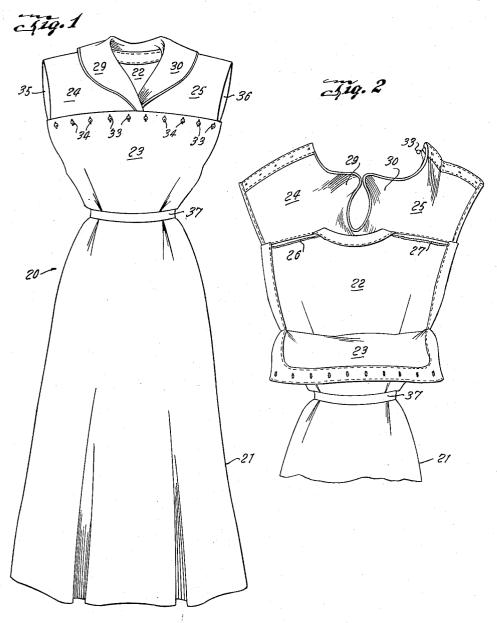
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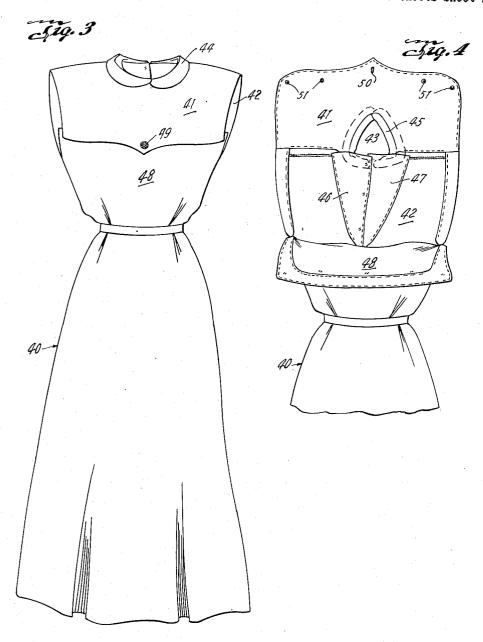


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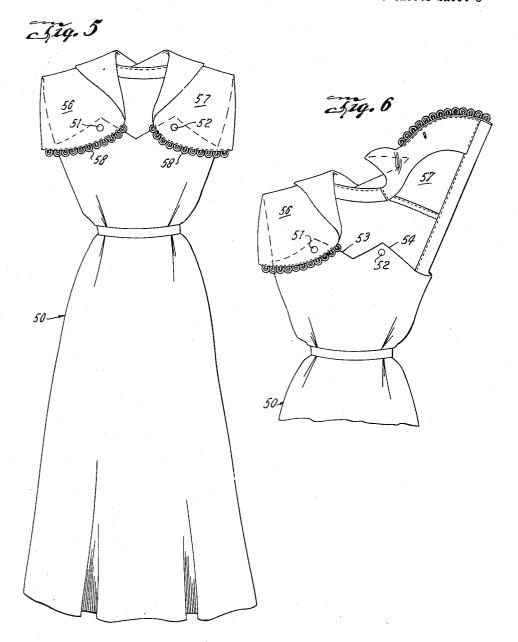
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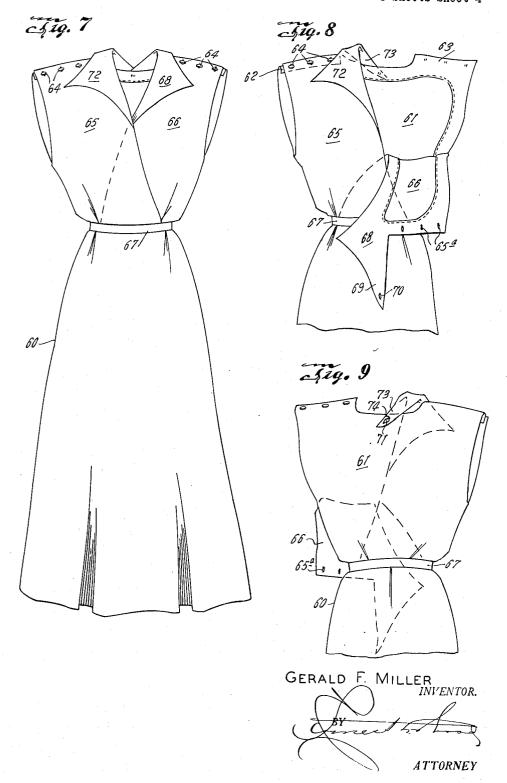
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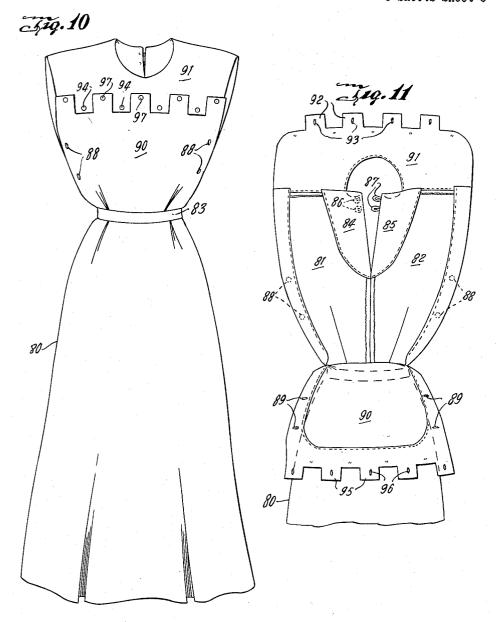
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GARMENT CONSTRUCTION

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This invention relates to garments and more particularly to a dress which can be easily ironed or pressed.

Dresses must be ironed or pressed very often to smooth out wrinkles formed during dry cleaning 5 or washing of the dresses, or during the storage, transportation or actual wear of the dresses. Since dresses are ironed quite often considerable economies in the time and effort expended in ironing or pressing can be effected if the design 10 of the dress is such that all portions of the dresses may be ironed or pressed while spread flat on an ironing board or in a presser. It is impossible in conventional dresses to spread flat the waist and shoulder yoke and considerable time and effort 15 must therefore be expended in manipulating these portions of the dresses during the ironing or pressing thereof.

Accordingly, it is an object of the invention to provide a new and improved dress which can be 20

easily ironed or pressed.

It is another object of the invention to provide a new and improved dress whose waist portions and shoulder yoke portions may be easily pressed

It is still another object of the invention to provide a new and improved dress whose waist portions and shoulder yoke may be spread flat to expedite pressing thereof.

For an understanding of the invention refer- 30 ence may be had to the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing and its scope will be pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing.

Figure 1 is a front plan view of a dress made in accordance with the invention;

Figure 2 is a front plan view of the dress shown in Figure 1 with the front waist portion and the shoulder yoke in separated open positions:

Figure 3 is a front plan view of a modified form of the dress shown in Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a front plan view of the dress shown in Figure 3 with the front waist portion and the shoulder yoke in separated open positions;

Figure 5 is a front plan view of another modified form of the dress shown in Figure 1;

Figure 6 is a front plan view of the dress shown in Figure 5 with one shoulder yoke in open position:

Figure 7 is a front plan view of another modified form of the dress shown in Figure 1;

Figure 8 is a front plan view of the dress shown in Figure 7 with one front waist portion in open position;

Figure 9 is a back plan view of the dress shown in Figure 7 with one front waist portion in open position;

Figure 10 is a front plan view of still another modified form of the dress shown in Figure 1;

Figure 11 is a front plan view of the dress shown in Figure 1 with the front waist portion and the shoulder yoke in open separated positions.

Referring now to Figures 1 and 2 of the drawing, the dress 20 has a skirt 21 to which are secured the back waist piece or portion 22 and the front waist piece or portion 23. The upper sides of the front waist piece 23 are not secured to the back waist piece 22 so that the waist formed by the waist pieces is, in effect, split at the sides. The upper edge of the front waist piece 23 lies below the upper edge of the back waist piece 22 so that it is positioned below the shoulders of the wearer while the upper edge of the back waist piece is positioned at the level of the shoulders. A pair of yoke pieces 24 and 25 have their back portions fastened to the upper edge of the back waist piece 22, as at 27 and 20, respectively. The yoke pieces have suitably shaped side extensions 29 and 30 which may be folded back along the broken lines 31 and 32, respectively, to form the collar of the dress. The edge portions of the yoke pieces remote from the back waist piece are provided with a plurality of spaced buttons 33 which cooperate with suitable button holes 34 provided in front waist piece 23 adjacent its upper edge to secure the yoke pieces to the front waist piece. While buttons have been shown as the fastening means, it will be obvious that other fastening means, such as zippers or snap fasteners, may be employed to secure detachably the yoke pieces to the front waist piece.

It will be apparent that when the yoke pieces are fastened to the front waist piece 23, the upper portion of the back waist piece 22 and the yoke pieces will form arm holes 35 and 36 through which the arms of the wearer may extend with the yoke pieces resting on the wearer's shoulders and supporting the dress thereon. A belt 37 may be secured to the dress.

When it is desired to iron or press the waist and yoke portions of the dress, the buttons 33 are 50 slipped out through the button holes 34. The yoke pieces 24 and 25 may then be folded back and the side collar extensions 29 and 30 may be unfolded. The back waist piece 22 and the yoke pieces 24 and 25 can then be laid flat on an iron-55 ing board or in a presser. The wrinkles in these

pieces can then be easily smoothed out passing an iron over the pieces or by operating the presser. Similarly, the front waist piece 23 can be spread out flat to facilitate ironing or pressing. The features of the design of the dress 20 which permit this spreading flat of the waist and yoke pieces are the formation of the waist of the dress of two waist portions which are not secured together at the sides and the detachability of the yoke pieces from the waist piece.

In the dress 49 shown in Figures 2 and 4, the yoke of the dress is formed of a single piece 41 which has one edge secured to the back waist piece 42 and which has a central portion cut-out to form a neck hole 43. The collar 44 having a 15 turned back side portion 45 is secured to the yoke piece 41 and extends around the neck hole 43. The collar 44 may be detachably secured to the yoke so that it can be ironed separately. The back waist piece 42 has a substantially triangular 20 portion cut out to permit the neck hole 43 to be enlarged when the head of the wearer is to pass therethrough. The triangular cut-out is closed by a pair of insert pieces 46 and 47 whose abutting edge portions may be detachably secured to 25 each other by any conventional means such as a zipper or snap fasteners. The insert pieces are secured to the back waist piece by sewing. The yoke piece 41 is detachably secured to the front waist piece 43 by an ornamental button 49 30 secured to the front waist piece which cooperates with a button hole 50 in the yoke piece and by a plurality of snap fasteners 51.

When the dress 40 is ironed or pressed, the yoke piece 41 is unfastened from the front waist piece 35 from the front waist piece 90. and the collar 44 is removed. The yoke piece 41 and the front and back waist pieces may then be spread out flat for the ironing or pressing operation.

The dress 50 illustrated in Figures 5 and 6 is 40 similar to the dress 20 of Figures 1 and 2 except that buttons 51 and 52 are secured to the front waist piece extensions 53 and 54 to cooperate with the button holes 55 in the yoke pieces 56 and 57, respectively, to secure the yoke pieces to the extensions 53 and 54. The yoke pieces overlap the extensions so that ornamental braid 58 may be secured to the edges of the yoke pieces.

The dress 50 illustrated in Figures 7, 8 and 9 differs from the dresses illustrated in Figures 1 to 50 6 in not having separate yoke pieces, the front and back waist pieces extending to and overlapping at the shoulders to support the dress on 62 and 63 which are adapted to be disposed on the shoulders on opposite sides of the wearer's neck. The end extensions \$2 and \$3 are provided with buttons 64 which cooperate with button holes 65a in the overlapping portions of the front 60 vention. waist pieces 65 and 66, respectively, to secure the front and back waist pieces together. The waist piece 35 extends diagonally upward from the belt 57 toward end extension 83 and is provided with a collar portion 68 which has an elongated end 65 portion 69 provided with a button hole 70 to engage a button II secured to the back waist piece. The waist piece 65 similarly extends diagonally upward from the belt 67 toward end extension 62 and is provided with a collar portion 72 which 70 has an elongated end portion 73 provided with a button hole 74 to engage the button 71. The collar portions 68 and 72 fold back on the waist pieces 65 and 65 in the manner illustrated to

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62 and 63 and the edge portions of the front waist pieces 65 and 66 provided with the button holes 65a act in the same manner as the yoke pieces of the dresses illustrated in Figures 1 to 6 to support dress 60, on the shoulders of the wearer. The back and front waist pieces of dress 60 can be spread out flat for ironing or pressing in the same manner as the corresponding elements of the dresses illustrated in Figures 1 to 6.

The dress 80 illustrated in Figures 10 and 11 is similar in construction to the dress 40 of Figures 3 and 4. The back waist portion is formed of two pieces 31 and 82 which extend from the belt 83 and has insert pieces 84 and 85. The insert pieces 84 and 85 may be secured together by means of buttons 86 and loops 87. The side edge portions of the back pieces & and 82 are provided with buttons 88 which cooperate with button holes 89 provided in the side edge portions of the front waist piece 90. The shoulder yoke 91 has a plurality of spaced extensions 92 each of which is provided with a button hole 93. The button holes 93 engage the buttons 94 secured to the front waist piece 90. The front waist piece \$0 also has a plurality of spaced extensions 95 each of which is provided with a button hole 96 which engages the buttons 97 secured to the shoulder yoke 91. The extensions 92 and 95 present an ornamental crenelate appearance. front waist piece \$0, the back waist pieces 81 and 82, and the shoulder yoke \$1 may be spread out flat fer ironing or pressing after the shoulder yoke 91 is unfastened from the front waist piece 90 and the back waist pieces 81 and 82 are unfastened

Strips or facings may be secured to various portions of the dresses to protect the exposed edges of the various pieces of the dresses.

It will be apparent that in each of the illustrated dresses the front and back portions or pieces forming the waist of the dress and the shoulder yoke may be spread out flat for ironing or pressing since the front and back portions of the waist are separable at the sides and the shoulder yoke is completely separable from one of the waist portions.

The separability of the front waist piece or pieces from the shoulder yoke and from the back waist piece of each of the illustrated dresses also permits their use as nursing dresses since the front waist pieces may be readily folded down to provide access to the breasts of the wearer.

It will be obvious that various changes and piece 61 of dress 60 has a pair of end extensions 55 modifications can be made in the illustrated embodiments of the invention without departing from the invention and it is intended, therefore, to cover all such changes and modifications that fall within the true spirit and scope of this in-

What is claimed is:

 In a dress: a waist comprising a back panel and a front panel, said front and back panels being of unequal lengths and having lower portions secured together at the sides; a shoulder yoke having a neck opening intermediate its ends and having one of its ends fixed to the upper portion of said back panel, said yoke forming the upper portion of said front panel, a collar embracing said neck opening, said upper portions of said front and back panels and said yoke having their adjacent outer side edges unsecured to one another to provide arm openings at the sides on opposite sides of said collar, and means for detachform an ornamental collar. The end extensions 75 ably securing the other end of said shoulder yoke

to the upper portion of said front panel below said collar.

2. In a dress: a waist comprising a back panel and a front panel, said front and back panels having upper portions separated at the sides to provide arm holes, said back panel being of greater length than said front panel; a shoulder yoke forming the upper portion of said front panel, said yoke having a neck opening formed therein and having one of its ends fixed to the 10upper edge of said back panel; a collar embracing said neck opening, said upper portions of said front and back panels and said yoke having their adjacent outer side edges unsecured to one another to provide the arm holes at the sides on 15 opposite sides of said collar, and means for detachably securing said shoulder yoke to the upper edge of said front portion below said collar whereby said back and front portions and said shoulder yoke may be spread flat after said yoke is detached 20from said front panel.

3. In a dress: a waist comprising a back panel and a front panel, said front and back panels having upper portions separated at the sides to provide arm holes; said back panel being of  $25\,$ greater length than said front panel; a single piece shoulder yoke forming the upper portions of said front panel providing a neck opening, one end of said yoke being fixed to the upper portion of said back panel; a collar surrounding said neck  $\,30\,$ opening, said upper portions of said front panel and said yoke having their adjacent outer side edges unsecured to one another to provide the arm holes at the sides of said dress on opposite sides of said collar, and means for detachably se- 35

curing the other end of said shoulder yoke to the upper portion of-said front panel whereby said back and front panels and said shoulder yoke may be spread flat after said yoke is detached

from said front portion.

4. In a dress: a waist comprising a back panel and a front panel, said front and back panels having upper portions separated at the sides to provide arm holes, said back panel being longer than said front panel; a shoulder yoke having one end fixed to the upper edge of said back panel, a collar embracing an opening in said yoke between its ends, said upper portions of said front panel and said yoke having their adjacent outer side edges unsecured to one another to provide the arm holes at the sides of said dress on opposite sides of said collar and means for detachably securing the other end of said yoke to the upper edge of said front portion below said collar whereby said yoke will constitute the upper portion of the front of said waist.

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