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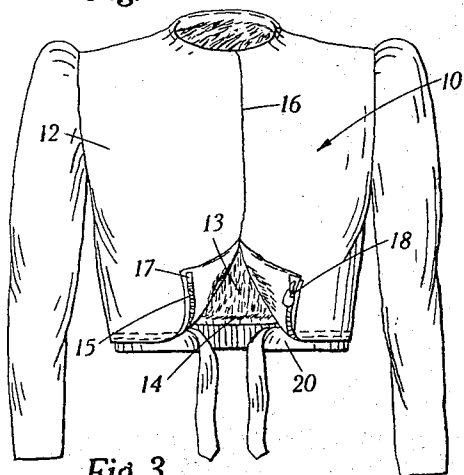


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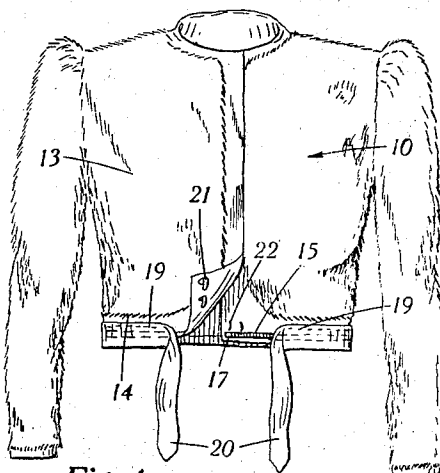


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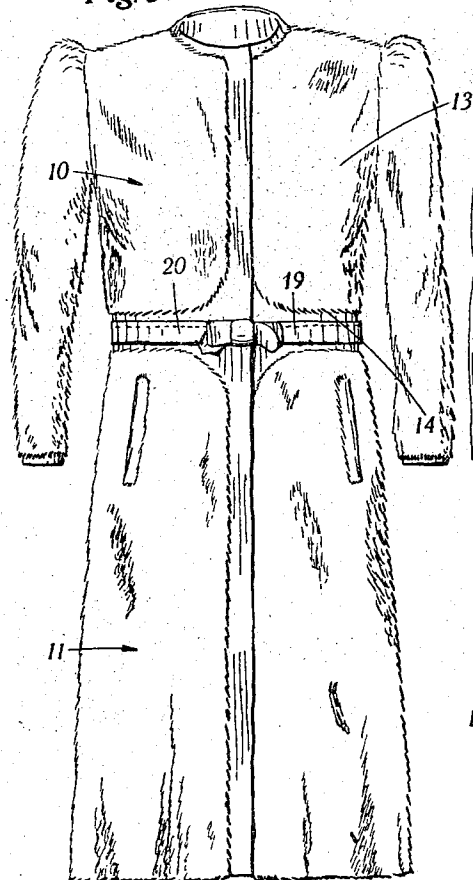
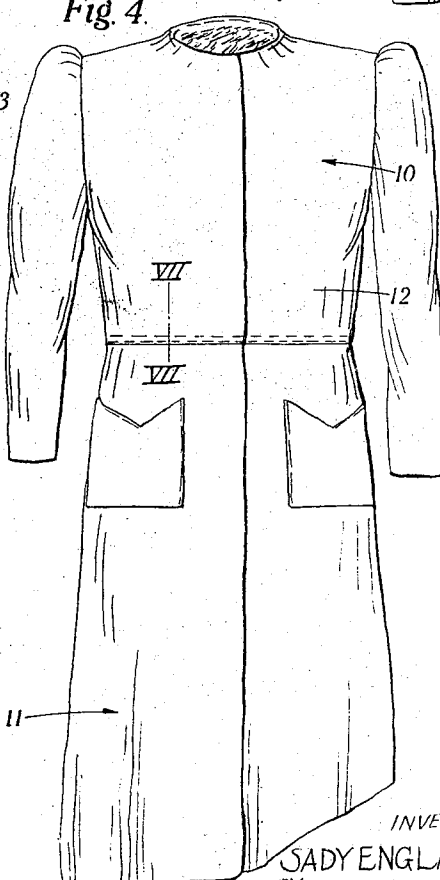


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Fig. 5.

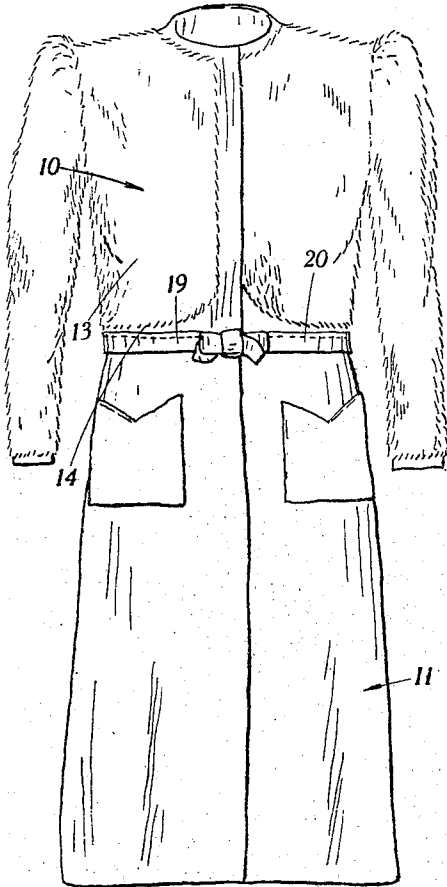


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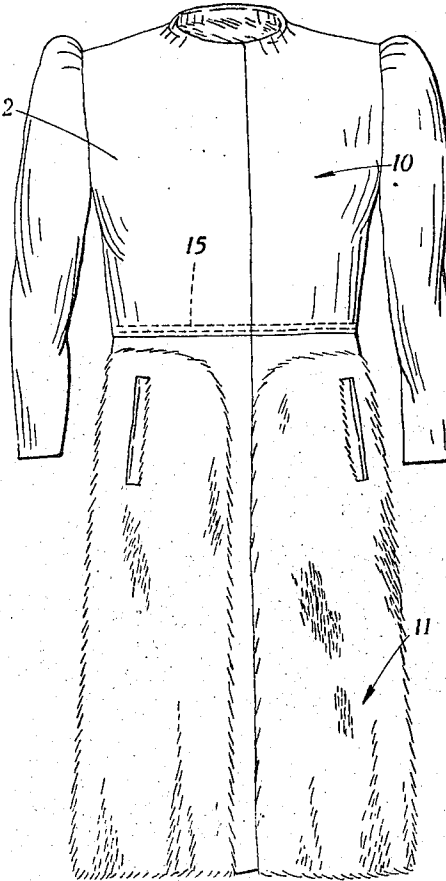


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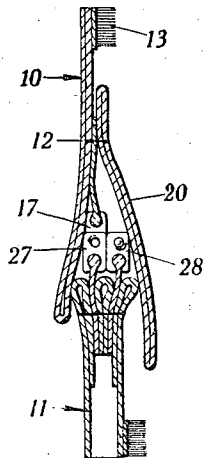
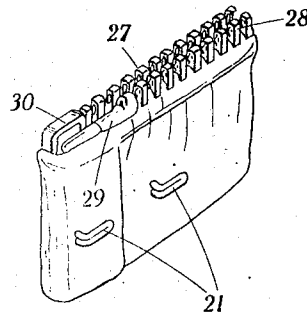


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This invention relates to convertible combination garments of the kind comprising a jacket, bolero or the like and a lower skirt or like portion attachable thereto.

An object of the invention resides in the provision of means for readily and securely detachably attaching the skirt portion to the jacket in either position of the latter.

A further object of the invention is to provide an attachable skirt portion which in its attached position may have either surface forming the exterior of the skirt.

A still further object of the invention resides in the construction of combination jacket and skirt portions having fastener means for attaching said portions together and means for concealing the fastener means in any position of the jacket and skirt.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following description of a preferred embodiment of my invention.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating said embodiment

Figure 1 is a front view of the jacket in partially open position;

Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1 with the reverse face on the outside;

Figure 3 is a front view of the composite garment;

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 3 with the reverse faces of the jacket and skirt portions on the outside;

Figure 5 is a view similar to Figure 3 with the skirt portion reversed;

Figure 6 is a view similar to Figure 3 with the jacket reversed;

Figure 7 is an enlarged section on line VII-VII of Figure 4, and

Figure 8 is an enlarged detail of part of the fastener means.

Referring now to the drawings, 10 designates the upper or jacket portion of the garment and 11 the lower or skirt portion. The jacket portion is represented in Figures 1 and 2 as having a cloth surface 12 on one side and a fur surface 13 on the other, the latter being suitably formed by attaching, for example, as by stitching, a skin or skins to the inner cloth surface. It is, of course, to be understood that materials other than those mentioned may be employed, such, for example, as leather, rubberized or other weather-proof fabric.

The lower edge 14 of the skin or skins forming the fur surface 13 terminates above the lower edge of the cloth. Also attached to the inner

cloth surface as by means of stringing, stitching or the like, is one row of elements 15 of a sliding clasp fastener of the kind commonly known as a "zip" fastener, the teeth of said row of fastener elements projecting in a generally downward direction. The row of fastener elements 15 extends around substantially the entire waist of the jacket, terminating adjacent either edge of the jacket opening 16 in a stop or abutment 17 to limit the movement of the slider clasp 18. The row of elements 15 is positioned above the lower edge of the cloth surface 12 of the jacket so as to lie wholly between said edge and the lower edge of the fur surface 13, whereby in the position of the jacket shown in Figure 1 it is normally entirely concealed by the lower edge portion of the cloth surface.

To conceal the row of fastener elements 15 when the jacket is reversed as shown in Figure 2, I attach to said inner cloth surface as by means of a row of stitches 19, a belt 20, the ends of which may be extended as shown to co-operate with a buckle or otherwise to secure them tidily in position. The line of attachment 19 of the belt to the jacket is located between the lower edge of the fur surface 13 and the fastener element 15 and the width of the belt is such that its lower edge is below the lower edge of the row of elements 15 and preferably below the lower edge of the cloth surface of the jacket. Thus, when the jacket is reversed so that the fur surface becomes the outer surface, the fastener element 15 is entirely concealed from view by the belt 20.

The opening 16 of the jacket may be closed in any convenient manner such as by means of buttons, hooks or the like, a pair of hooks 21 and eyes 22 being illustrated in Figure 2 to secure the lower end of said opening. Alternatively, a sliding fastener having one of its complementary elements secured adjacent each edge of the opening 16 may be provided for this purpose.

As illustrated in Figures 3 to 6 inclusive, the lower or skirt portion 11 of the garment is provided with cloth and fur surfaces 25, 26 respectively in the same manner as the jacket 10. Attached to the upper edge of the skirt portion 11 are two identical rows of sliding clasp fastener elements 27, 28 which are complementary to the row of fastener elements 15, said two rows of elements 27, 28 being arranged in side-by-side relationship and extending around substantially the entire waist of said skirt portion with their teeth extending upwardly therefrom. As shown

more clearly in Figures 7 and 8, these rows of fastener elements 27, 28 are arranged in opposite directions so that, while one row of elements, for example, the elements 27, is adapted by means of the clasp 18 to co-operate with the row of elements 15 when the garment is to be used as shown in either of Figures 3 and 4, the other row of elements 28 co-operates with the row of elements 15 when one part of the garment is reversed with respect to the other, as shown in Figures 5 and 6. In order that each row of elements 27, 28 may be completely disconnected from the row of elements 15 and thereby enable the lower or skirt portion 11 to be detached from the jacket 10, each row of fastener elements 27, 28 is formed at one end with a run-off portion 29 for the clasp 18, the run-off portion for the row of elements 27 being at the end thereof opposite to the run-off portion of the row of elements 28. A stop or abutment 30 is fitted at the end of each row of elements 27, 28 remote from the run-off portion 29 associated with the respective rows. When the garment portions are connected together, the rows of fastener elements are concealed either by the garment portion 10 or by the belt 19, depending upon which surface of the garment is outermost.

From the foregoing it will be evident that I have evolved a convertible combination garment of which the upper portion may be worn as a jacket with either surface on the exterior (Figures 1 and 2); or the entire garment may be worn as a full length coat giving four different combinations as shown in Figures 3, 4, 5 and 6. Thus six different arrangements are provided, while the skirt portion may be used as a knee wrap or rug.

It is to be understood that, instead of employing different materials, such as cloth and fur, for the respective surfaces of the upper and lower portions 10, 11, I may employ similar materials for both surfaces having different colours, patterns or designs. However, the use of two dissimilar materials such as fur and cloth permits the provision, in accordance with the invention, of a combination garment having widely varying characteristics, designs or colours.

It is also to be understood that, while in the foregoing I have shown and described an embodiment of my invention in which a single row of fastener elements is attached to the jacket and the other or complementary rows of fastener elements are secured to the skirt, this arrangement may be modified within the purview of the appended claims by attaching the single row of fastener elements to the skirt and the two complementary rows of fastener elements to the jacket.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A convertible, combination garment comprising upper and lower portions, a row of sliding clasp fastener elements on one of said garment portions, two oppositely directed rows of complementary sliding clasp fastener elements on said other garment portion, one of said two rows of complementary fastener elements co-operating with the said first-named row of fasteners elements to attach said upper and lower garment portions one to the other while enabling the garment to be reversed, and the other of said two rows of complementary fastener elements co-operating with said first-named row of fastener elements to attach said upper and lower garment portions one to the other when either of said garment portions is reversed relative to the other.

2. A convertible, combination garment comprising upper and lower portions, a row of sliding clasp fastener elements on one of said garment portions, two oppositely directed rows of complementary sliding clasp fastener elements on said other garment portion, one of said two rows of complementary fastener elements co-operating with said first-named row of fastener elements to attach said upper and lower garment portions one to the other while enabling the garment to be reversed, the other of said two rows of complementary fastener elements co-operating with said first-named row of fastener elements to attach said upper and lower garment portions one to the other when either of said portions is reversed relative to the other, and means for concealing all of said rows of fastener elements in any position of said garment portions.

3. A convertible, combination garment comprising a jacket, a row of sliding clasp fastener elements adjacent the lower edge of one face thereof, a skirt, two oppositely directed rows of complementary sliding clasp fastener elements at the upper edge of said skirt, one of the rows of fastener elements on the skirt co-operating with the row of fastener elements on the jacket to attach the skirt and jacket one to the other while enabling the garment to be reversed, the other row of fastener elements on the skirt co-operating with the row of fastener elements on the jacket when either said jacket or skirt is reversed relative to the other, all of said rows of fastener elements being concealed by said jacket in one position of the latter, and a belt on the jacket concealing said rows of fastener elements when the jacket is reversed.

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