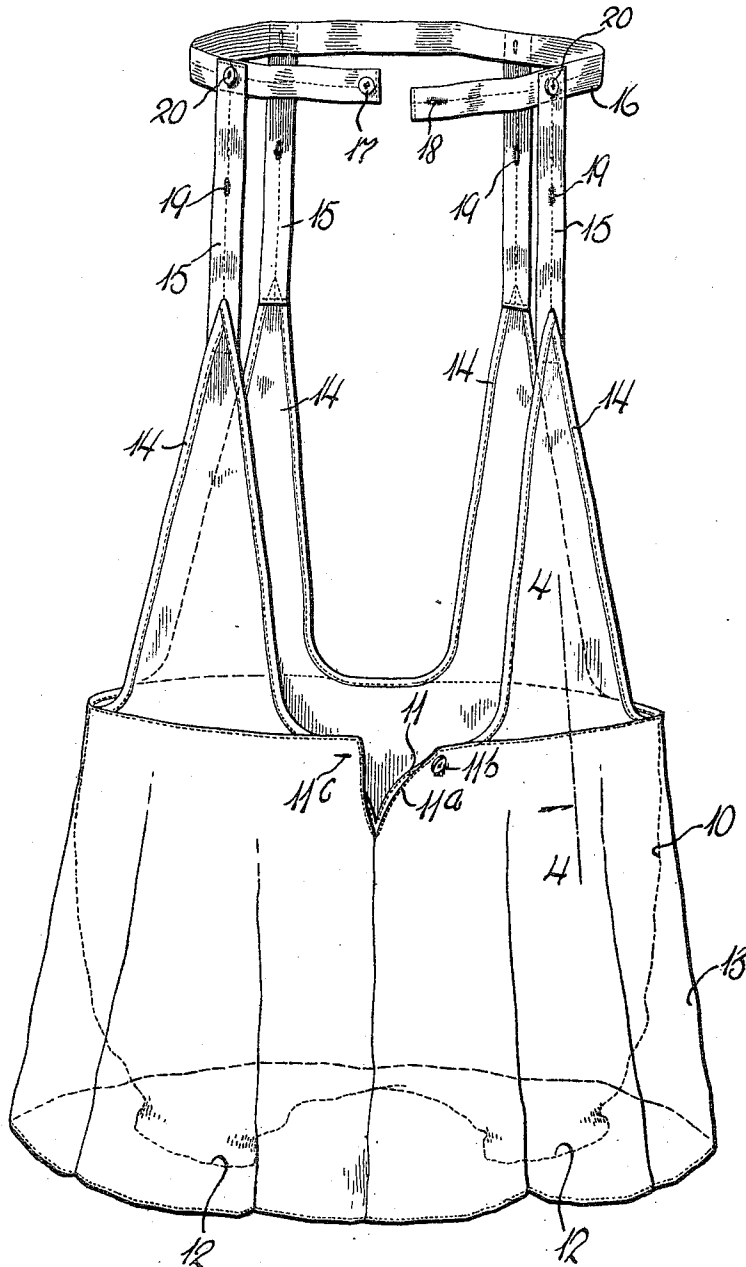


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IDA V. BENOIT, of the city of New York, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Storm-Garments, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in storm garments such as are intended to protect the skirts and lower garments of a woman from slush, dirt, etc., and is an improvement on the structure shown in Letters Patent of the United States #857,578, issued to me on June 25th, 1907.

The object of my present invention is to produce a garment which like the former one, can be readily adjusted, easily put on or removed, and will thoroughly protect all the clothing of a person from dirt, mud, dust, slush, etc., and will also keep the body warm while riding, but more especially the improvement is intended to provide means for inclosing the skirts and petticoats safely and securely, and to provide means for hanging the storm garment in such a way that it will be easily and perfectly suspended, worn with comfort, readily adjusted to people of various heights, and arranged so as to not encumber the hips or upper part of the body unduly.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

The drawing is a front perspective view of the garment showing my improvements.

The garment is a combination of a skeleton skirt and a pair of short trouser-like affairs 10. The latter are similar to those shown in my former patent except that in this instance the trousers are entirely closed but for the leg openings, and except for a very short fly 11 which can be left at the top front edge. The trousers 10 are loose, baggy, and sufficiently roomy to hold more or less voluminous skirts, and they have leg openings at the lower parts as shown at 12, but the leg portions are shapeless and the connection between the two leg openings is simply that of the bottom of the bag-like trousers. This leaves the structure so that the skirts when contained in the bag-like

trousers, have sufficient room to prevent them from wrinkling badly, and it avoids showing any outline of the leg. The leg openings are preferably fitted with elastic so that they will grasp the ankle of the wearer. The upper edge of the trousers which is adapted to reach just above the knees of the wearer, is attached to the skeleton skirt 13. This skirt is cut away forming the panels 14 which extend up and have strap extensions 15 which are detachably secured to the waist belt 16, adapted to button around the waist and be secured by the button 17 and buttonhole 1, though obviously a buckle will serve the purpose of the button and buttonhole. The straps 15 are vertically adjustable with reference to the belt 16 being secured thereto by means of buttonholes 19 and buttons 20, but a buckle arrangement can be substituted if preferred. It is understood that the panels 14 may be attached to the belt if so desired.

The skirt can be provided with a fly 11^a which can be conveniently closed by the button 11^b and buttonhole 11^c.

The panels 14 are preferably of one piece with the part 13, but may be made of separate pieces attached to 13 at the upper edge of the trousers. The body portion 13 of the skirt extends below the trouser legs thus concealing from view that portion of the garment then worn.

It will be seen that by using the skeleton skirt in connection with the trousers, the hips of the wearer are left unencumbered and excessive warmth is avoided. At the same time the panels enable the skirt to fit properly and prevent the lower portion 13 from sagging.

It will be noticed that the present device provides a garment very simple in structure, easily put on and taken off, and one that protects the dress without being conspicuous when worn.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

In a storm garment, a skirt having a portion thereof designed to extend from the waist to about the knees of the wearer in skeleton formation and having the lower portion thereof of the configuration of an ordinary skirt, bloomers encircled by the

lower portion of the skirt, the said bloomers
being suspended from the skirt at the upper
edge of the lower portion thereof, the leg
portions of the said bloomers being free of
5 the lower portion of the skirt and reaching
approximately to the lower edge of the skirt,
and means for causing frictional engage-

ment of the lower ends of the leg sections of
the bloomers with the wearer.

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