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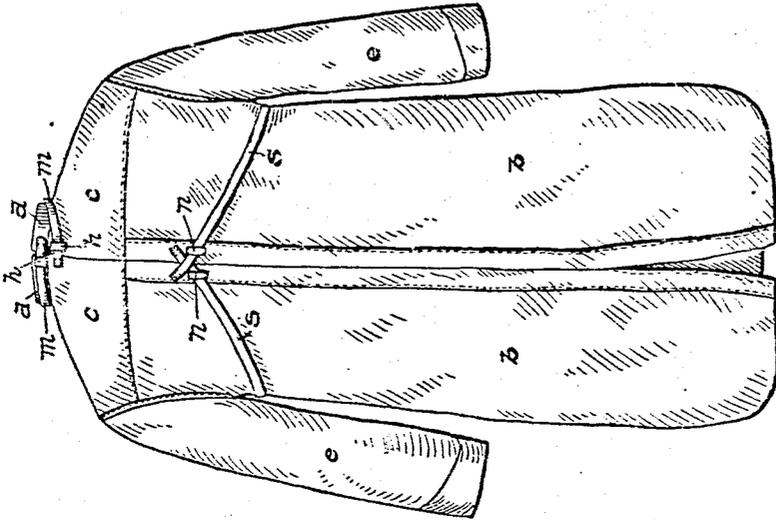
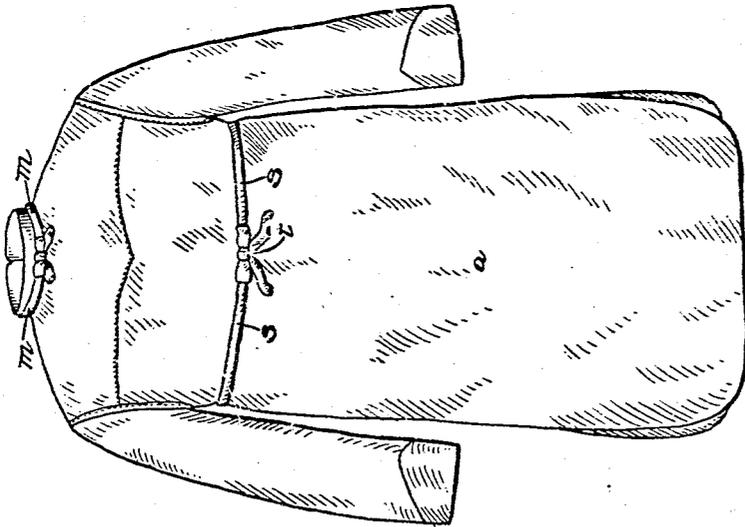


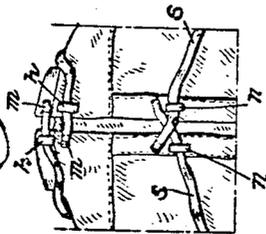
Fig. 1.



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Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDYTHE SNELLENBURG, citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hospital - Nightgowns, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a new garment, which may be properly termed a hospital nightgown, and has for its object to provide a bed garment, of that class, for sick persons, in hospital use, which shall be capable of being initially applied to a recumbent patient and then fastened thereon with a minimum of disturbance of the person, and which shall also be devoid of any buttons, hooks or other projecting fastenings.

To these ends my invention consists of a hospital nightgown, which may be and is preferably made of muslin as heretofore, having the novel features of construction as hereinafter described.

In the drawings illustrating the same, Figure 1 is a plan view of the front of the garment; Fig. 2 a like view of the garment, from the back or rear side, in fastened position, and Fig. 3 a detached section, of the rear side or back, with the meeting edges slightly separated, illustrating the method and means of fastening.

Referring now to said drawings, the garment is preferably made of muslin, as usual. It is constructed integrally closed in front as indicated at *a* Fig. 1, the back being formed of portions *b, b*, which are integral with or connected by a seam with the front portion, said portions *b, b*, forming the back, being normally separate at their meeting edges, from bottom to top, including the yoke *c* and collar *d*.

The garment may be, and is preferably, formed with a yoke portion *c* both front and back, and with a collar *d*. Sleeves *e, e*, are secured to arm holes in the yoke portion. It is obvious therefore that as the edges of the back portions of body, yoke and collar, are in parallel alinement, they may be caused to overlap or at least be brought close together, and that the garment can be placed on the arms and body of a recumbent patient without moving the latter except only suffi-

cient to bring the meeting edges of the back into coincidence. In order to removably hold these parts in such position, with the edges together, or slightly overlapping, as may be desired, I provide the following means, and this is an essential part of the invention because it not only effects the purpose stated but does it in such way that there are no buttons, hooks or other projections used which would press against the patient's back.

On the rearward part of the garment and adjacent to the meeting edges of the divided collar *d, d*, is provided a pair of loops *h, h*, (see Fig. 3) one on each of the opposite edges in different horizontal planes, and in like manner and in like relative arrangement, two bands *m, m*, are sewed, adapted to pass through the said loops, one through each, the ends of the bands *m, m*, being then brought around the neck and tied in the front, as indicated in Fig. 1.

To secure the back coinciding edges of the body portion of the garment a pair of loops *n, n*, is provided, sewed to the opposite edges respectively, and co-acting therewith is a pair of bands *s, s*, sewed on such opposite edges, adapted to be drawn through such loops and then brought around the body of the garment to the front and there tied as indicated at *t* in Fig. 1. The garment thus constructed is simple, readily put upon a patient and even more readily removed, with the least possible disturbance when the patient is in a recumbent position, and moreover is adapted to be secured upon the person by means which present no projecting and objectionable surfaces, such as buttons, hooks, &c., to press against the back of the wearer when lying down.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a hospital nightgown, comprising a body portion, a yoke portion, and a collar portion, the garment being integral in front and longitudinally separated in the back from top to bottom, a loop on each edge of the divided collar and yoke portions, arranged in different planes, with a pair of bands arranged in like manner thereon, the bands on one edge adapted to engage the loop on the opposite edge, and a pair of loops on the opposite co-

inciding edges of the body portion, with a pair of fastening bands thereon, the band on each edge likewise adapted to engage the loop on the opposite edge, whereby said coinciding edges may be brought together by drawing on said bands and said bands tied together in front of the garment.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 22nd day of April A. D. 1908.

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