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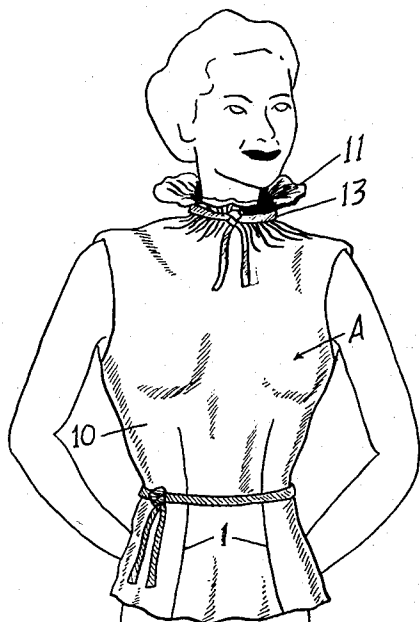


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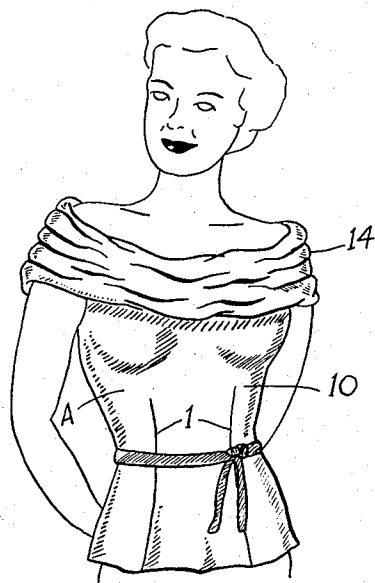


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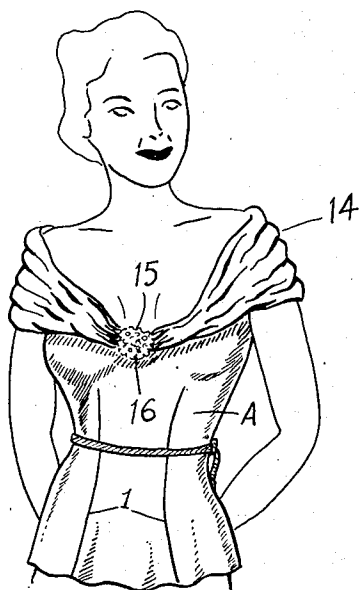
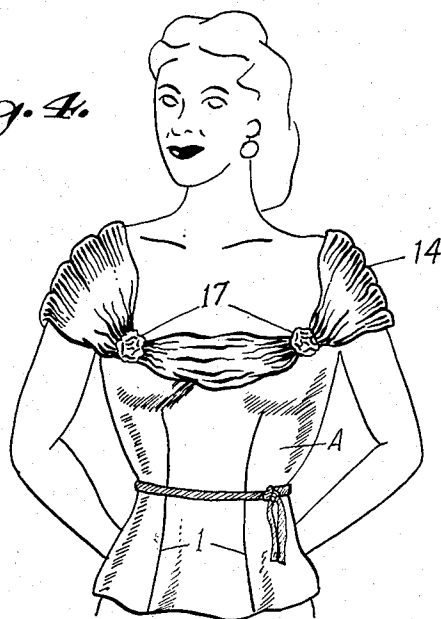


Fig. 4.



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Fig. 5.

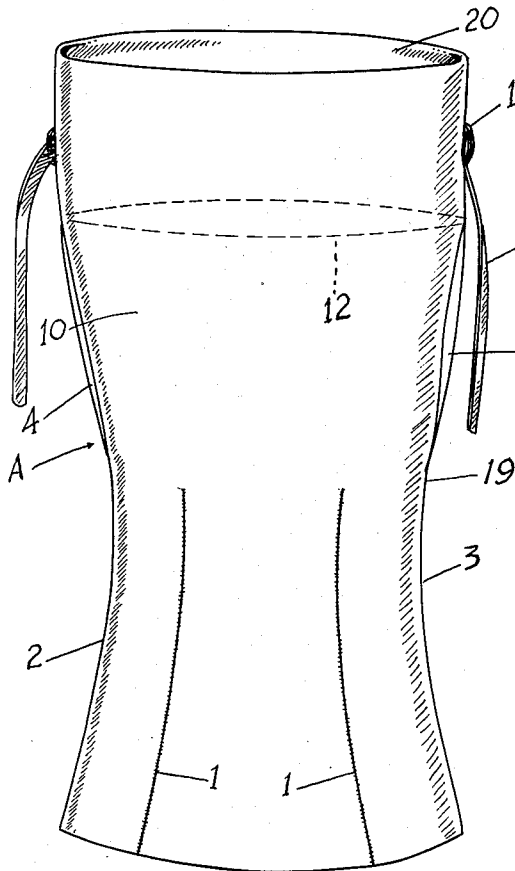
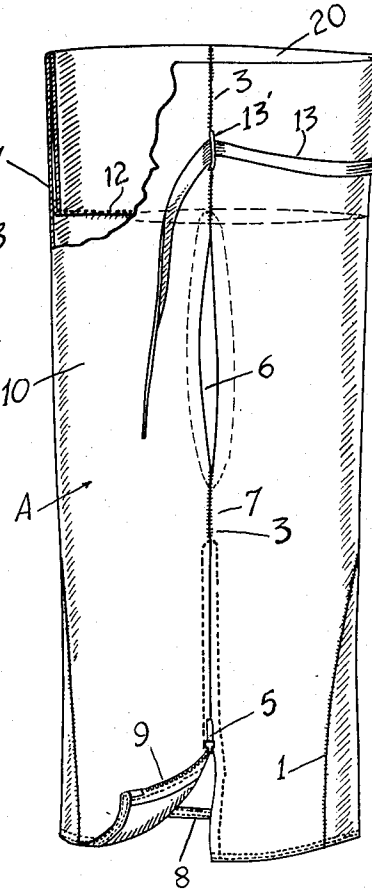


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The present invention relates to articles of wearing apparel, and more particularly to an improved construction of a lady's blouse.

The improved construction has for an important object the provision of an improved blouse construction which is extremely simple to make, but which is capable of being worn in a variety of styles for effecting wide differences in appearance without changes in the construction or pattern of the blouse.

Further objects of the improved construction will become apparent as the description proceeds and the features of novelty will be pointed out in particularity in the appended claims.

Generally speaking, the improved blouse of the present invention comprises an envelope-like fabric body cut on the bias and having seams at both sides intersecting the armholes. Above the armholes, the seams extend to the upper end of the garment and which is turned down substantially to the top of the armholes and sewed as a hem. The blouse is provided with slide fastening means on one side which extends from the bottom to a point spaced below the armhole. The blouse may be worn either outside or inside of a skirt, and either with or without a belt.

An important feature of the present blouse construction is that it permits a wide variation in styles of the neck-line in order to effect widely different style appearances with the same blouse construction. Thus it may be worn high on the neck (Fig. 1) in the form of a high gathered choker or sport neckline with a ribbon tied around the neck portion in order that the blouse can be gathered about the neck of the wearer; or it may be worn falling loosely around the shoulders (Fig. 2), or it may be worn draped to a point and held by a clasp to form a plunging or V-neckline (Fig. 3), or it may be draped to present a sweetheart or square neckline (Fig. 4) held by a pin or clasp at each side. These different effects being obtainable because of the particular manner in which the body of the blouse is cut and patterned.

With the foregoing considerations in mind, reference may be had to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 4, are front elevational views of my improved blouse, showing different neck-line arrangements.

Fig. 5 is a front elevational view of the blouse garment.

Fig. 6 is a side elevation of the blouse taken at right angles to Fig. 5, partly in section, and showing the slide fastener partially open.

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Referring more particularly to the drawings, and first to Figs. 5 and 6, reference character A represents the blouse body which is an envelopelike member open at the top and bottom ends, the body A being constructed of any suitable fabric cut on a bias and having spaced contour-forming darts 1, front and back, in spaced relation with respect to the side seams 2 and 3. The body A is closed along one side by said row of stitching 2 which extends from the bottom of the blouse to an armhole 4, and from the top of the armhole 4 to the top of the blouse. On the opposite side, there may be provided a slide fastener 5 releasably connecting the meeting edges of the body portions of the blouse and extending upwardly from the bottom of the blouse to a desired point short of the armhole 6, and a section 7 of side stitching 3 extends from the slide fastener structure 5 to the bottom of said armhole 6. This stitching is continued as indicated at 3 from the top of the armhole 6 to the top 20 of the blouse. All edges of the blouse body are hemmed as is indicated at 8 and 9. The upper portion 10 of the blouse body tapers downwardly to the waist line 19 and the lower portion upwardly from the bottom to said waist line. It will be apparent that the top end of the body is turned down as shown at 11 adjacent to the top of the armholes and then stitched as indicated at 12 to form a hem. This defines the neck of the blouse, and there may be secured to the neck portion 11 a ribbon or other gathering member 13, held if desired in loops 13' for enabling the neck of the blouse to be worn high, as shown in Fig. 1, forming a high gathered choker or sport neckline; or the upper portions of the blouse may be arranged loosely around the shoulders of the wearer, as is indicated in Fig. 2, wherein the upper portion is arranged to fall into loose folds 14 about the wearer's shoulders and forming an off shoulder neckline for evening wear.

As further modifications in style, the top of the blouse may be dropped to a point, as is indicated at 15 (Fig. 3), the folds being gathered either by a central clasp 16, or by two side clasps 17, as is indicated in Fig. 4, all that is necessary to achieve these different selective effects being to have sufficient material between the hem 12 and the top of the blouse to enable the folds 14 to be adjusted about the shoulders.

From the above it will be apparent that the particular or instant upper portion of the blouse is so constructed and arranged that it may be formed into folds adapted to be adjusted about the shoulders and otherwise manipulated in a

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manner to form a variety of neckline style effects without disturbing the original blouse construction, for instance, as shown in Figs. 1 to 4. Fig. 1 illustrates a high gathered choker or sport neckline; Fig. 2, an off the shoulder neckline for evening wear; Fig. 3, a plunging type or V-neckline for general wear, and Fig. 4, a sweetheart type neckline for cocktail or dinner wear. These style arrangements are not to be considered as limitations but have been selected as representative for purposes of description, and many other different neckline style arrangements may be attained by reason of such blouse construction.

What is claimed is:

1. A blouse comprising an envelope-like body member having open top and bottom ends and provided with oppositely positioned armhole portions, the body member inwardly converging from the bottom end to a waist portion and then having upper portions diverging from the waist portion to the top end, the upper portions of the body member being substantially larger than the lower portions, the top end of said body above the armholes being formed to provide a neck portion for enabling the neck portion to be worn high around the neck of the wearer and loosely around the shoulders thereof selectively, means for gathering said neck portion high around the neck of the wearer and releasable lateral fastening means for the blouse body for enabling the ready donning and removing of the garment.

2. A blouse comprising an envelope body member having completely open top and bottom ends and provided with oppositely positioned armhole portions, the body member inwardly converging to a waist portion and then having

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upper portions diverging to the top end, the upper portions of the body member being substantially larger than the lower portions, the converging and diverging portions having curvatures approximately following the normal curvatures of a wearer's body, the body portion being substantially circular in transverse cross-sections throughout its extent, the said open top end being turned downwardly adjacent to the top of the armhole portions, a line of stitching extending around the body portion securing the turned-down open top end and defining a hem, the turned-down open end of the body portion being a neck opening commensurate in extent with the entire cross-section of the body portion, a gathering member slidably attached to the body portion and engaging the body portion rearwardly thereof approximately midway between the said hem and neck opening, the gathering member arranged for enabling a selective production of a selected height of neckline by the wearer, between a high choker sport effect adjacent to the chin of the wearer and folded loosely around the shoulders to expose the chest of the wearer, and releasable lateral fastening means for the blouse body for enabling the ready donning and removal of the blouse by the wearer.

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