To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Albert H. Gordon, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boys' Blouses, of which the following is a specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to a boy's blouse. As now manufactured these boys' blouses require considerable labor, and on this account and increased cost of material and labor, it is impossible to supply the trade with an article which will retail at the price that these blouses have in years past been sold.

By my invention I materially reduce the number of operations necessary, improve the wearing qualities of the blouse, save about two yards of material in a dozen, obtain a blouse which is better than the one now commonly manufactured and sold, and one which can be manufactured at less cost for the reasons above stated.

I have shown my improved blouse more or less diagrammatically in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Fig. 1 is the finished garment;

Fig. 2 is the complete garment, the parts being shown ready to be assembled;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which the body member or blouse proper is made;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view showing a sleeve after it has been secured to the body member and ready to be closed up by a continuation of the same seam that closes the meeting edges on the shoulder of the blouse proper;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view of a modification in which shoulder flaps are not used.

In the illustrative embodiments of the invention illustrated in the drawings, I is the complete garment shown as a child's blouse.

This blouse I make from a body member or blank 2, Fig. 3, having the arm holes 3 and 4 and, preferably though not necessarily, shoulder flaps 5, 5.

The sleeves 6 and 7 are formed of one piece of material and are so cut that their meeting edges 8, 8 fall on top of the arm. I also preferably provide each sleeve with a cuff 9, having the meeting edges 10, 10, Figs. 2 and 4. These cuffs are sewed on the end of the sleeve, 6 for example, so that their open portion or meeting edges 11, 11 of the garment member 2.

The meeting edges 11, 11 of the body member 2, the meeting edges 8, 8 of the sleeve 6, and the meeting edges 10, 10 of the cuff 9, if one is used, are all closed by one stitching operation, which may start either with the cuff or at the meeting edges 11, 11, preferably starting at the collar opening 12.

When shoulder flaps such as 5 are used, I may use another row of stitching 13 to accentuate the shoulder flaps. The meeting edges 15, 15 of the sleeve 7 and the cuff 9 of the sleeve 7 are secured together in the same manner as described for the sleeve 6.

After the garment is closed in the manner previously described the collar 16 is secured to it in any suitable manner, the collar being no part of my invention.

I preferably form at the bottom of the blouse a hem 17 and at the back of this hem is mounted an elastic band 18, Fig. 2, which will automatically adjust itself to the body of the child wearing the garment. This avoids sewing a button and button hole along the lower edge of the garment which is the present practice.

In Fig. 5 I have shown a body member 19 which is the same as the body member 2 except that the shoulder flaps are omitted. This is a simpler construction and a little cheaper to manufacture in that an extra row of stitching 13 is omitted.

It is to be further noted that where the body member of the ordinary blouse is made of three separate parts sewed together, the seams running into the bottom of the arm holes, that such a construction not only requires additional labor incident to sewing these additional seams, but also wastes cloth, and furthermore, forms a bulge or enlargement at a point corresponding to the point 20 in Fig. 2 which rubs and chafes the child, for whom these garments are primarily made and sold. In the child's blouse now in common use, it requires, in commercial manufacture, three different machines and three different operators who perform at least thirteen different operations with the three different machines. By using my invention to supply the commercial demand, I
use on each garment two machines and two operators who have to perform only ten different operations. Besides I save some two yards of cloth on every dozen garments made.

I have described my invention in connection with the illustrative embodiments shown in the drawings, but to the details of which I do not desire to be limited for what is claimed as new and what it is desired to secure by Letters Patent is set forth in the appended claims:

1. An article of manufacture comprising a boy's blouse having a one piece front and back, said front and back portions each extending up to the neck, sleeves having their meeting edges on the upper portion of the arm, and a continuous sewed seam along the edges of the sleeve and the meeting edges of the body portion.

2. An article of manufacture comprising a boy's blouse having a one piece front and back, said front and back portions each extending up to the neck, sleeves having their meeting edges on the upper portion of the arm, a continuous sewed seam along the edges of the sleeve and the meeting edges of the body portion and integral shoulder flaps on the body portion and an additional seam to accentuate the shoulder flap.

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