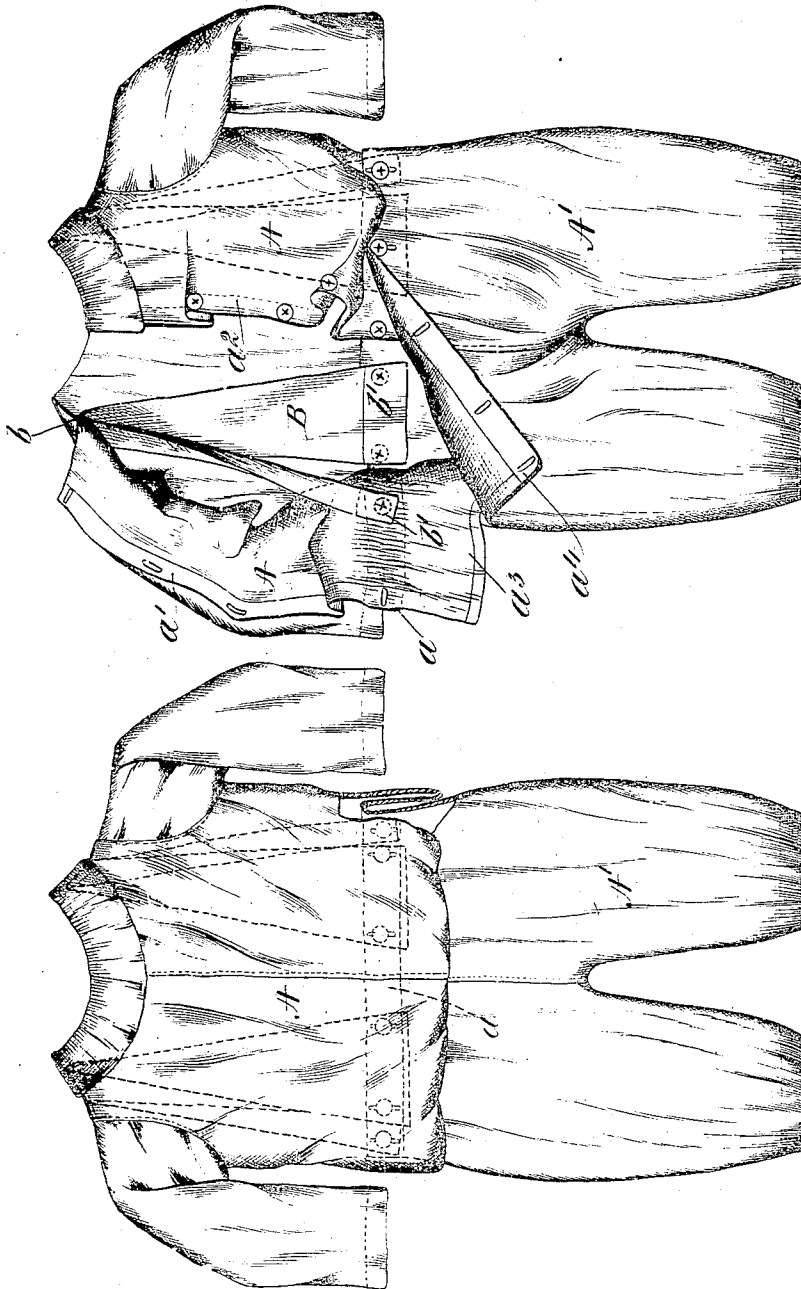


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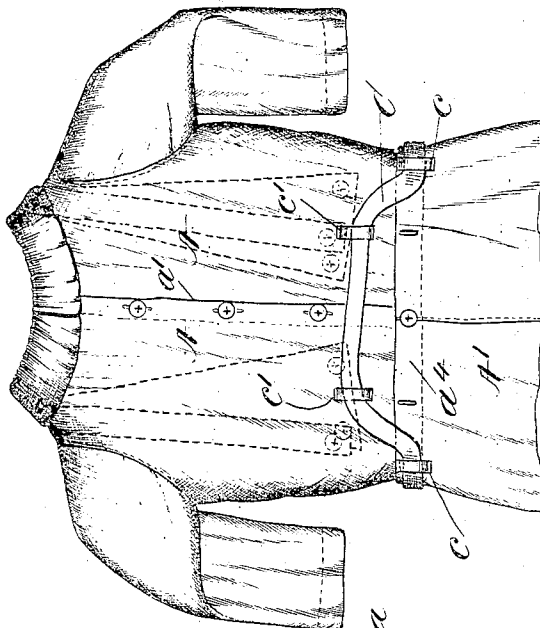


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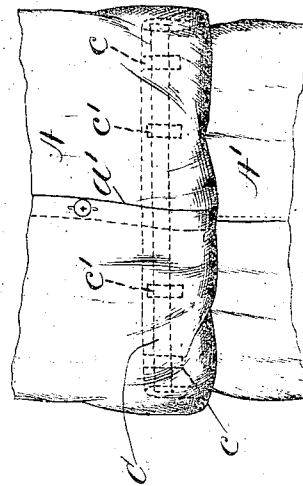


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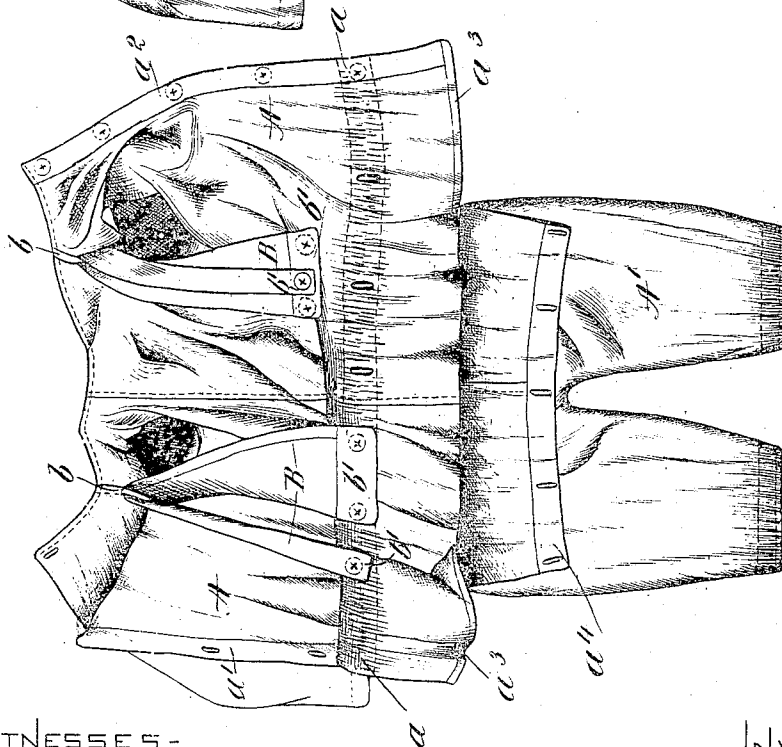


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. PEARSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Stoneham, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in One-Piece Blouse Garments, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in explaining its nature.

My invention relates to a one-piece blouse garment for children of both sexes. The utility of the one-piece garment for children needs no special comment. By making such a blouse garment its efficacy is still further increased, the loose-fitting blouse giving that coolness and freedom to movement so desirable in negligée garments of this kind. Then the slightly appearance of a bloused garment is another commendation, the overhang of the blouse being adapted to conceal any buttoning or other unsightly fastening at the waist, while the general negligée effect of a bloused garment is most desirable.

My invention relates also to a manner of so forming a garment of this kind that it can be conveniently taken off or put on or any part unbuttoned, as occasion may require. The facility of cleansing the garment I have also considered by so making it that it will open out, so to speak, when unbuttoned, that it may be easily washed, dried, and ironed, and this especially with reference to the blouse portion of the garment, blouses being particularly hard to wash and iron.

It is still further and especially an object of my invention to so fashion such a one-piece garment that it may be entirely supported from the shoulders. It is desirable in all garments for children, for physiological and other reasons, to remove all stress and tightness of the garment from the waist of the child and to support the entire garment from the shoulders. In a blouse garment of this kind it is necessary not only to support the garment, but also to form a waist-line, as it were, which effects the overhang of the blouse, and this I do without any strain or tightening whatever at the waist of the wearer, all of which features can best be seen and understood by reference to the drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 shows the one-piece blouse garment in elevation. Fig. 2 shows the same in back elevation. Fig. 3 shows in elevation especially the inside of the garment when the

same is opened out. Fig. 4 shows in elevation a slightly-modified structure of garment to which reference will hereinafter be made. Fig. 5 shows in elevation a portion of the garment shown in Fig. 4, but otherwise arranged, to which special reference will hereinafter be made.

In the drawings, A A' represent, respectively, the blouse and pants portions of the garment made in one piece. The blouse A is cut full and gathered at the waist-line, which is reinforced by a waistband *a*, over which the blouse is made to overhang. The blouse opens up and down in the back, where it is formed with edges *a'* *a''*, which overlap and button or are otherwise fastened to open. Instead of being made continuous with the pants, as in the front of the garment, the blouse in the back when buttoned is made to extend below the waist or the waistband *a* by the length of the portion *a''*, (see Fig. 2,) while the trousers in the back are provided with a flap *a''*, which turns up over this extended portion *a''* of the blouse and buttons onto the waistband *a*.

Upon the inside of the garment, concealed, are straps B, which are attached to the shoulders at the points *b* and are adapted to pass down, when the garment is on, forward and back over the shoulders of the wearer and are secured in front and at the back to the waistband by buttoning from the inside onto the waistband at the points *b'*, so holding up the trousers and forming a waist-line, as it were, causing the overhang of the blouse.

A garment made as I have thus described is of the greatest utility as an outside garment for children. Made to open in the back, as it is, the garment can be easily gotten into or taken off or unbuttoned in part, as by the unbuttoning of the flap *a''* of the pants. In case this flap were left partially or even wholly unbuttoned the body of the wearer would still be covered and protected by the extension *a''* of the blouse in the back, which, as said before, extends down for some little distance below the waist-line and which covering at this point would be supplemented by the overhang of the blouse. Such opening of the garment also facilitates its cleansing. It can be easily washed, dried, and ironed, the entire blouse being spread out, so as to present but a single thickness. (See Fig. 3.)

By the use of the concealed straps B, I am enabled to support the entire garment from the shoulders. As said before, in a garment of this kind it is necessary to form a waist-

line, so causing the overhang of the blouse, and I am enabled by the use of these straps to form the waist-line and at the same time support the pants without the least tightening or stress at the waist of the child. Moreover, by this means of support the garment is made cool and comfortable, effects so desirable in a garment of this kind and which could not be obtained if the garment were made to hug tight at the waist.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a slightly-modified form of garment in the fact that a belt C is worn at the waist of the garment for gathering in the garment at this point. I prefer, however, as was before described, to permanently gather the extra fullness of the blouse to a waistband, reinforcing the garment at this point; but the garment can be made ungathered and any necessary gathering sufficient to hold the garment in proper place or fit obtained by a belt. Moreover, in so far as the scope of my invention is concerned looked at in its broader significance, a belt might be used with the one-piece blouse garment as a means for supporting the trousers and forming a waist-line, so causing the overhang of the blouse. For all this, when a belt is used I prefer to employ it merely as a means for holding the garment gathered and not as a necessary support, this stress being borne by the shoulder-straps B, which are used at the same time with the belt. With a belt thus made to gather in the garment it can at the same time be used to hold the overhang or flap of the garment in place. I have shown for this purpose in Figs. 4 and 5 certain straps or loops (some designated *c* and others *c'*) at the waist of the garment upon the inside of the overhang of the blouse. Through these loops or straps the belt is passed. When the garment is stretched out with the overhang of the blouse then unformed, these loops or straps would come on different lines, as shown in Fig. 4; but when the overhang of

the blouse is formed the loops *c'* on the inside edge thereof, turned over, come in alignment with the loops *c* at the waist of the garment, and the belt being passed through these respective loops holds the overhang of the blouse in place.

It is unnecessary to further refer to the general appearance of this kind of garment. The overhang of the blouse covers any means of fastening or unfastening which would otherwise show at the waist, and the garment appears one continuous whole.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. A one-piece blouse garment of the character specified comprising a blouse and pants combined, concealed straps on the inside of the blouse, the same being secured to the shoulders of the blouse and extending down forward and back and attached to the waist of the garment for imparting the blouse effect thereto, which blouse and pants are open in the back, the blouse by a vertical opening and the pants by a flap adapted to be let down, the blouse in the back also being provided with a portion extending below the waist-line and over which said flap of the pants is adapted to extend and be attached to the waist of the garment underneath the fold of the blouse which conceals the means of fastening.

2. In a one-piece blouse garment of the character specified, a belt at the waist thereof, straps or loops attached to the waist of the garment and also to the inside of the overhang of the blouse thereof, through which loops or straps said belt is adapted to pass, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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