

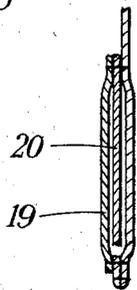
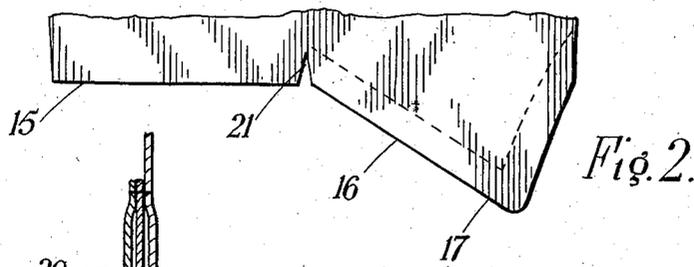
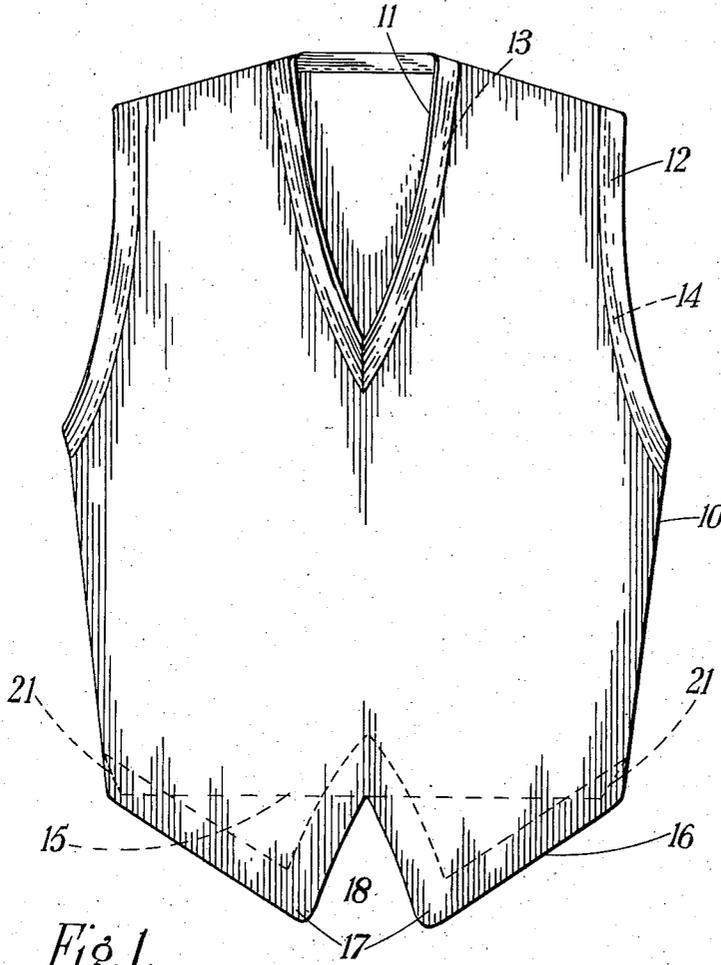
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## PULL-OVER, SLIP-OVER, AND LIKE GARMENT

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### 1 Claim. (Cl. 2—90)

This invention comprises improvements in pull-overs, slipovers and like garments and has for its object to provide a garment of this kind which, as compared with those hitherto produced has a much smarter and neater appearance in wear.

According to the present invention a pullover, slipover or like garment, permanently closed at the front below the neck opening, and either sleeveless or provided with sleeves, is provided at the bottom front edge with an opening or vent preferably, but not necessarily, of upwardly converging or inverted V-shape. The bottom edge of the garment front may be of approximately W-shape, that is to say it may have a central inverted V-opening or vent with obliquely disposed and upwardly inclined edge portions at each side thereof.

Preferably also the bottom front edge so formed is reinforced or strengthened, such for example as by turning over or facing said edge, and the oblique edge portions may be further stiffened by the incorporation of inextensible strips functioning to maintain or assist in maintaining the shape of the edge.

A preferred construction of garment according to this invention will now be described in detail with reference to the accompanying drawing in which

Figure 1 is a front view of the garment;

Figure 2 is a side view, showing the bottom edge, and

Figure 3 is a section, on a larger scale, through the bottom edge at the front of the garment.

The slipover or the like **10** made from suitable knitted or woven fabric is formed with the requisite neck opening **11** and two arm openings **12** the edges of which are bound or otherwise reinforced or strengthened in any known or approved manner as indicated at **13** and **14**. The garment may be formed from one piece of tubular fabric or from two flat portions suitably seamed together down the side edges beneath the arm openings. The bottom edge **15** of the back portion of the garment advantageously extends straight or horizontal from one side to the other, the edge being preferably finished so as not to restrict the lateral or transverse stretch of the fabric when said fabric is knitted. The bottom edge **16** of the front of the garment is advantageously cut to approximately W-formation, that is to say

said edge is formed with two identical pointed portions **17**, the space between the two points forming a short upwardly extending opening **18** of approximately inverted V-shape. The edge portions extending on each side of the central inverted V-opening incline obliquely upwards to the side seams, the inclination of said oblique edges being substantially less than the inclination of the sides of the central opening.

The bottom edge so formed is advantageously strengthened by facing, overturning or binding. Conveniently the strengthening of the edge is effected by sewing on the rear side thereof parallel facing strips **19** either of the same material from which the garment is made or of other suitable material. Additionally, the obliquely disposed portions of the bottom edge may be further reinforced or stiffened by the incorporation of inextensible strip portions **20** such as tape, said inextensible strips being advantageously located between the top and bottom layers of fabric. These inextensible strips prevent or restrict extension of the fabric in a lateral or transverse direction at the oblique edges and thereby assist in maintaining the required shape of the bottom front of the garment.

If desired a small vent **21** may be formed at each side of the lower edge of the garment at the outer termination of each obliquely disposed portion of the front bottom edge, that is to say at the bottom end of each side seam, the height of each vent being advantageously equal or approximately equal to the breadth of the faced, bound or otherwise reinforced bottom front edge.

It will be appreciated that by shaping or forming the lower part of the garment front in the manner before-described said garment resembles in appearance a waistcoat, except that same does not fasten down the front.

I claim:—

A garment of knitted fabric, in the nature of a pullover or slipover, having an aperture for the neck but being permanently closed below it, two pointed portions at the front bottom edge forming between them a short central opening of inverted V-formation, a short slit extending upwards from the said edge at each side, and a stiffening extending at the front along the edges of the pointed portions and central opening.

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