

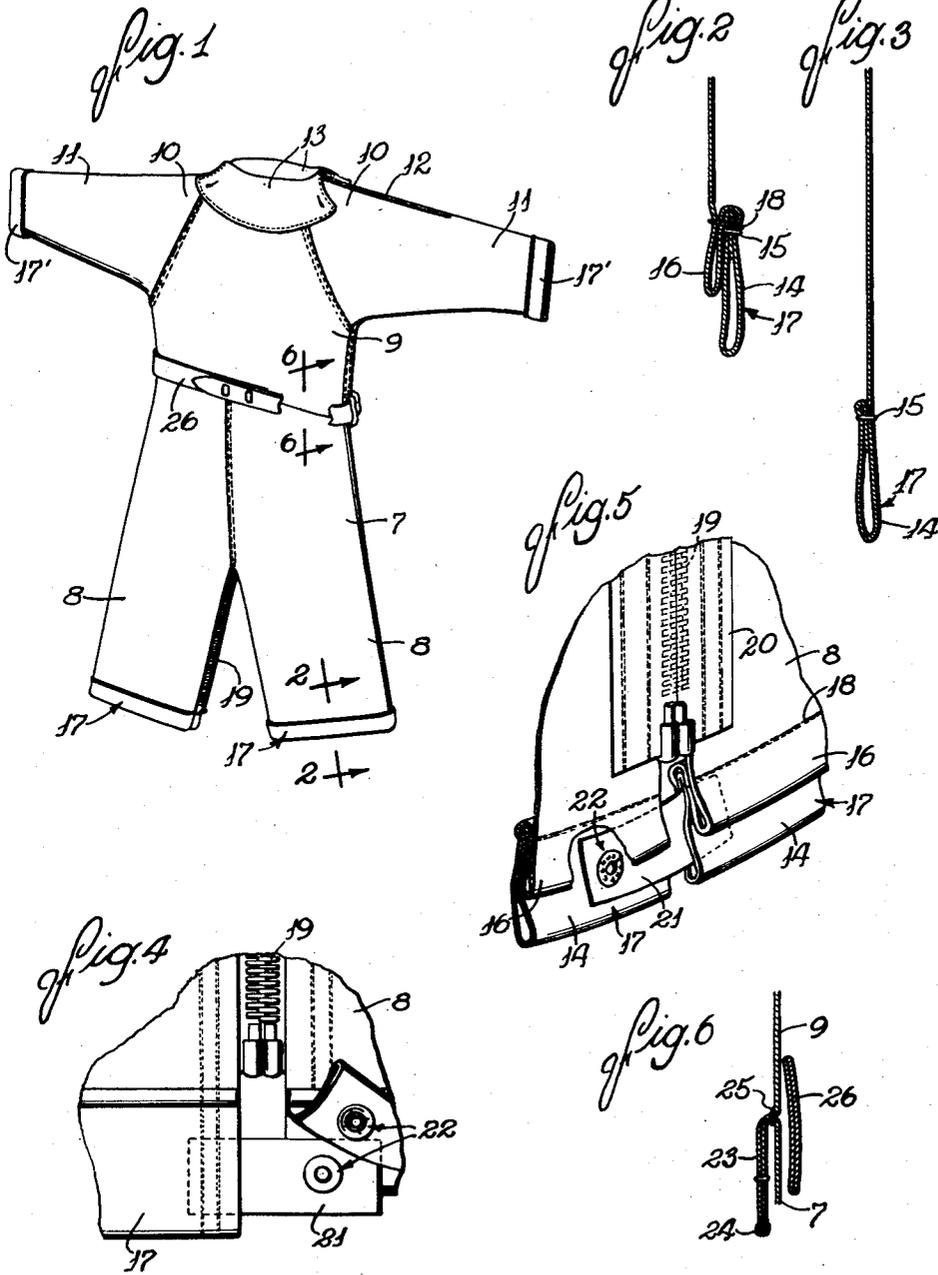
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The invention pertains to a child's garment and has more particular reference to garments of the type commonly known as play suits.

Because of the rapid growth of small children, suits of the character indicated are frequently outgrown before outworn, and this is especially objectionable in the case of garments made of heavier materials as in the case of snow suits, which are relatively costly. With this in view the general aim of this invention is to provide for the easy enlargement not only of the body of the suit but of the arm and leg portions thereof, to accommodate the growth of the child.

More particularly stated the invention has for its object the provision of extensible folds at the ends of the arm sleeves or trouser legs, so constructed as to provide cuffs serving to enhance the appearance of the garment.

A further object is to provide a suit having a trouser section with extensible folds at the ends thereof, and openings at the inner sides of the legs, with means for fastening the edges of the openings in such a way as to be capable of use either in the original or unextended condition of the garment or in the extended form thereof.

The objects of the invention thus generally stated, together with other and ancillary advantages, are attained by the construction shown by way of illustration in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of a child's suit embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken approximately in the plane of line 2—2 of Fig. 1 and showing the extensible construction at the lower ends of the trouser legs.

Fig. 3 is a similar view but showing the parts in extended relation.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary elevational view showing the construction employed in fastening together the edges of the openings at the inner sides of the leg portions.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary perspective view illustrating the same construction as in Fig. 4 but looking from the opposite or inner side of the leg.

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary sectional view taken approximately in the plane of line 6—6 of Fig. 1.

In the embodiment of the invention illustrated, the suit comprises a lower or trouser section 7 having leg portions 8, and a top or waist section 9 having shoulder portions 10 and arm portions 11. The upper sides of the arm portions 11 merge into the shoulders 10 and are provided with openings adapted to be closed by slide fasteners 12 (one only being shown) which open-

ings extend into the neck opening defined by front and rear collar portions 13.

The lower end of each leg portion is constructed so as to provide for the extension thereof as well as to enhance the appearance of the garment in its initial or unextended form. To this end the material from which the garment is made is first folded inwardly upon itself to form a hem 14 secured with a row of stitching 15. It is then doubled back upon itself along a line spaced from the hem to form an inner extensible fold 16, and thence is reversely folded to form an outer cuff 17 disposed in overlying and concealing relation to the inner fold 16. Adjacent the upper edge of the cuff 17 a row of stitching 18 extends entirely through the several thicknesses of material to fasten them together. This row of stitching 18 preferably coincides with the row of stitching 15 of the hem, being shown somewhat offset in Fig. 2 for the sake of clearness in illustration. When it is desired to lengthen the leg portions 8 it is only necessary to rip open the stitching 18, thus allowing the cuff portion to drop as shown in Fig. 3. Because the stitching 18 extends through the several thicknesses of material, it may be ripped from the inside of the leg so as to avoid cutting the hem stitching 15.

To facilitate the operation of putting on the suit, the inner sides of the leg portions are formed with openings continuing through the crotch, and these openings extend downwardly through the extensible fold 16 and cuff 17, dividing the latter transversely thereof. The edges of the openings in the inner sides of the leg portion above the cuffs are disengageably connected by a slide fastener 19 incorporated in a tape 20 stitched to the inner side edges of the material. Below the slide fastener 19, the ends of the cuff are disengageably connected by a tongue 21 and a snap fastener 22. One end of the tongue is enclosed in the hem at the lower edge of the material as shown in broken lines in Fig. 5 and anchored therein, one of the pairs of the snap fasteners being carried by the free end of the tongue and the other portion by the cuff. In Fig. 4 the end portion of the cuff carrying the socket member of the fastener is shown folded back to expose the same.

It will be observed that since the parts of the snap fastener 22 and the tongue 21 are carried by the outer cuff, this device is operative either in the unextended or extended condition of the garment. Thus it is only necessary to remove the stitching 18 in order to effect the desired extension.

To provide for the extension of sleeves 11, a

similar extensible fold and cuff construction may be employed, the cuffs in this instance being designated 17'. In this instance, however, the outer ends of the sleeves are not divided longitudinally as in the case of the trouser legs.

To permit of the lengthwise extension of the body proper, an extensible fold 23 is preferably provided between the upper and lower sections of the garment. Preferably these two sections are made separately and their upper and lower edges united by a row of stitching 24 (Fig. 6). The material is then additionally stitched at 25 to form the extensible fold. Overlying the seam formed by the stitching 25 is a belt 26.

Through the provision of extensible folds in the main body portion of the garment as well as in the ends of the limb portions thereof, namely, the arm sleeves and trouser legs, it is possible to enlarge the garment quickly and easily so as to accommodate the growth of the child; and by the construction employed, the original appearance of the garment is enhanced.

I claim:

1. A child's suit comprising a body, including an upper or waist section and a lower or trouser section, pairs of limb portions comprising respectively sleeve and leg portions, the outer end of each limb portion of at least one of said pairs having the material composing the same folded inwardly to form a hem with an inturned edge portion secured by a row of stitching, the ma-

terial being folded outwardly along a line spaced above said row of stitching and thence reversely to thereby form an inner two-ply extensible fold and an outer cuff of double thickness separate from and overlying said extensible fold and a row of stitching extending through the several thicknesses of material at the upper edge of said cuff and adapted when ripped open to permit an extending movement of the cuff bodily in a direction lengthwise of the limb portion of the garment as an incident to the unfolding of said inner fold.

2. A child's suit comprising a body, including an upper or waist section and a lower or trouser section, pairs of limb portions comprising respectively sleeve and leg portions, the outer end of each limb portion of at least one of said pairs having the material composing the same folded outwardly and upwardly to form an extensible fold, thence outwardly and downwardly to a position below said first fold to form an outer cuff ply, then inwardly and upwardly to a position above the first fold and between the extensible fold and outer cuff ply, a first line of stitching securing together the last named fold and outer cuff ply only, a second line of stitching securing together all the folds and adjacent body portion, the second line of stitching being separate from the said first line of stitching, whereupon removal of the second line permits the extensible fold to open and thereby lengthen the garment.

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