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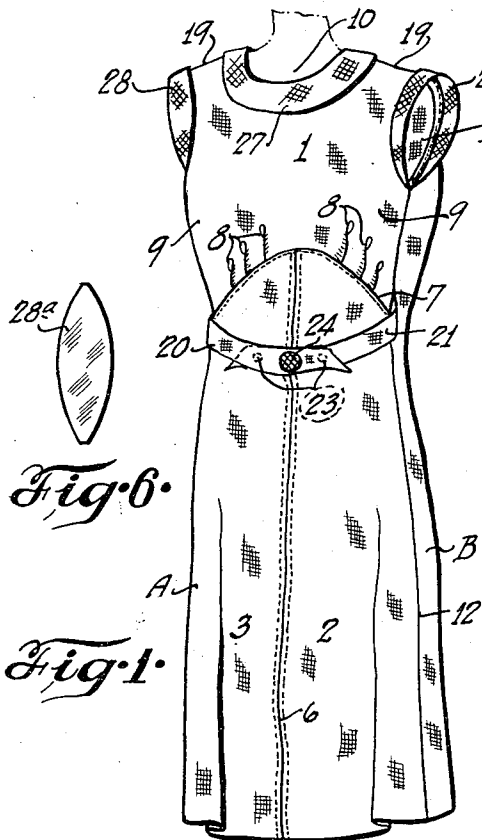


Fig. 1.

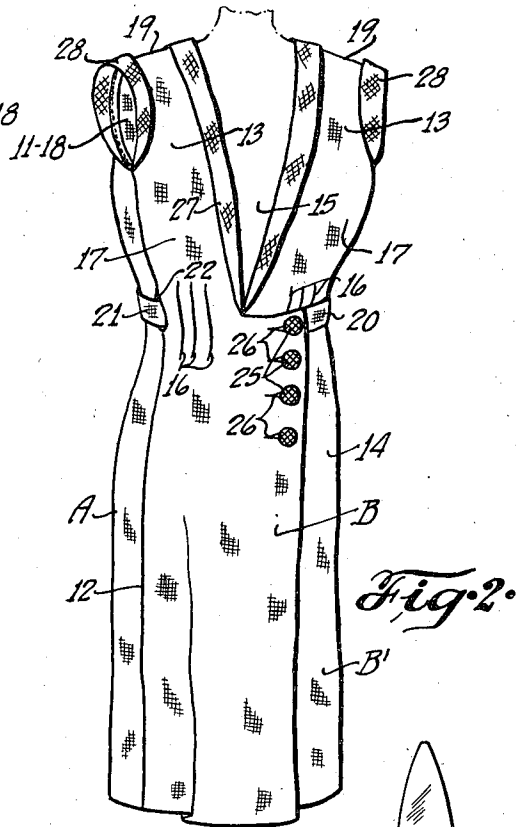


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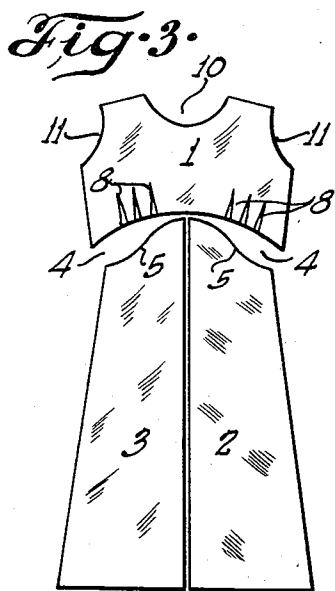


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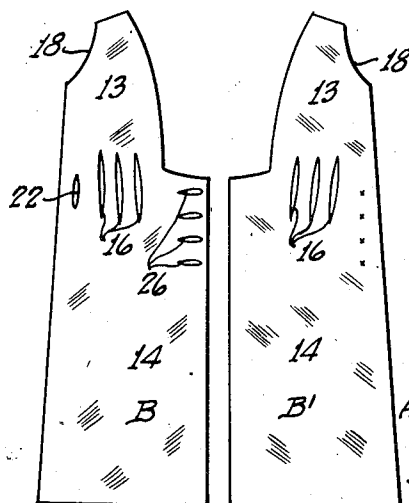


Fig. 4.

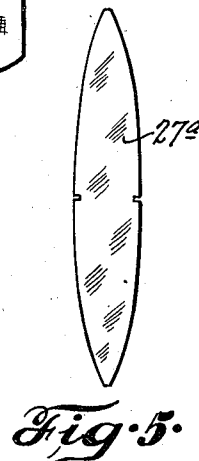


Fig. 5.

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This invention relates generally to apparel garments. More particularly, my invention relates to a certain new and useful improvement in dresses for feminine wear and has for its prime object the provision of a turn-about dress that may be economically constructed, and which may selectively and with equal attractiveness be worn with its overlapping portions disposed either at the front or rear of the body, the garment being substantially form-fitting when worn in either of its alternative wearable positions.

And with the above and other objects in view, my invention resides in the novel features of form, construction, arrangement, and combination of parts presently described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the garment as when in its normal position on the body;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the garment as when in its reversed position on the body;

Figure 3 is a diagram of the patterns for the, normally, front of the garment;

Figure 4 is a diagram of the patterns for the, normally, back of the garment; and

Figures 5 and 6 are diagrams of the collar and cuffs, respectively, of the garment.

Referring now more in detail and by reference characters to the drawing, which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, A designates the, normally, front or central portion of the garment, which is composed of an upper or waist-portion 1 and a lower or skirt-portion, the latter, in turn, being composed preferably of two approximately similar but opposite-hand sections or gores 2, 3, respectively.

Each section or gore 2, 3, is of suitable length as may be desired in the finished garment, at its upper margin is fashioned, as at 4, to fit the body at the waist-line of the wearer, and, from its side waist-line, is laterally extended upwardly in an ogee curve 5 toward the median line of the garment and terminating at a point substantially above the waist-line thereof, as shown, the gores or sections 2, 3, being stitched together along a median longitudinal seam 6.

At its lower margin, the waist 1 is fashioned of substantially greater width than the combined widths of the gores 2, 3, as best seen in Figure 3, and is sewed to the upper margin of the respective gores 2, 3, by an upwardly curved seam 7, the waist 1 being gathered or tucked, as at 8, when assembling the garment, so as to provide a fullness 9 at each side-front portion of the waist 1. Preferably, though not necessarily, the garment is

of the sleeveless type and to such end the waist 1 is provided with a neck cut-out 10 and also with the customary arm cut-outs 11, as shown.

The, normally, rear or back portion of the garment is composed of two approximately similar, but opposite-handed, wrap-around or flap-panels B, B', respectively, the pattern of which is best seen in Figure 4. Each such panel comprises a full-length section, and each at a side margin is sewed to the corresponding side margins of the waist 1 and gores 2, 3, as the case may be, by a longitudinal seam 12 disposed approximately symmetrical with respect to the body of the garment.

Each such panel B, B' is also fashioned to provide a reduced upper or half-waist portion 13, having a width to extend from the side of the garment more or less to the median thereof, and a lower or flap-skirt portion 14 having a width to extend from the side of the garment substantially beyond the rear median thereof, so that, when the garment is on the body, the respective flaps 14 of the panels B, B', will be disposed in marginally overlapping relation one upon the other, as is customary in garments of the wrap-around type. The upper or waist-portions 13 of the panels B, B', however, are of such reduced width as not to so overlap; on the contrary, such waist-portions intersect or meet substantially at the waist-line of the garment only and are so shaped 30 or fashioned, as shown, to provide a V-shaped opening 15 therebetween.

The panels B, B', are full-fashioned at the waist-line of the garment and are provided with darts 16 for gathering or tucking the material when assembling the garment for fitting the garment to the waist-line of the wearer and providing a fullness 17 in the upper or waist-portions 13.

The panels B, B', are provided with complementary arm cut-outs 18 in the customary manner, and at their upper margins, the panels B, B', are sewed to the waist 1 by respective lateral seams 19, which, I might add, are disposed approximately centrally over the shoulders for facilitating the reverse or turn-about wear of the garment, as will presently appear.

Each of the panels B, B', is also provided at its waist-line with respective half-belts 20, 21, the panel B having a slit 22 adjacent its side margin through which may be threaded the belt 21 of the panel B'. The belts 20, 21, are provided with suitable co-operable fastening elements 23 for securing the overlapping ends of the belts one to the other, and one of the belts, as

20, may, if desired, be provided with an ornament, as a button 24, or the like.

Preferably, also, the overlapping flap-portions 14 of the panels B, B', may be detachably secured one to another by suitable fastening elements, which, in the present instance, comprise a series of vertically arranged ornamental buttons 25 disposed on the flap 14 of the panel B' adjacent the free side margin thereof, as indicated by the crosses in Figure 4, for co-operation with corresponding button-holes 26 provided in the overlapping free margin of the flap 14 of the panel B. Other means for fastening the panels B, B', together may be employed, however, as may best suit the purpose.

Around the drop-neck opening 10 and continuous back V-opening 15 is preferably provided a so-called cowl-band or trimming 27, which is constructed of a section of material 27a preferably cut on the bias and having the somewhat elliptical pattern shown in Figure 5, the section 27a being doubled or folded upon itself and stitched along the free side margin to the connected sections 1 and 13 in the formation of the trimming 27. Also, if desired and as shown, a trimming 28 may be provided around the arm openings 11, 13, to match the cowl-band 27, or as may best conform to the style of the garment, the trimming 28 being constructed of a section of material 28a also preferably cut on the bias and having the general elliptical contour shown in Figure 6, the section 28a being in like manner doubled or folded upon itself and stitched along a side margin to the connected sections 1 and 13 at the arm cut-outs 11, 13.

In the use and wear of my new garment, the garment may be worn with the central portion A thereof disposed on the front of the body, as shown in Figure 1, or, if desired, the garment may be turned-about and worn on the body with the panels B, B', disposed on the front of the body, as shown in Figure 2.

When worn as in Figure 1, the garment provides a full front with a cowl neck and a V or so-called "sun-tan" back, and when worn as in Figure 2, the garment provides an open bodice and a full back with a cowl collar. Thus is provided a selective or alternative employment of the garment for sports or more formal wear, as may best suit the intentions or desires of the wearer, the garment being equally attractive and comfortable on and to the wearer in either of its wearable positions. Such characteristic of the garment is enabled, in the first instance, by fitting both the central panel A and the end panels B, B', to the waist of the wearer, in the former by means of the gathering or tucking 8 at the waist seam 7 and in the latter by means of the gathering or tucking of the waist-line at the darts 16. In the second instance, by so fitting the garment to the waist of the wearer by means of the gatherings 8 and darts 16, the fullnesses 9 and 17 are formed, which greatly promote the accommodation of the garment to the figure of the wearer in either of its selectively wearable positions.

It will be seen that my new garment fulfills its objects in a highly efficient, economical, and artistic manner, and it will be understood that changes and modifications in the form, construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts of the garment may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the nature and principles of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,—

1. A turn-about dress comprising a central panel made up of a lower skirt-portion curved at its upper edge to rise medially above the waist-line and an upper waist-portion formed at its lower edge on a different curve and drawn in and stitched to the upper curved edge of the skirt-portion to give tucked fullness in the waist-portion above the waist-line, end flap-panels comprising skirt-portions and waist-portions marginally joined to the margins of the central panels, the end flap-portions having the material thereof tucked in dart-shaped formations in the region of the waist-line to give fullness to the waist-portions, and means to secure the end flap-panels in overlapping relation to draw the skirt-portions around the figure and to leave fullness in the upper part of the waist-portion in each of the turn-about fittings of the garment.

2. A turn-about dress having front and back portions comprising, a central panel and end flap-panels, the central panel consisting of a lower skirt-portion having the upper edge thereof curved and an upper waist-portion having the lower edge thereof tucked in and fullled upon the curved upper edge of the lower skirt-portion above the normal waist line to give fullness over the bust when the dress is worn with the said upper waist-portion to the front, and the end flap-panels being gathered adjacent the waist line so as to make the garment formfitting, and to produce fullness over the bust when the flap-panels are worn to the front.

3. A turn-about dress having front and back portions comprising, a central panel and end flap-panels, the central panel consisting of a lower skirt-portion having the upper edge thereof curved and an upper waist-portion having the lower edge thereof tucked in and fullled upon the curved upper edge of the lower skirt-portion above the normal waist line to give fullness over the bust when the dress is worn with the said upper waist-portion to the front and the end flap-panels being gathered adjacent the waist line so as to make the garment formfitting and to produce fullness over the bust when the flap-panels are worn to the front, each of said end flap-panels having the waist-portion thereof terminating at its outer edge on a substantially diagonal line to meet in substantially V-shaped form and the skirt-portions thereof being formed to extend beyond the vertical medial center of the garment below the waist line.

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