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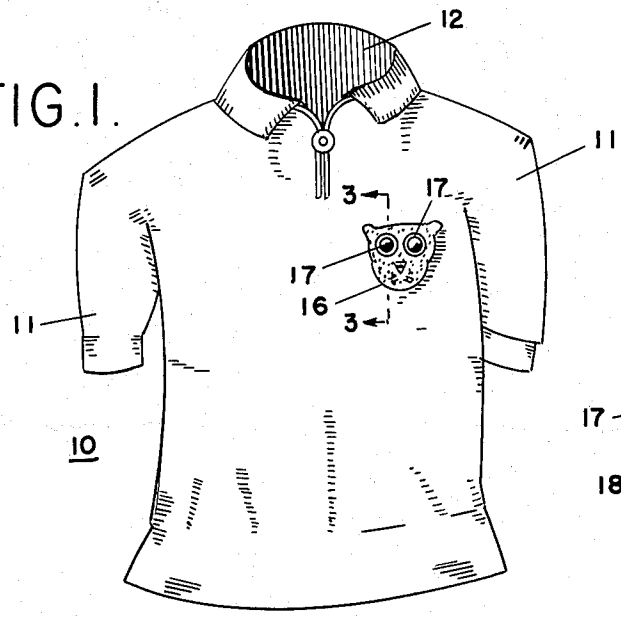

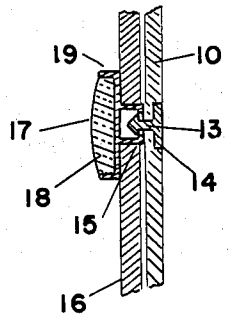

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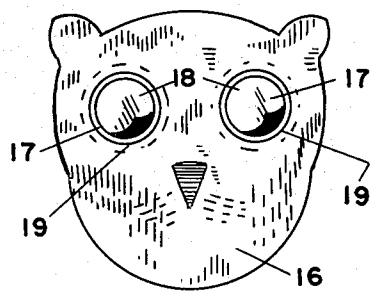

FIG. 2.

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This invention relates to clothing and more particularly to that of the sweater or shirt waist types and the use of an applique attached to them.

It has become a custom for individuals to have their sweaters ornamented by some distinct design or feature tending to make their users conspicuous or attractive. This design or feature is made an integral part of the sweater, and necessarily is subject to the washing processing employed to clean it periodically. This limits the type of design, how it is made, and the materials of which it is composed, while reducing the effects obtainable. In this invention, the design or feature is made independently to suit any emblem selected and is of material that will retain its attractiveness, without necessarily requiring the periodical cleaning that the sweater is subjected to. The article accomplishing this is termed an applique, more or less arbitrarily and is easily attachable and removable from the sweater or shirt on which it is used.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide a new and improved item of attachment to a sweater, shirt or like article of clothing that will avoid one or more of the disadvantages and limitations of the prior art.

Another object of the invention is to provide a new and improved applique for attachment to clothing that will afford attractiveness and utility to the latter.

An additional object of the invention is to provide a new and improved emblematic item for easy attachment and removability to a sweater or the like, and made of material not necessarily the same.

Other objects can be noted as the invention is more fully described.

For a better understanding of the invention and the objects thereof reference is made to the accompanying drawings in which a form of the invention is illustrated by way of example, and its details explained in the following description.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front view of a sweater having an applique embodying this invention attached to it;

Figure 2 is a front view of the applique; and

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1 to show the construction of a preferred form of attachment used for the applique and the article of clothing it is attached to.

The same reference numerals are applied to the same parts in all the drawings.

In the drawings, a sweater 10 of conventional form, is indicated having sleeves 11, neck opening 12 and other common items incorporated to make it fit or suit the user. On the left hand breast side of the sweater on the area where a handkerchief pocket would ordinarily be placed, a pair of stamens 13 of snap fasteners 14 are projected outwardly beyond the front surface of the sweater, ready to receive the button heads 15 attachable to them.

The applique 16 consists of a suitable piece of fabric. It is preferably of some attractive material and coloring, and is formed to the contour of some animal, bird, fish, or other character indicated. The eyes 17 are the button heads 15 filled out attractively with colored glass 18 raised and light catching, held in a metallic or plastic frame 19. The remainder of the owl face is printed or otherwise applied an the applique to give it a natural appearance or picture of the bird. The applique is buttoned onto the fasteners 14 and are snapped securely in place thereon. Other designs may be employed, and can be copies of any living thing, featured particularly in the use of the fasteners as eyes as mentioned above. The purpose of the eyes has a psychological basis in causing onlookers to be attracted. There can be considerable latitude given to the emblematic designs because the materials of the applique can be selected from a number of fields. The appliques do not have to be washed or otherwise treated as the sweaters on which they are used. These appliques can be embossed or otherwise embellished and at very short notice changed or removed.

Depending on the type of fasteners employed of the types referred to, the applique may be removably applied and secured to the shirt, sweater or other item of clothing used, with or without the "bases" by being installed on the body of the item. In the form described, the use of those permanently installed in the body are preferred because it establishes a permanent and correct location for the applique. In the type where the fasteners are installed every time the applique is attached, there is a possibility of varied and inaccurate positions resulting. This may be or may not be objectionable, according to the effects the user wants to cause. The fasteners are obtainable in stores as a common article of commerce.

While but one form of the invention is shown in the drawings and described in the specification, it is not desired to limit this application for patent as it is appreciated that other forms of construction could be made that would use the same principles and come within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. In combination with an article of outer clothing, an appliqué made of flexible material and adapted to be worn on, and outwardly of, the article of clothing, said appliqué comprising an arbitrary design including the reproduction of a face having eyes areas, buttons located in said areas and conspicuously projecting outwardly of said areas to simulate eyes, said buttons being of predetermined shape and color to enhance their appearance, said buttons also having flexible projections extending through the appliqué, and flanged studs extending through the article of clothing and received and detachably locked in the aforesaid flexible projections, whereby said appliqué may be quickly removed when the article of clothing is to be laundered or the appliqué design changed by snapping the buttons away from the studs.

2. The combination set forth in claim 1, wherein the flanged studs are permanently secured to the article of clothing and are washable therewith, and the buttons are readily removable with said appliqué from the said article of clothing.

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