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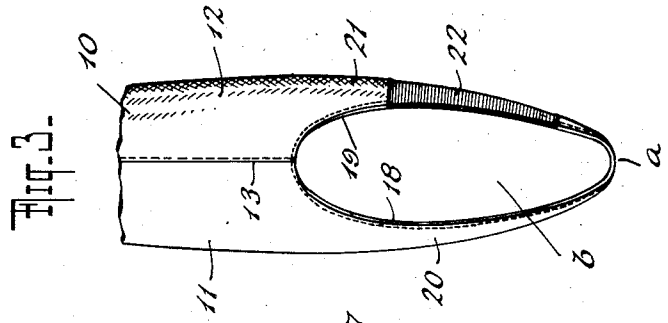
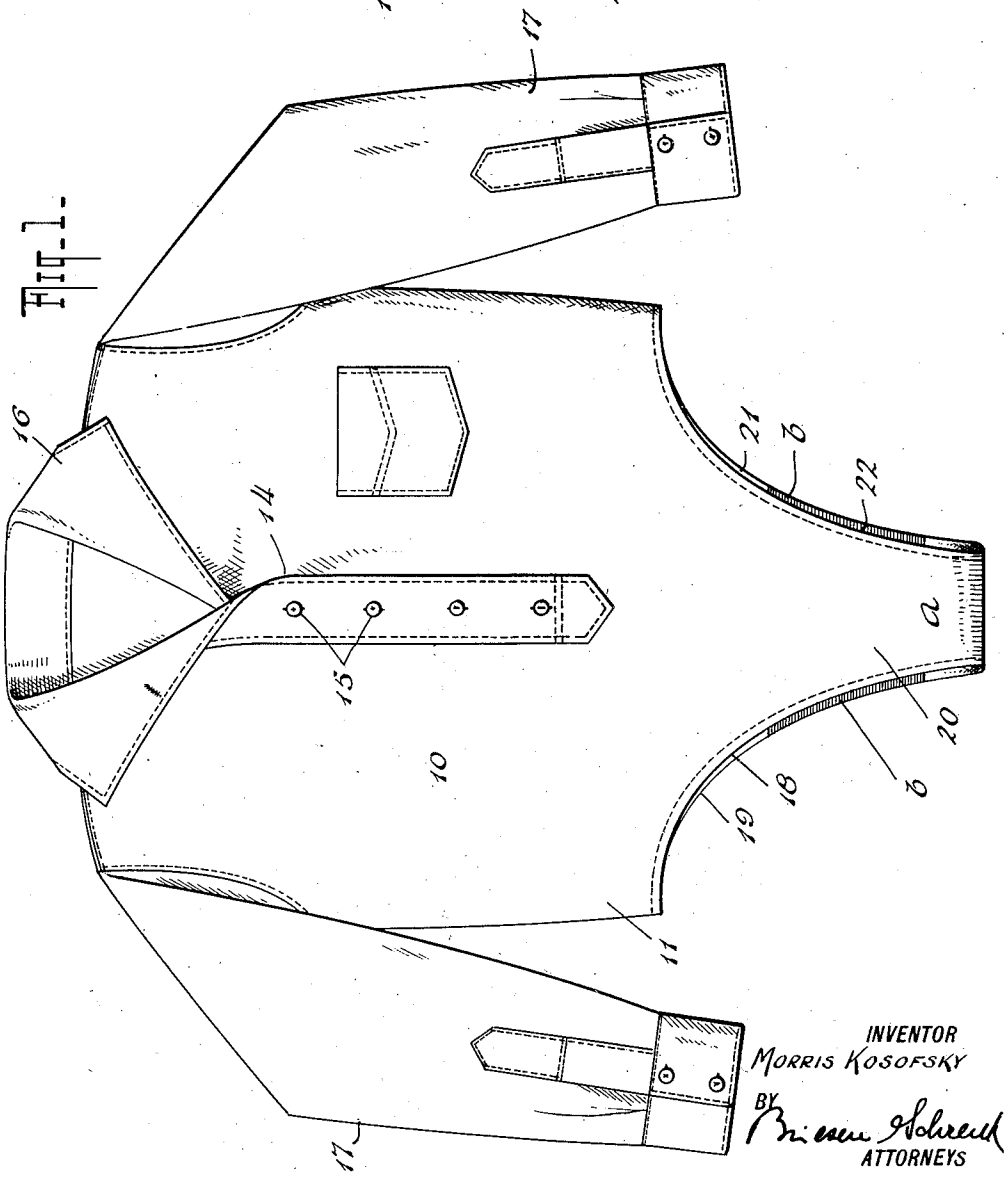


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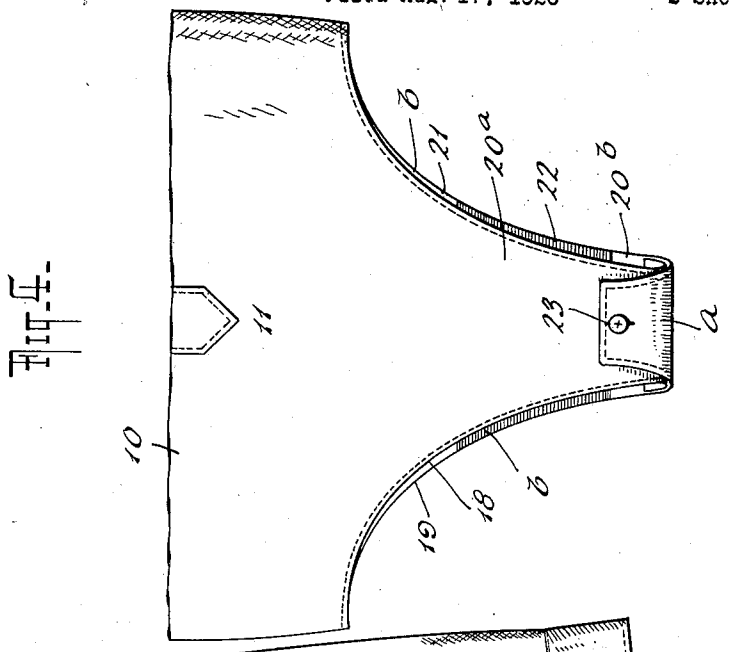
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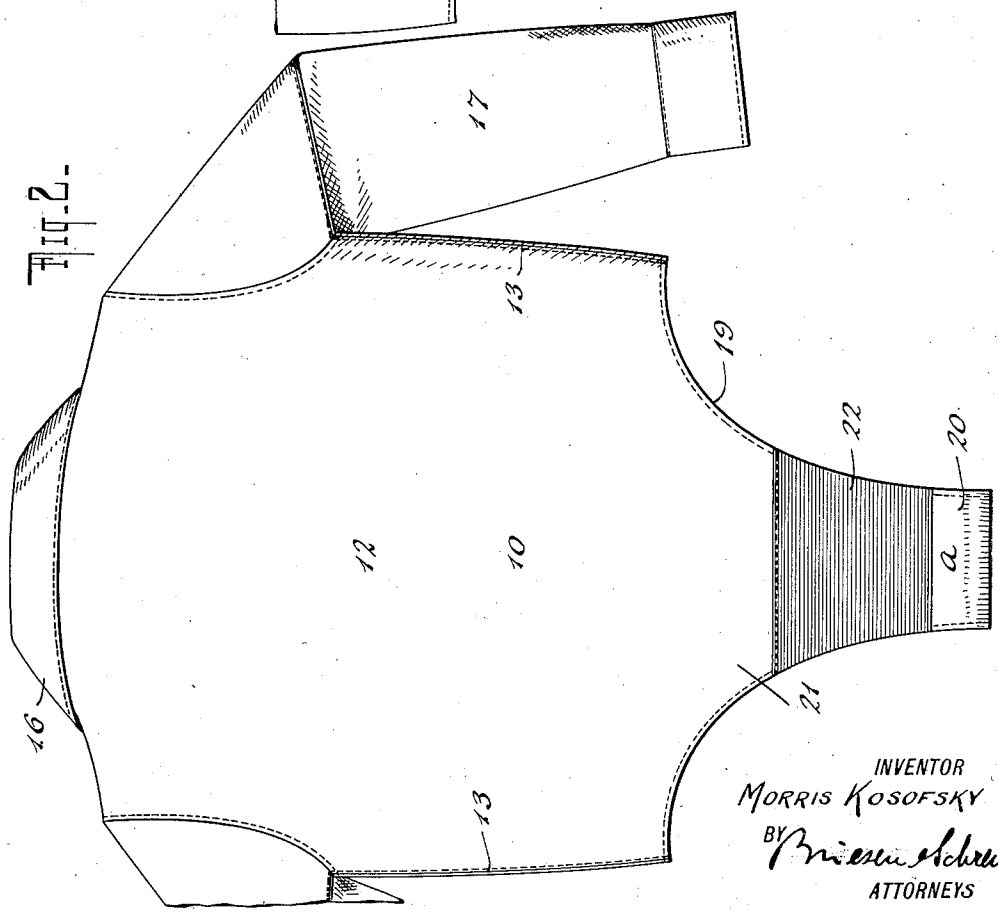
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My invention relates to garments and more particularly to garments for females of the type commonly referred to as middy blouses. The latter constitute what may be termed a sport garment and in their most general utility, comprise part of athletic costumes worn during physical culture work in the gymnasium and when indulging in other forms of athletics. The conditions under which such garments find their principal use require the wearer to assume unusual bodily positions and to indulge in more or less violent and rapid changes in position. As a result, the garment is subjected to strains which disturb its position on the wearer and thereby bring about a slovenly and objectionable appearance which can be overcome only by a constant and continuous readjustment of the garment to its intended position and which ofttimes results in undesirable exposure of the person. The invention has for its object to provide a garment of the indicated class in which all of the recited and other existing objections are overcome without in any way detracting from the advantages inherent in the garment in question. Other objects will appear from the description hereinafter and the features of novelty will be pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate an example of the invention without defining its limits, Fig. 1 is a front view of the novel garment; Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof; Fig. 3 is a detail side view and Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view illustrating another form of the invention.

The garment comprises the body 10 made in conventional form and consisting of front and back sections 11 and 12 joined joined together by sewing 13 at the opposite sides, the front section 11 being open as indicated at 14 and provided with buttons and button holes 15 or equivalent fastening means for closing the same at will. The customary sailor collar 16 and either elbow or full length sleeves 17 are included in the garment in the usual way. As so far described, the garment may be of any well-known middy type and may include any usual or special features adapted to this class of garments.

As shown in the drawings, the front and back sections 11 and 12 of the garment converge along preferably curved lines 18 and 19 into continuing relatively narrow tabs 20 and 21 respectively, the tab 21 being shorter than the tab 20 in the illustrated example. The opposed free ends of the tabs 20 and 21 are connected, as by sewing, with the opposite ends of an inherently elastic strip or insert 22 made of any suitable material such as knit fabric and being conterminous to the tabs 20 and 21 at said free ends; the combined tabs 20 and 21 and the insert 22 together thus constitute a continuous band *a* whereby the front section 11 and back section 12 are connected and which itself comprises two relatively inelastic portions and an intermediate elastic portion, as shown in Fig. 2.

The garment in the form shown is put on by stepping in through the neck and front opening 14, which is made of such dimensions as to make this readily possible, and is drawn upwardly into position to enable the arms to be inserted into the sleeves 17. As the garment is donned in the indicated manner, the legs will pass through the openings *b* formed by the band *a* so that in the final position of the garment, the aforesaid band *a* consisting of the tabs 20 and 21 and the insert 22, will pass between the legs and lie in the crotch of the wearer; the lines 18 and 19 are arranged and curved so as to follow the surface contour of the thighs at the crotch and to bring the edges of the band *a* into natural, easy contact with the thighs without materially wrinkling or deforming the band *a*. The dimensions and relative positions of the parts in the illustrated example are such that the elastic insert or strip 22 is located approximately in registry with the base of the spine, with the connected tabs 20—21 and insert 22 comprising the band *a* developing no strains upon the person of the wearer. As the latter, however, assumes unusual positions, for instance, in the performance of gymnastic exercises or the like, the band *a* will operate to prevent the body of the garment from being drawn to undesirable positions requiring constant readjustment of said garment. The arrangement is such that, as the wearer bends to the right or left, the body of the garment will pivot upon those parts of the band *a* which are positioned in the crotch, without however, developing any appreciable tension in the tabs 20 and 21 so that the insert 22 remains substantially unstretched; the aforesaid pivotal movements of the body of

the garment on the band are possible because of the relative narrowness thereof and because of its fit to the body, and cause no disturbance of said band as it lies in the crotch. As the wearer bends backward the band *a* is simply drawn forwardly between the legs without developing any tension sufficient to stretch the insert 22 to any extent and when the wearer resumes an upright position is drawn back to its normal place; the band *a* however, efficiently prevents the garment from being drawn to such a position as to require manual readjustment at the finish of the aforesaid bending movements. It the wearer bends forwardly, the band *a* will first shift rearwardly in a manner corresponding to the forward shifting referred to above and with the same results, and if the bending movement is extreme, the insert 22 will be stretched to provide the increased length in the band *a* necessary to compensate for the extreme forward bend. As soon, however, as the wearer returns to a normal upright position, the inherent elasticity of the insert 22 will restore the latter and with it the entire band *a* to its normal condition; in any case, the garment will be maintained against shifting to any position which requires manual readjustment of said garment on the part of the wearer. In this way the desired trimness of appearance is at all times maintained without in any way interfering with the efficiency of the garment as a sports, athletic or gymnastic garment, and without developing any strains uncomfortable to the wearer or injurious to the garment.

In the form shown in Fig. 4, the front section of the band *a* is made in two sections, 20^a and 20^b, the latter of which is sewed or otherwise attached to the insert 22; the continuity of the band is secured by providing the sections 20^a and 20^b with cooperating fastening devices 23 for detachably connecting the same with each other. When it is desired to wear the garment with this form of the invention incorporated therein, the fastening devices 23 are disengaged and the garment put on in the ordinary way; the sections 20^a and 20^b are then brought together between the legs of the wearer and united by connecting the fastening devices 23 with each other. This form of the invention operates in the same way and possesses the same advantages as the form first described.

Various changes in the specific forms shown and described may be made within the scope of the claim without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim:

A woman's athletic garment of the middy blouse type comprising a loose body consisting of front and back sections, and a band connecting said sections with each other and consisting of relatively inelastic portions and an elastic knit insert permanently secured to the same, and located in said band so as to normally lie in approximate registry with the base of the spine when the garment is worn, said band being arranged to pass between the legs of the wearer to maintain the body of the garment in position on the wearer and having its opposite edges curved to fit the thighs at the crotch.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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