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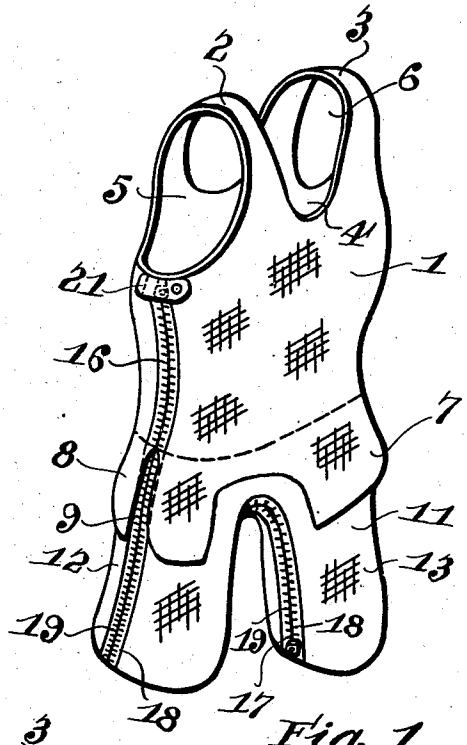


Fig. 1

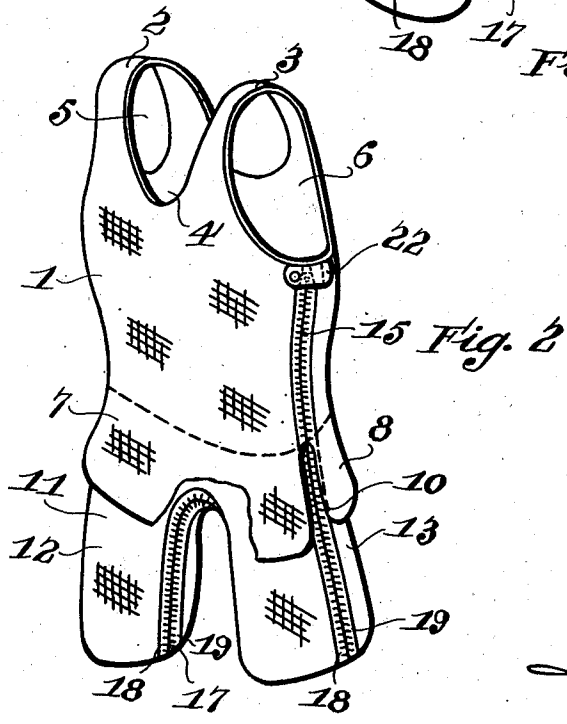


Fig. 2

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The object of this invention is to provide a bathing suit that can be removed by taking it off over the head and without taking it off over the feet.

Another object is to provide a bathing suit that can be removed from the bottom up, and as it is being removed it can be followed up by the dry clothes which the person wishes to substitute for it.

Another object of the invention is to provide a bathing suit that will be closed with slide fasteners along three seams, as follows: One straight seam along each of the side lines of the garment from top to bottom, and a third straight seam starting from the bottom of the inside of one leg and extending up to the crotch at the bottom of the body of the garment, and then down on the inside of the opposite leg to the bottom of the leg. A bathing suit so made consists of front and back portions which are connected by the shoulder straps, which portions have arm and neck holes therein, the front and back portions below the armholes being completely separable from each other by the use of a slide fastener.

These and other objects of the invention will be illustrated in the drawing, described in the specification, and pointed out in the claims at the end thereof.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the garment, viewed from the front, showing the seam at the left of the garment and in the legs.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the garment, viewed from the right, showing the seam at the right hand side of the garment, and the balance of the seam in the legs.

In the drawing like reference numerals indicate like parts.

In the drawing reference numeral 1 indicates a bathing suit having the one piece shoulder straps 2 and 3 at the top thereof, and being cut away as indicated at 4 to accommodate the neck and head, and being cut away as indicated at 5 and 6 to form arm holes for the arms and shoulders. The upper portion of the garment is formed in one piece and at the bottom terminates with a skirt as indicated at 7 and 8, of which the front and back portions are left disconnected on either side as indicated at 9 and 10 to give an apron effect to the skirt. Attached to the body portion of the garment are the trunks 11, having the leg portions 12 and 13. The front and back portions of this bathing suit are entirely independent of and separable from each other, except that they are held together by the shoulder straps 2 and 3. The front and back portions of the bathing suit are fastened together by slide fasteners along three seams, as will now be described.

The front and back of this suit is fastened together along the seams 15, 16 and 17 with a so-called slide fastener, for the purpose of quickly opening the suit along the three seams indicated.

The two sides of the slide fasteners are each carried on a heavy tape 18 and 19 that is fastened near the edge of the body or leg section, so that when the slider draws the two parts together the edges of the body or leg portion will come directly into abutment against each other and thus protect the skin from any direct rubbing or chafing by the slide fastener itself, which will appear on the outside of the garment.

The skirts 7 and 8 are broken away at the middle in Figures 1 and 2 merely for the purpose of clearly showing the position of the slide fasteners on the leg portions and on the crotch, it being understood that in the standard garments the apron at the bottom of the skirt will extend continuously clear across and will therefore conceal this part of the fastening. As above pointed out, the front and back skirts 7 and 8 are separate from each other on the side line, and this is provided so that there will be no interference with the travel of the slider up or down along the side seams for the purpose of opening or closing these seams.

It will be noticed that under the arm holes are provided the straps 21 and 22 which are permanently fastened on one side and are fastened on the other side with a suitable snap button, such as are used on cuff buttons and glove fastenings etc., and are used for closing the divided straps that are commonly used over the shoulders of bathing suits. These straps 21 and 22 cover the slider when it has reached the end of its travel.

It will also be understood that this garment will ordinarily be put on over the head with the seams open, and the three seams will be closed with the slide fasteners above described, and when it is desired to remove the garment, the three seams will be opened by the use of the slide fasteners and the garment will be removed by passing it up over the head.

It will also be understood that this bathing suit can be put on at home and the ordinary clothes can be put on over it, and after the bathing is ended the garment can be easily removed in an automobile, for instance, and while the garment is being raised up away from the feet, the clothes

can be drawn up over the feet so that the body is kept covered within the bounds of ordinary propriety.

It will thus be seen that the taking off of the bathing suit and at the same time the drawing on of the ordinary clothes is thus very greatly simplified.

It will be seen that a bathing suit made in this way can be opened and spread out, or hung up, in a single layer, which will cause it to dry just that much more quickly than the ordinary type of bathing suit.

The fastening in the leg opens up the suit at an important point when it is necessary to visit the toilet.

The suit can be opened on either side for the convenience of nursing mothers.

I claim:

1. A bathing suit having shoulder straps at the top and having a front and a back portion, the suit being cut away to form a neck hole with armholes on either side thereof, leg portions at the bottom of said suit, the front and back portions of said suit below the armholes and between the legs being independent of each other and being held together by slide fasteners, said front and back portions of the garment being capable of being released from each other by the slide fasteners, and thereafter being removable bodily over the head.

2. A bathing suit having a front and a back portion extending around the body and having leg portions at the bottom of said suit, the front and back portions of said suit along the sides and between the legs being independent of each other and being held together by slide fasteners, said front and back portions of the garment being capable of being released from each other by the slide fasteners, and thereafter being removable bodily over the head.

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