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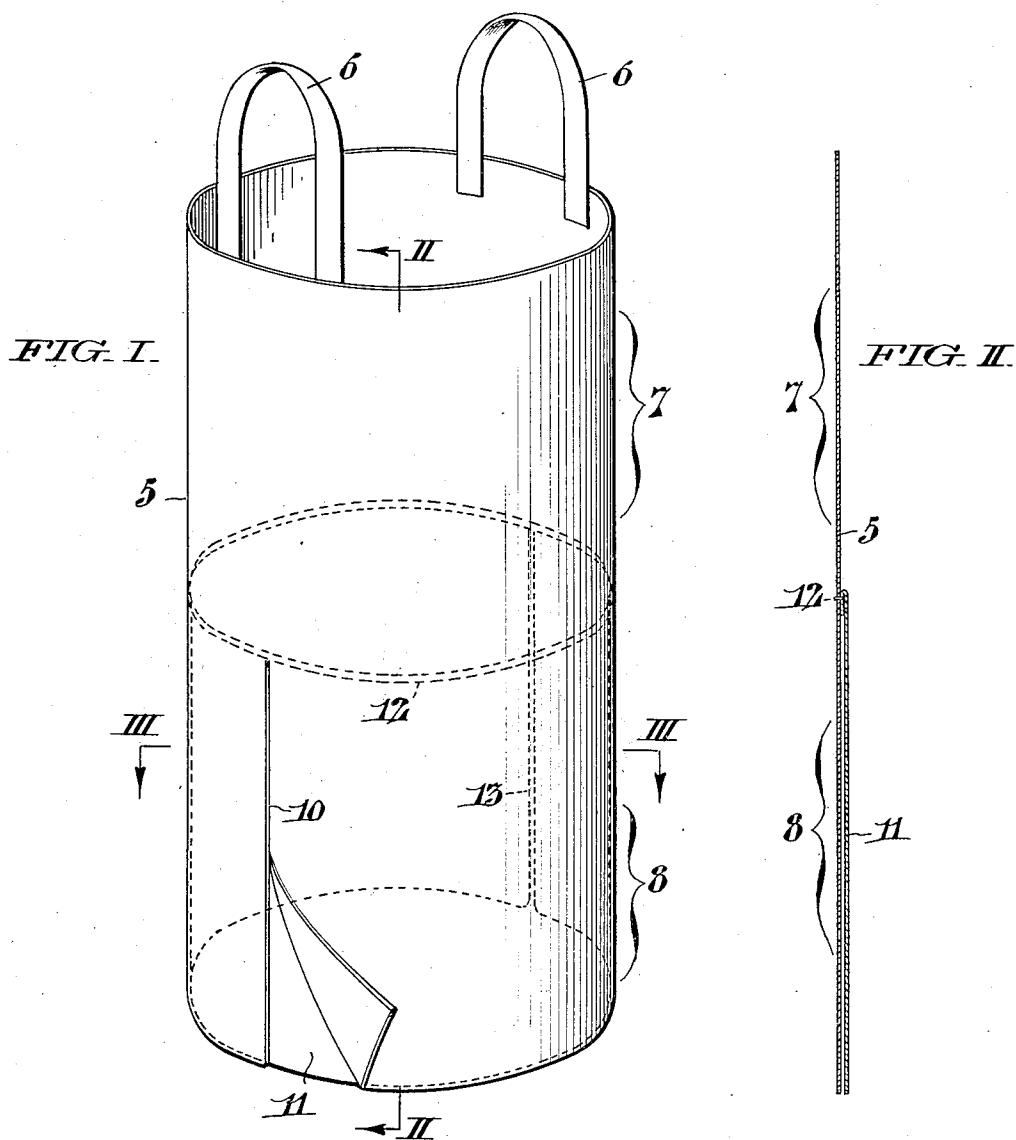
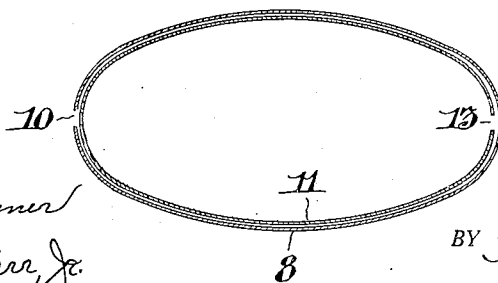


FIG. III.



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This invention relates to women's garments, more particularly garments combining a bodice and skirt.

In connection with garments embodying the general characteristics mentioned, I seek to retain all the advantages of the skirt as considered from the esthetic standpoint, and yet afford the wearer the utmost comfort with regard to freedom of leg movement without entailing exposure within the confines of the skirt.

How the foregoing desideratum as well as other advantages may be realized in practice will be apparent from the detailed description which follows of the drawings herewith.

Fig. I is a more or less diagrammatic perspective view of a garment embodying my invention.

Fig. II is a vertical detail section taken locally as indicated by the arrows II—II in Fig. I; and,

Fig. III is a horizontal section taken in accordance with the arrows III—III in Fig. I.

The garment chosen for the purposes of illustration herein is of the "slip" type such as usually worn immediately beneath outer dresses and, as shown, comprises a main section 5 which is made in tubular form from suitable fabric, preferably silk, and, at the top, supplemented with appropriate loop straps 6 adapted to fit over the shoulders of the wearer. The upper portion 7 of the main section 5 serves as the bodice of the garment—in the present instance as a "brassière"—and the lower portion 8, as the skirt. The portion 8 is divided downward from the waist line with consequent provision of an open slit 10 for a purpose to be presently explained.

Disposed within the main section 5 is a complementary skirt section 11 which extends entirely around the garment as shown in Figs. I and III, and is hung from the waist line where it is permanently secured by the band of sewing stitches conventionally represented at 12. Like the skirt portion 8 provided by the main section 5, the complementary inner skirt section 11 is vertically slit as indicated at 13 at the other side of the garment.

By virtue of the described construction and arrangement of the component parts of the garment, it will be seen that the slit 10 is underlapped by the complementary inner skirt section 11, and the slit 13 overlapped

externally by the outer skirt 8. Thus, when the garment is worn, the skirt components 8, 11, will yield readily to relative lateral displacement in permitting free movement of the legs without entailing exposure of the latter since the slits 10 and 13, notwithstanding incidental widening in accommodating the above action, are at all times, protected as a consequence of the overlap of said skirt components. It will also be apparent, that the garment is very easily put on and removed, and that the skirt, by reason of the double thickness of material constituting it, is shadow proof to a greater extent than the ordinary type of skirt. A further advantage to be noted is that the skirt, by virtue of its novel construction, is entirely devoid of seams, and may therefore be made of very light material without danger of ripping or tearing as frequently happens with the closed construction heretofore prevalent.

While I have shown and described my invention as embodied in the present instance in an under-garment, it is obvious that the novel features involved may be incorporated, with advantages equal to those hereinbefore pointed out, in various other kinds of garments such as dresses, sport apparel, etc.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A garment having a skirt portion comprising vertically slit sections each extending entirely around the garment, and one overlapping the slit of another.

2. A garment having a skirt portion comprising two complementary sections one within the other, and respectively slit at opposite sides of the garment.

3. A garment comprising a tubular main section providing a bodice and skirt, the latter having a slit downward from the waist line; and an attached similarly-slit complementary skirt section hung from the waist to lap the slit in the main section aforesaid.

4. A garment comprising a tubular main section providing a bodice and skirt, the latter having a slit downward from the waist line; and an attached complementary similarly-slit inner skirt section hung from the waist to medially underlap the slit of the main section aforesaid.

5. In a slip, a skirt formed of two substantially U-shaped parts overlapping one another at the front and back, said overlapping portions extending substantially

throughout the entire length of the skirt, the overlapping portions being permanently secured together at their upper ends and unattached the remainder of their length.

- 5 6. A slip comprising a body and a skirt, the skirt being formed of two substantially U-shaped parts overlapping one another at the front and back, said overlapping portions extending throughout the length of the
10 skirt, the skirt having its upper end permanently secured to the lower portion of the body and having its overlapping por-

tions unattached from their connection with the body to their lower ends.

7. A garment with a skirt portion com- 15
prising a series of vertically-slit sections, each such section extending around the garment, and said respective slits being arranged in circumferentially staggered relation. 20

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this sixth day of July 1926.

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