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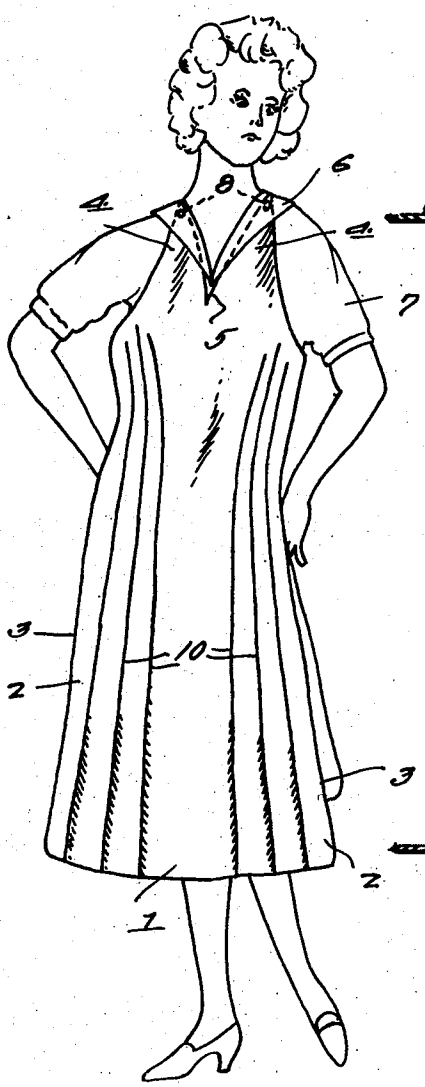


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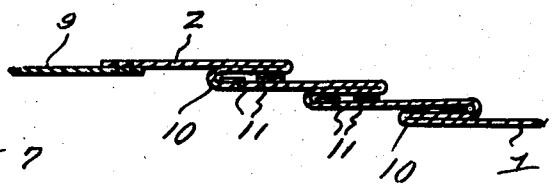
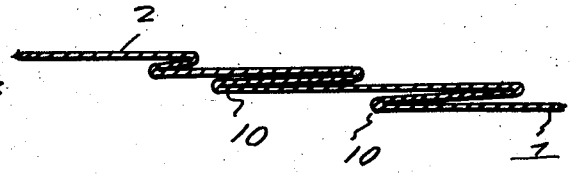


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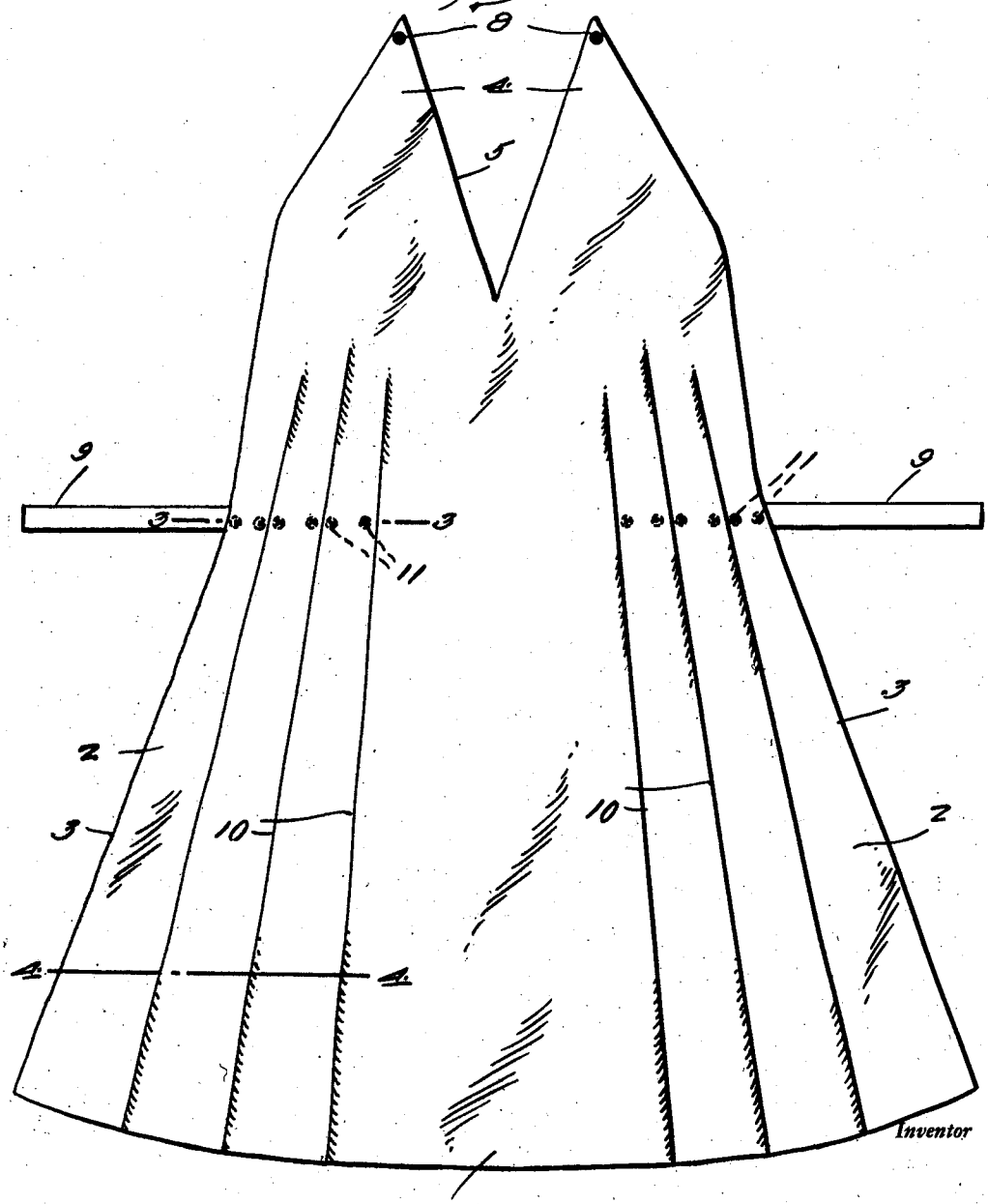
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Fig. 2.



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The present invention relates generally to new and useful improvements in maternity garments, and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, an article of apparel of this nature in the form of a pinafore comprising a novel construction and arrangement whereby maximum comfort will be had at all times in addition to rendering inconspicuous the condition of the wearer.

Another very important object of the invention is to provide a maternity garment of the aforementioned character which is adapted to be expeditiously adjusted to meet changing conditions, thereby maintaining maximum comfort and good appearance as time goes on.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a maternity garment of the character described which will be of comparatively simple construction, strong, durable and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation, showing a maternity garment, constructed in accordance with the present invention, in use.

Figure 2 is a view in rear elevation of the garment.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view in horizontal section, taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Figure 2, but with the spacing of the pleats exaggerated to more clearly show the construction.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view in horizontal section, taken substantially on the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises a biased front 1 of suitable material. Formed integrally with the front 1 are side portions 2 comprising oppositely inclined side edges 3.

Extending upwardly from the upper portions of the front 1 and the side portions 2 are tapered bibs or the like 4 which define a substantially V-shaped neck opening 5. The bibs 4 may be detachably secured beneath the collar 6 of a dress 7 through the medium of snap fasteners 8 or other suitable means. Ties 9, to be connected

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in back of the wearer, are secured to the side portions 2 of the garment at an intermediate point.

As illustrated to advantage in Figure 2 of the drawings, the garment tapers from the lower end to the upper end thereof. The side portions 2 of the garment have formed therein upwardly tapering pleats 10. In the embodiment shown, snap fasteners 11 adjustably and releasably secure the pleats 10 (see Figure 3).

It is thought that the manner in which the garment functions will be readily apparent from a consideration of the foregoing. Of course, when the garment is put on, the bibs 4 are secured to the dress 7 and the ties 9 are properly connected for the desired comfort. If desired, ties may be substituted for the snap fasteners 8, said ties to be connected at the back of the neck. As the condition of the wearer changes with the passing of time, the snap fasteners 11 may be readily adjusted for permitting expansion of the garment. Or, the fasteners 11 may be disconnected for allowing the pleats 10 to be completely opened or pulled out.

It is believed that the many advantages of a maternity garment constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood, and although a preferred embodiment of the garment is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction may be resorted to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:

A laterally expansible maternity garment comprising a one-piece backless pinafore adapted to be worn and to extend over the front and sides of a dress and including a wide plain front and upwardly tapering side portions integral with said front, upwardly tapered plain bibs of inverted V-shape integral with and rising from the top of said front portion and defining a neck opening therebetween, upwardly tapering pleats in the side portions, means at the apices of the bibs for securing the latter to the dress at the shoulders, and ties attached to the free edges of side portions at the waistline and adapted for connection to each other at the back of the wearer to secure the front and side portions, respectively, against the front and side portions of the dress.

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