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Fig. 1.

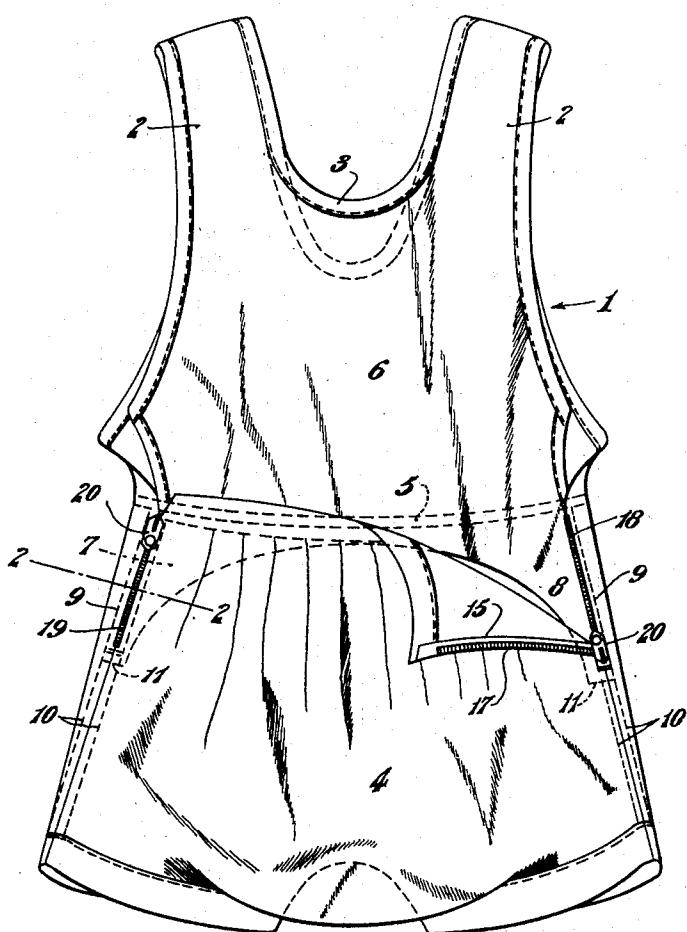
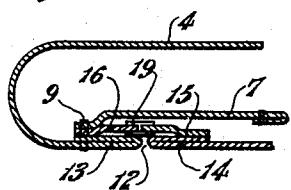


Fig. 2.



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My invention relates to improvements in children's garments and more particularly to that type of garment used as an undergarment for young children.

5 An object of my invention is to provide a one-piece garment which will take the place of the separate underwaist and bloomers now in use.

10 A further object of my invention is to eliminate the necessity for the large number of buttons ordinarily employed to attach the waist and bloomers together, and thus to save a great deal of the time and trouble or annoyance usually involved in the dressing of a 15 child.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will appear in the following specifications, with reference to the accompanying drawings, and the appended claims.

20 Broadly, my invention comprises a one piece, step-in garment consisting of a waist portion, a bloomer portion permanently secured to the waist portion, said bloomer portion being formed with a drop back, and 25 means for opening and closing quickly and easily the drop back without the use of buttons, whereby, when the back is closed, the garment is drawn inwardly at the waist line, thus supporting the bloomer portion of the 30 garment from the hips.

A preferred form of my invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a rear elevational view of the garment, showing one side of the drop back in closed position and the opposite side in opened position, and

Fig. 2 is a sectional, plan view on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1, showing how the waist portion is carried down to prevent contact of the closure device with the body, and also preventing the slide fastener closure device from becoming inoperative with cloth getting into this closure device.

45 Referring now to the drawings in detail, in which like numerals refer to like parts throughout:

The waist portion 1, having the shoulder straps 2 and the neck yoke 3, is permanently 50 secured to the bloomer portion 4 across the

front by means of the stitches 5, indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 1. The rear part 6 of the waist member is formed with the oppositely located and downwardly projecting ends 7 and 8, which are secured to the bloomer portion by the stitches 9. The bloomer portion 4 is formed with the side seams 10, the upper part of which, above the depending ends 11 of the waist portions 7 and 8, is left open, as indicated at 12. The sides 13 and 14 of the open seam 12 are reinforced with the tapes 15 and 16, to which are attached the interlocking halves 17 and 18 of the slide fasteners 19, which are provided with the usual operating keys 20.

In operation, when it is desired to put on the garment, the drop back is quickly and easily opened by a downward pull of the keys 20, which frees the waist line at the stitches 5 so that the child may step into the bloomer portion 4 at the waist line and then draw the garment up over the shoulders, then the slide fasteners 19 are closed by an upward movement of the keys 20. As the slide fasteners 19 are closed, the waist is simultaneously drawn inwardly as the slide means are arranged at an angle to the vertical as shown, and is supported lightly but securely above the hips. To remove the garment, the slide fasteners 19 are opened, a shrug releases the shoulders straps 2, and the garment slips to the floor, and the child steps out.

It is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the construction of a one-piece garment for children only, as it is equally adaptable to misses and ladies, as well as for children.

An important feature of my invention is that it effectually dispenses with the use of all buttons and elastics of any kind, which is an important feature.

An important feature of my invention is that the length of the band 4' of the bloomer portion 4 is less than the distance from the point 18' at the upper ends of the interlocking halves 18 of the slide fasteners, or normal width of the garment. The interlocking halves 17 on the bloomer drop part are therefore arranged at an angle to the opposite side 180

edges of the leg portions, by reason of the shorter length of the bloomer waist band 4' of the bloomer being less than the normal width of the garment. Therefore, when the 5 slide fasteners are operated or closed, by the keys, or finger pieces 20, are moved upward the garment is simultaneously drawn inward or contracted about the waist line of the person and permanently held in its 10 place, without buttons or other securing means of any kind.

What I claim is:

1. A one-piece step-in garment comprising a waist portion and a bloomer portion secured to the front of the waist portion, a slide fastener secured to one side of the back of the bloomer portion, a second slide fastener secured to the other side of the back of the bloomer portion, a drop back formed 20 in said bloomer portion having a waist band of a length less than the distance between the two slide fasteners and means for fastening the drop back portions to the waist portion.
2. A one-piece garment comprising a waist portion and a bloomer portion secured to the front of the waist portion, a pair of seams on each side of the garment, a slide fastener secured to one of the side seams, a second slide fastener secured to the other of said side seams, a drop back formed in said bloomer portion having a waist band of a length less than the distance between the two slide fasteners and cooperating slide fasteners secured to said drop back and at an angle to 35 said first-mentioned slide fasteners and adapted to engage therewith for retaining the drop back in place.

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