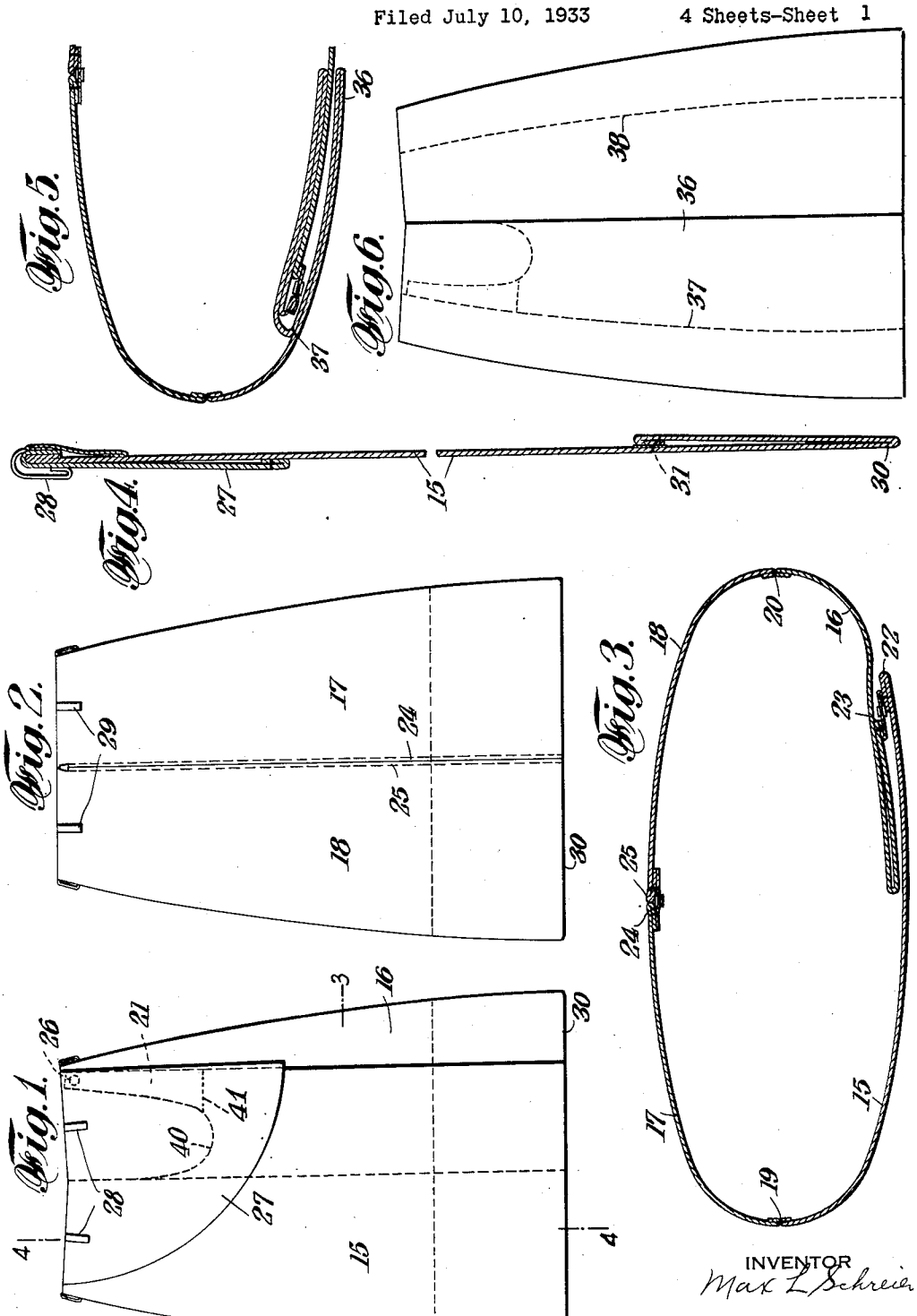
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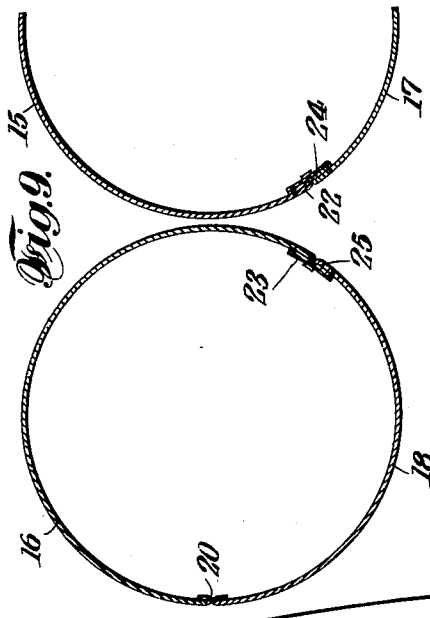
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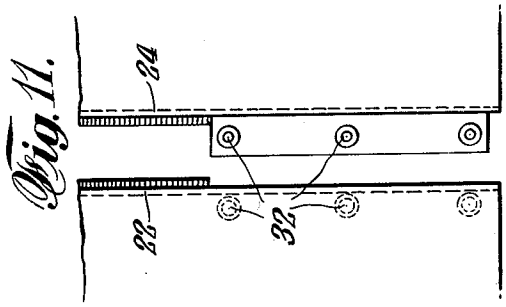
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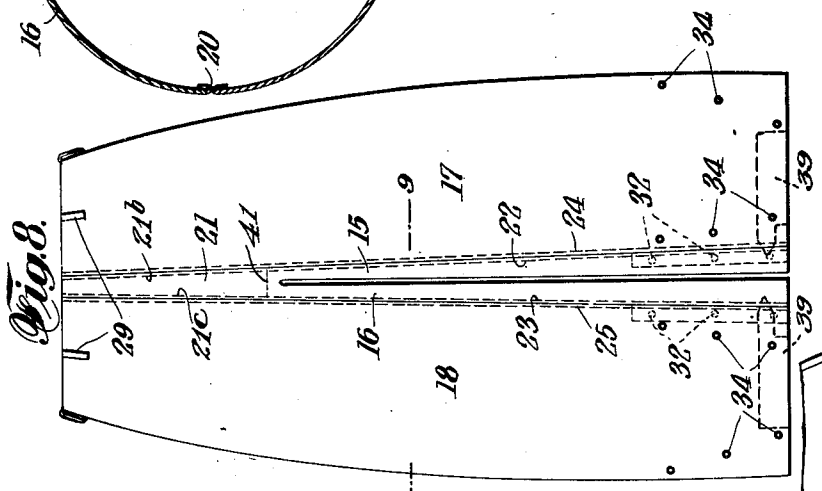
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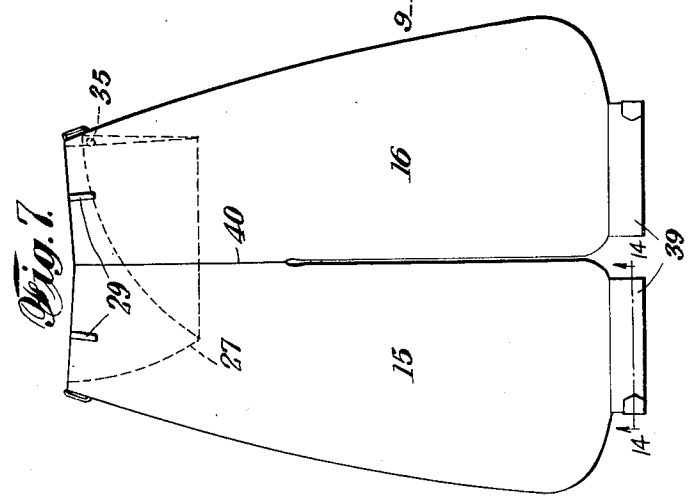
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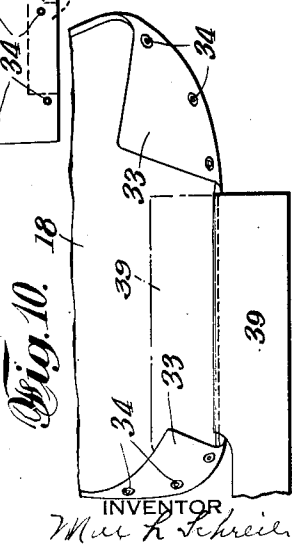
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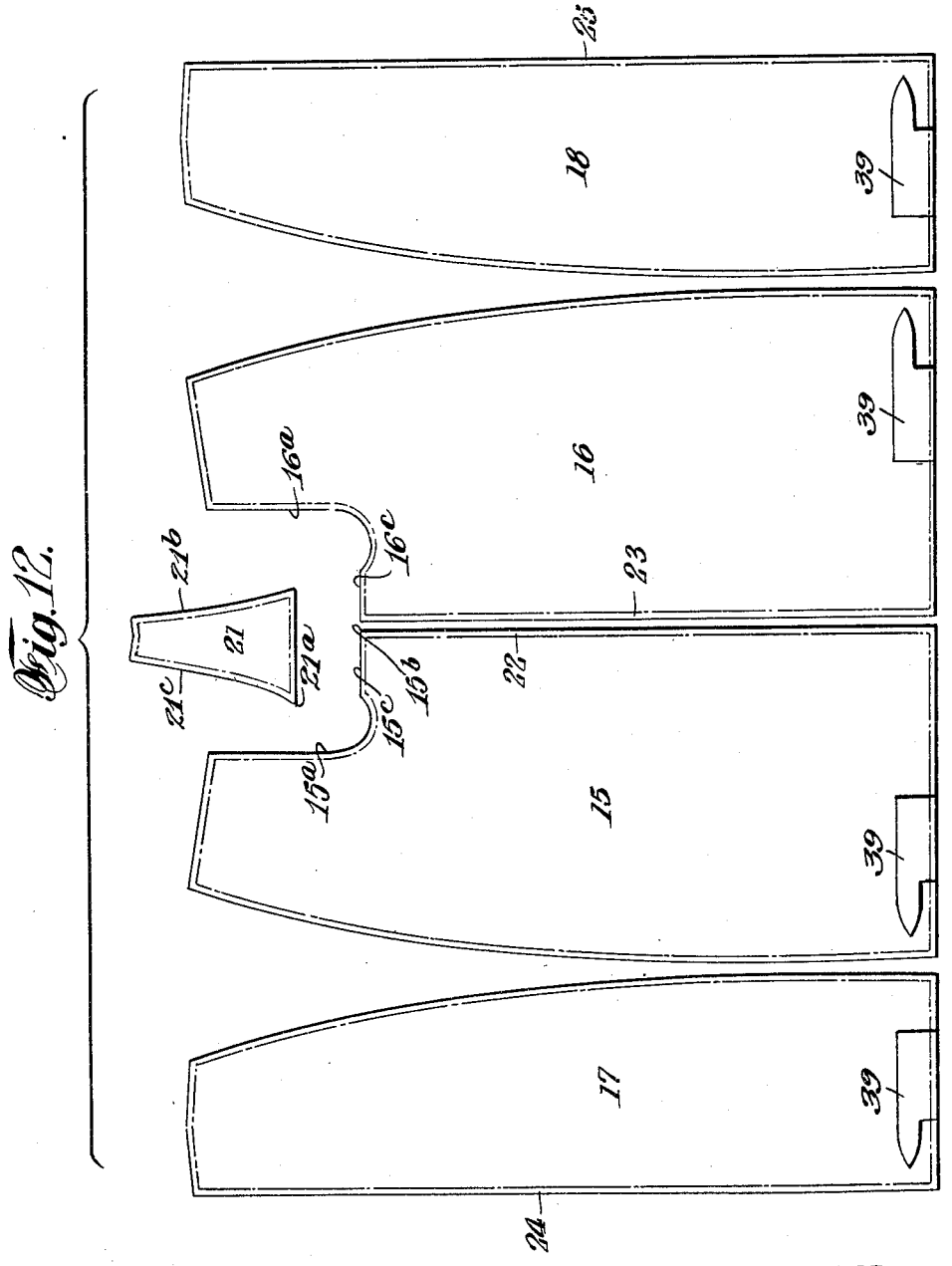
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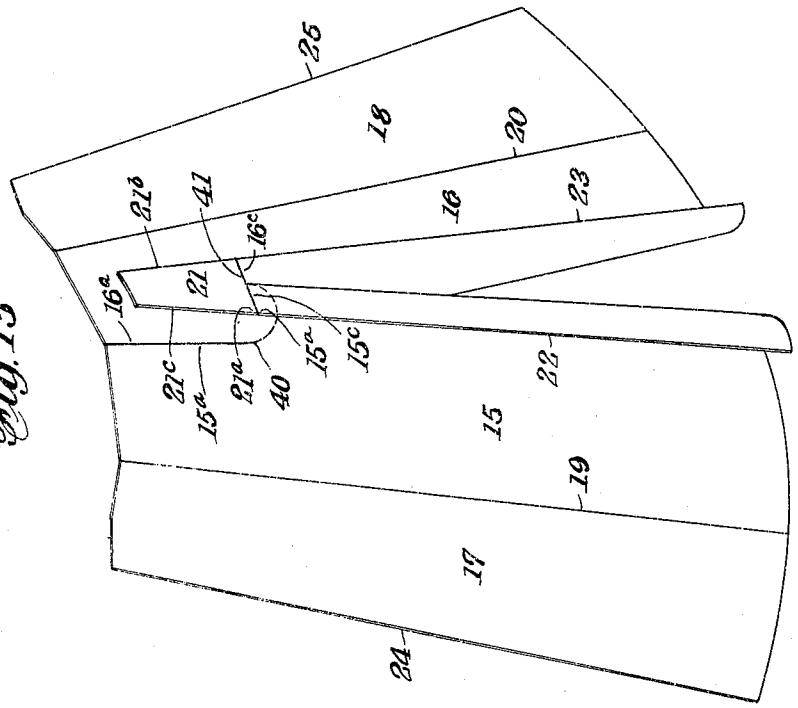
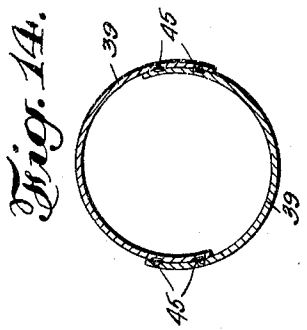


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The present invention relates to convertible garments and more particularly to a garment adapted for sport wear by the female which may be readily convertible from a skirt into trousers such as knickers, slacks, bloomers and the like.

An important object of the invention is to provide a convertible garment, which when arranged as trousers, is provided with the usual crotch portion and when arranged as a skirt has the crotch portion so positioned and so concealed as to be undetectable to the eye of an observer.

Another important object is in the provision of a convertible garment having separable seams in the form of hookless fasteners which adapt the garment to be converted from a skirt into trousers and vice versa.

A further object is in the provision of a convertible garment, the full length of which may be employed when arranged as slacks or knickers and the bottom may be doubled up and secured by suitable fastening means when arranged as a skirt.

A still further object is in the provision of a convertible garment having portions adapted to encircle the legs of the wearer when arranged as knickers and foldable out of sight when worn as a skirt or slacks.

The foregoing and many other objects and advantages, such as simplicity of construction and manipulation, economy of manufacture and dependability in use will become more apparent from perusal of the annexed drawings, illustrative of certain preferred embodiments of the invention, described in the following specification, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a front view of a garment constructed in accordance with the invention and shown arranged as a skirt.

Figure 2 is a rear view thereof.

Figure 3 is an enlarged cross sectional view along the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Figure 4 is an enlarged, broken vertical sectional view of the front of the garment as taken along the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Figure 5 is a partial cross sectional view of a modified form of construction.

Figure 6 is a front view of a modified garment having the structural details disclosed in Fig. 5.

Figure 7 is a front view of a preferred form of garment arranged as knickers.

Figure 8 is a rear view of the same garment arranged as slacks.

Figure 9 is an enlarged cross sectional view as taken along the line 9—9 of Fig. 8.

Figure 10 shows a sectional detail of the leg encircling straps and other attending features.

Figure 11 shows another structural detail, and

Figure 12 shows the various major portions of the garment in the form of patterns.

Figure 13 shows the portions illustrated in Figure 12, assembled and sewed together to provide a convertible garment in accordance with this invention.

Figure 14 is a cross sectional view as taken along the line 14—14 of Figure 7.

Referring to the drawings in greater detail with special reference to Fig. 12, the major portions of the garment constitute the front portions 15 and 16, and the back or rear portions 17 and 18. The portions 15 and 17 are preferably stitched to each other along their adjacent edges as at 19 and similarly the portions 16 and 18 are suitably and permanently fastened as at 20.

Another important portion is the crotch shown at 21 and its position in the garment when used as a skirt is shown in Fig. 1 and when used as trousers is shown in Fig. 8. Instead of being a separate piece of material this portion 21 may be formed integrally from the front portions 15 and 16.

When the garment is assembled, the top edges of the portions 15, 16, 17 and 18 form the waist of the garment when worn as a skirt and these same edges and the top edge of the crotch 21 form the waist of the garment when worn as trousers.

After the portions 15 and 17, and 16 and 18 are united by their respective seams 19 and 20, the edges 15*a* and 16*a* are stitched together to provide the seam 40. Then by placing the corner 21*a* at the corner 15*b* the lower edge of the crotch 21 may be stitched to the edges 15*c* and 16*c* respectively of the portions 15 and 16 forming the seam 41. In this manner there is provided side edges of uniform length on each of the united garment portions, the edge 22 and 21*c* forming one of these, the edge 23 and 21*b* forming another, the other two being the edges 24 and 25.

Each of these edges is preferably provided with hookless fastener elements, the edge 22, 21*b* of the portion 15 being unitable with the edge 23, 21*c* of the portion 16, the edge 24 of the portion 17 being unitable with the edge 25 of the portion 18 when the garment is arranged as a skirt. When arranged as trousers, the edge 22, 21*b* is adapted to be united to the edge 24 and the edge 23, 21*c* to the edge 25.

When in use as a skirt, the front portion 16 is doubled back on itself as best seen in Figs. 1 and 3 and fastening means such as shown at 26 may

be employed to retain the fold in this position. To effectively and ornamentally cover the crotch portion **21**, a tunic-like member **27** may be provided as best seen in Figs. 1 and 4.

Belt loops **28** may be fastened to the tunic as shown and similar loops **29** may be provided on the main portions of the garment.

When arranged as a skirt it is preferable to fold up the garment length as most clearly shown at **30** of Fig. 4 and separable fastener means such as **31** may be provided to retain the skirt in this condition.

As most clearly seen from Fig. 8 and Fig. 11 the hookless fasteners do not extend to the lowermost portion of the garment but terminate at some distance from the lowermost edge thereof. Means such as the snap fasteners **32** are employed to complete the union between the proper respective edges of the garment. The above features are provided to facilitate use of the garment as knickers, since it is desirable to attain the fullness at the lower portion as shown in Fig. 7.

When arranging the garment as knickers, the snap fasteners **32** are opened, and since the seams **19** and **20** terminate at their lower ends a slight distance above the topmost of the fasteners **34**, the lower ends of the trouser legs will each comprise two separately depending portions having along each side a row of fastener elements **34** and at the bottom edge of each there is one element **39** of a leg encircling portion. Now, the free corners of each depending portion are folded inwardly as best seen in Figure 10 at **33**, and the complementary fastener elements **34** are united to form the trousers having the effect shown in Figure 7. The leg encircling portions **39** are, of course, turned down as shown in the full lines (Figures 7 and 10) and each pair is suitably united to securely and firmly grip the legs of the wearer.

One manner of uniting the leg encircling portions **39** is best shown in Figure 14 wherein complementary portions of snap fasteners **45** are sewed or otherwise attached to cooperating portions of the bands **39** for the purpose of detachably uniting said members **39** in encircling relation around the leg of the wearer.

The tunic, when the garment is arranged as trousers, is folded inwardly as shown in Fig. 7, doubled back on itself as illustrated and separably secured to the inside of the garment as at **35**.

The foregoing is descriptive of a garment having a side fold when arranged as a skirt, while in Figs. 5 and 6 are shown a garment having a center fold. In the previous instance the fold was arranged from the center to one side and then covered by a tunic and in this instance the fold is arranged from the center to one side and covered by a folded over portion **36** of the front of the garment and the edge of this folded portion being the only one visible and arranged along the substantial medial portion of the garment. This fold is retained by a row of stitches **37** and to balance the effect a false row of stitches **38** is used.

When used as knickers or bloomers, portions **39** attached to the lowermost parts of the front portions **15**, **16**, **17** and **18** are employed to encircle the legs of the wearer and when out of use they may be turned up on the insides of the garment and suitably secured from displacement as shown in Fig. 8.

While simple forms of embodiment of this garment have been shown and described, it will be understood that changes in form, arrangement, proportion, size and detail may be made without departing from the general broad scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new and desired to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A convertible garment comprising front portions and back portions, the outer edges of each front portion being permanently secured to the outer edges of the back portions and means on each of the inner edges of the garment portions adapted to separably unite the respective inner edges of the front portions and the respective inner edges of the back portions when the garment is arranged as a skirt, said means being also adapted to separably unite the inner edges of the front portion to the respective inner edges of their respective back portions when arranged as trousers, and a trousers crotch portion formed from upper parts of the front portions and adapted to overlay an outer portion of the front of the garment when arranged as a shirt, and means to detachably retain said crotch portion in the mentioned position.

2. A convertible garment comprising front portions and back portions, the outer edges of each front portion being permanently secured to the outer edges of the back portions and means on each of the inner edges of the garment portions adapted to separably unite the respective inner edges of the front portions and the respective inner edges of the back portions when the garment is arranged as a skirt, said means being also adapted to separably unite the inner edges of the front portion to the respective inner edges of their respective back portions when arranged as trousers, and a trousers crotch portion adapted to overlay a portion of the outside of the garment when arranged as a skirt, means to retain said crotch portion in the mentioned position, a tunic-like portion secured to the top of the garment and adapted to hang outside the garment to conceal the crotch portion when arranged as a skirt and also adapted to be placed inside the garment when arranged as trousers.

3. A convertible garment comprising front portions and back portions, the outer edges of each front portion being permanently secured to the outer edges of the back portions and means on each of the inner edges of the garment portions adapted to separably unite the respective inner edges of the front portions and the respective inner edges of the back portions when the garment is arranged as a skirt, said means being also adapted to separably unite the inner edges of the front portion to the respective inner edges of their respective back portions when arranged as trousers, and a trousers crotch portion adapted to overlay a portion of the outside of the garment when arranged as a skirt, means to retain said crotch portion in the mentioned position, leg encircling portions secured at the lower edge of the garment, said portions being foldable inwardly when not in use and adapted to encircle the legs of the wearer when the garment is arranged as trousers.

4. A convertible garment comprising front portions and back portions, the outer edges of each front portion being permanently secured to the outer edges of the back portions and means on each of the inner edges of the garment portions adapted to separably unite the respective inner edges of the front portions and the respective inner edges of the back portions when the garment is arranged as a skirt, said means being

also adapted to separably unite the inner edges of the front portion to the respective inner edges of their respective back portions when arranged as trousers, and a trousers crotch portion adapted to overlay a portion of the outside of the garment when arranged as a skirt, means to retain said crotch portion in the mentioned position, a fold formed in one of the garment portions, said fold being adapted to overlay the crotch portion when the garment is arranged as a skirt.

5. A convertible garment comprising front portions and back portions, the outer edges of each front portion being permanently secured to the outer edges of the back portions and means on each of the inner edges of the garment portions adapted to separably unite the respective inner edges of the front portions and the respective inner edges of the back portions when the garment is arranged as a skirt, said means being also adapted to separably unite the inner edges of the front portion to the respective inner edges of their respective back portions when arranged as trousers, and a trousers crotch portion adapted to overlay a portion of the outside of the garment when arranged as a skirt, means to detachably retain said crotch portion in the mentioned position, cooperating separable fastener means at the lower end of the garment adapted to contract the leg openings when the garment is arranged as knicker trousers.

6. A convertible garment comprising front portions and back portions, the outer edges of each front portion being permanently secured to the outer edges of the back portions and means on each of the inner edges of the garment portions adapted to separably unite the respective inner edges of the front portions and the respective inner edges of the back portions when the garment is arranged as a skirt, said means being also adapted to separably unite the inner edges of the front portion to the respective inner edges of their respective back portions when arranged as trousers, and a trousers crotch portion adapted to overlay a portion of the outside of the garment when arranged as a skirt, means to detachably retain said crotch portion in the mentioned position, the said garment portions having sufficient length to adapt the garment for use as trousers and separable fastener means intermediate the length of the garment adapted to co-act with separable fastener means at the lower edge of the garment and thereby form a hem adapting the garment for use as a skirt.

7. A convertible garment comprising front portions, and back portions, the outer edges of each front portion being permanently secured to the outer edges of the back portions, and means on each of the inner edges of the garment portions adapted to separably unite the respective inner edges of the front portions and the respective inner edges of the back portions when the garment is arranged as a skirt, said means being also adapted to separably unite the inner edges of the front portion to the respective inner edges of their respective back portions when arranged as trousers, a trousers crotch portion formed from upper parts of the front portions and adapted to lay against a portion of the front of the garment when arranged as a skirt and means to detachably retain said crotch portion in the mentioned position.

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