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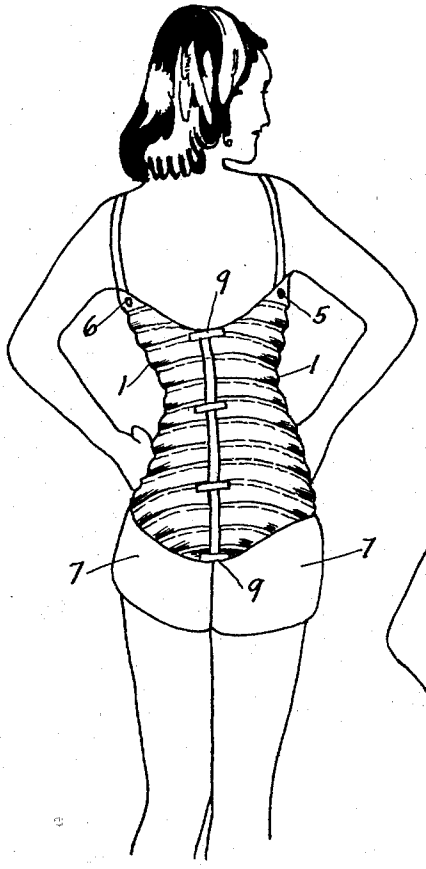


Fig. 2.



Fig. 1.

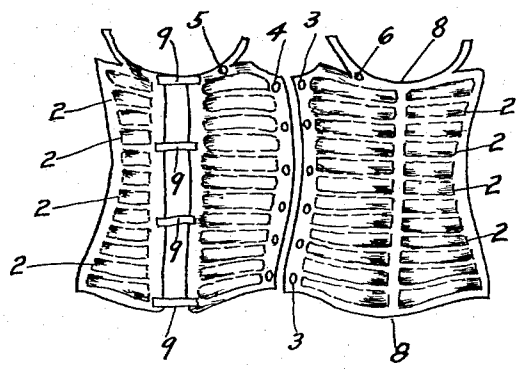


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to a safety bathing suit. It has for its main objects to provide such a suit that will be highly efficient for the purpose intended, simple in structure, comparatively cheap to manufacture, and very attractive in appearance. A further object is to provide a suit in two parts that may be worn together as a combined suit, or may be worn separately. A further object is to provide a suit highly satisfactory for children unable to swim and for those learning to swim.

Other objects and advantages will appear from the drawing and description.

By referring generally to the drawing, part of this application, it will be observed that Fig. 1 is an elevational front and side view of most of a human form showing the combination safety jacket and bathing suit with part of the fastening means released; Fig. 2 is a back view of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is an elevational view of front and back of the safety jacket detached from the tight fitting companion bathing suit.

Similar reference numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawing in detail it will be seen that the combined outfit comprises a safety jacket 1 made of cloth and having a plurality of closed elongated narrow pockets 2 that are filled with small particles of cork or pieces of cork of a larger size, depending on the size of the jacket. Other suitable light material may be used but cork is preferable. The cloth jacket is provided with female parts of snap on fasteners 3 adapted to fit upon companion male parts 4 that are also attached to the jacket in positions opposite the other parts. Similar fasteners 5 and 6 are used to attach the jacket to the bathing suit 7. Any suitable means may be used to attach the jacket to the bathing tight fitting suit, or the jacket may be used over the tight fitting suit without being attached thereto if the wearer desires to do so. The back of the jacket is provided with elastic connection strips 9 to thus avoid binding on the wearer's body.

From the foregoing it will appear that the safety jacket of the combination may be attached over the tight fitting suit by means of snap on metal fasteners or any other type of fasteners such as short straps with buckles, or tabs to be tied together. The invention resides in the combination of a safety jacket with a regular type tight fitting bathing suit. Any suitable attaching means may be used. Also one or the other is adapted to be used separately if desired by the wearer.

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The various parts of the combined outfit may be made of any material suitable for the purpose, but I prefer to use cloth and pieces of cork and simple fastening means. Also the complete suit may be made in different sizes to accommodate children and adults.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, I do not wish to limit same to the exact and precise details of structure, but reserve the right to make all modifications and changes so long as they remain within the spirit and scope of the following claims.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A safety bathing jacket of the character described comprising; a front portion shaped to fit over the front of the torso of a human body, a back portion shaped to fit over the back portion of the torso of a human body, a plurality of horizontal oblong closed pockets in the front portion of the jacket extending from the side edges thereof to near the center thereof with each pocket being separate; the back of the jacket consisting of two parts with similar pockets in each, one edge of one back portion attached to one edge of the front portion, a plurality of pieces of elastic tape attached by their ends to the two back portions and holding same spaced apart; metal fastening buttons attached in the free edges of the back and front portions of the jacket and adapted to hold the entire jacket around the torso of a human body; a floating element enclosed in each of the said pockets.

2. A safety bathing jacket of the character described comprising, a piece of cloth as a front portion shaped to fit over the front of the torso of a human body, a piece of cloth as a back portion shaped to fit over approximately half of the back portion of the torso of a human body, said pieces of cloth being attached together to form one side seam of the jacket, a plurality of horizontal oblong shaped closed pockets in the said front portion and positioned across the front thereof, each of said pockets being a separate container; the back of the jacket consisting of two portions, one being the portion attached to the front and the other being similar in shape and structure to the portion attached to the front portion, the back portions having a plurality of oblong shaped closed pockets in each; a plurality of pieces of elastic tape attached by their ends to the two back portions and holding them spaced apart; metal fastening buttons attached

in the free edge of one back portion and the free edge of the front portion and being adapted to hold the entire jacket around the torso of a human body; a floating element enclosed in each of the said closed pockets.

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