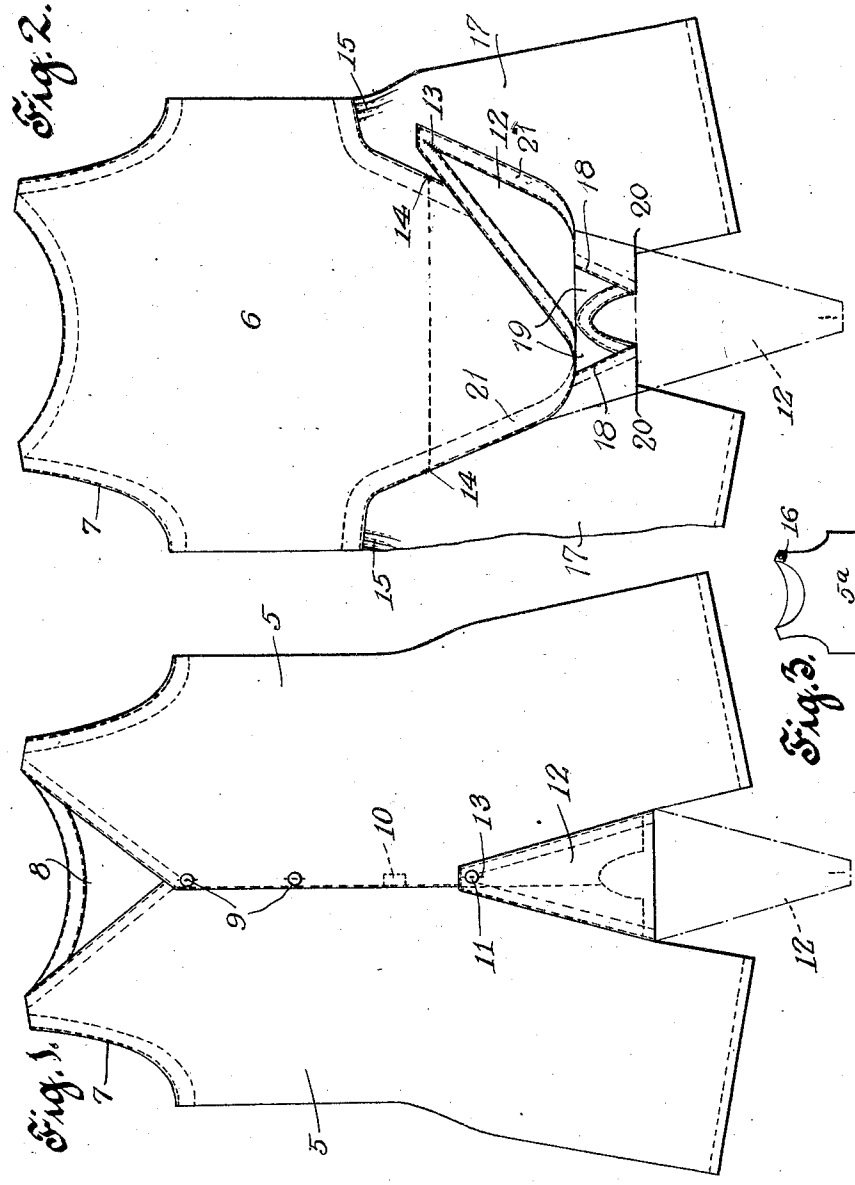
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This invention relates to undergarments and particularly to union suits which may be made up of woven or knitted material of any desired nature, such as cotton, silk, wool, rayon, etc., etc., and also with or without sleeves and with any preferred length of leg.

This garment can be made in sizes to fit comfortably, men, women, children and is particularly available for stout people because of the ease during wear and the freedom from constriction and binding in the various postures common to every day life.

The prominent advantages over articles of this kind heretofore known, consist of a back member cut integrally with a flap member, without seams of any kind except along the outer edges, the elimination of waist bands, belts or elastic webbing, and the utilization of pleated sections on the sides in the central portion of the garment near the waist line.

It will be seen from the foregoing and the following specification that my device will be very comfortable during wear, that it is easy and simple to put on and take off, that the opening in the rear is of ample comfortable size, and that in all manipulations of the various parts there is great simplicity and efficiency.

In the drawings herewith:—

Fig. 1 is a front view showing the crotch flap in a lowered position in dotted lines.

Fig. 2 is a rear view showing the crotch flap in a raised position in solid lines, and in a lowered position in dotted lines.

Fig. 3 is a front view of a modified form with a bodice closed in front and buttoned on one shoulder.

As shown herewith, the garment comprises a front section 5, a rear section 6, armholes 7, a neck opening 8, with buttons 9—9 to close the upper portion of the front section and a stitched closure thereof at 10. To close the lower portion of the front section and also for engagement with the button hole 13 in the free end of the flap 12 the button 11 is provided. As shown this flap 12 is integral with the rear section 6 and tapers down to its free end so that it forms a complete but comfortable closure of the crotch opening when positioned as shown in Fig. 1. The upper portion of the flap proper is stitched to the leg sections from the sides of the garment to the points 14—14 beyond which the flap is free for lifting.

The upper part of the rear leg sections 17 are cut along downwardly and inwardly converging lines 18, and form in cooperation with member 12 a substantially trapezoidal shaped posterior opening 19. The upper base of the trapezoidal opening is along line 14—14, a short distance below the waist line, while the lower base is along the line 20—20.

The purpose of forming a trapezoidal opening is to provide an opening of ample and comfortable size, at the same time one which is susceptible of a convenient closing means.

The lower portion or flap 12 of the rear section 6 is cut so that its edges 21 converge downwardly, the converging edges being respectively parallel to the converging lines 18 of the rear leg sections, and overlapping the edges 18 so as to completely close the opening 19 when the flap 12 is buttoned to the front of the garment. The making of the flap or closure integral with the back of the garment eliminates uncomfortable seams, stitches and ridges across the back of the garment, near the waist. The flap or closure, being of substantial size, constitutes the major portion of the seat of the garment, whereby there is only a single thickness of material across the seat, with resultant coolness, lightness and comfort while sitting.

Adjacent the waist line, in the rear of the leg sections, pleated sections or tucks 15—15 are provided to permit of a roomy comfortable construction below the said tucks and a symmetrical reduction in girth and a shirred effect where less room is needed.

In Fig. 3 a modification is shown, which buttons at 16 on one shoulder, and one button 11^a in the front section 5^a for engagement with the button hole in the free end of the flap 12, the rear section of the garment being identical with that shown in Fig. 2.

I do not desire to limit myself strictly to the particular cut and style in the preferred forms shown herewith, as my improvements can be incorporated in many other types, without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim:—

An undergarment for summer wear comprising body and leg sections, the upper rear leg sections terminating along diagonal lines extending from the sides of the garment near the hip portions thereof, and converg-

ing downwardly and inwardly toward the crotch of the garment thereby forming a large trapezoidal opening of substantial lateral width, a large, substantially triangular closure for said opening, formed integral with the back portion of the garment, whereby seams across the back near the waist of the garment are eliminated, the closure constituting the major portion of the seat of the garment, whereby there is only a single thickness of material across the seat thereof, and means for detachably securing the apex of the triangular member to the front of the garment.

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