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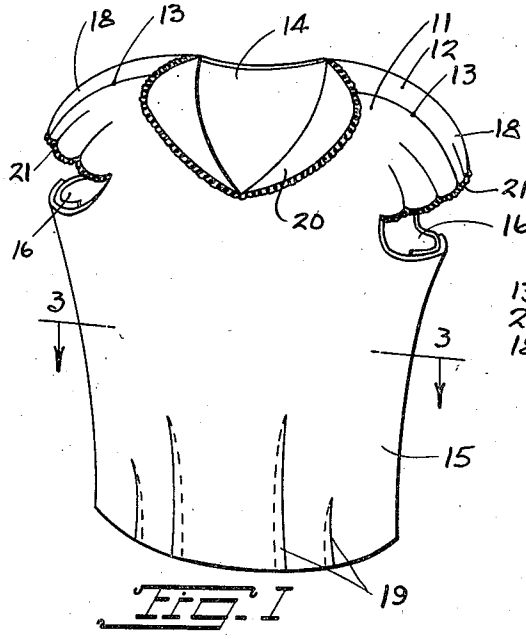


FIG. 1

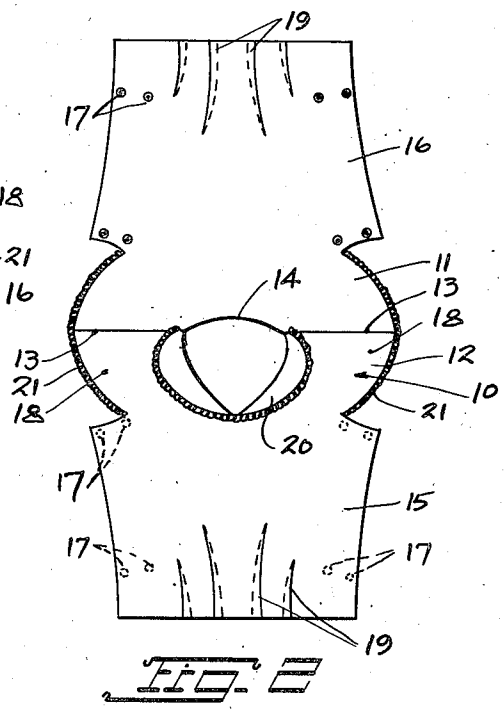


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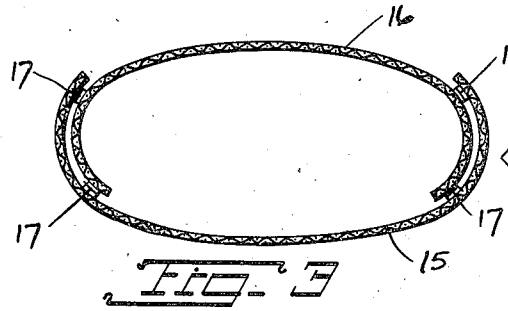


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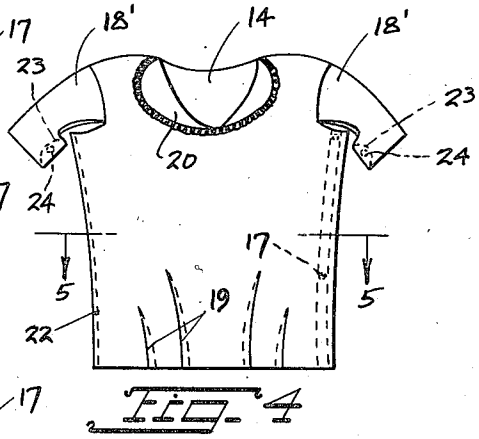


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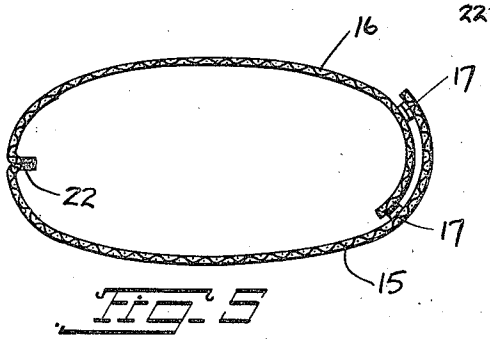


FIG. 5

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This invention realtes to new and useful improvements in blouses and similar garments, and garments which have some degree of resemblance to a blouse.

More specifically, the invention proposes a new and improved blouse which is characterized by the fact that it is constructed from a flat cloth member having a centrally located neck opening through which a wearer may engage her (or his) head, whereby a panel of said member extends down the front of said wearer, and another panel extends down the back of the wearer. It is proposed to provide fastening means for releasably connecting the side edge portions of said panels together. This fastening means may be in the nature of snap fasteners, or any other type of fasteners, such as strings, buttons, slide fasteners, etc.

Still further the invention proposes to provide the flat cloth member with shoulder portions at the central portions of the sides thereof which drape upon the wearer's shoulders to simulate sleeves, or are otherwise formed to represent or form sleeves.

It is proposed to construct the panels of the flat cloth member sufficiently wide so that they overlap at the sides. With this arrangement it is possible to shift the fastening means so as to take in or let out the side edge portions to vary the size of the blouse. However, it is proposed that the blouse be worn in conjunction with a skirt or pair of slacks, or other garment into which the bottom portions of the blouse may be inserted, if desired. With this arrangement the blouse may be taken in so as to fit quite a large range of sizes of different persons without requiring any shifting of the fastening means. The blouse also can be worn out of the skirt or slacks.

The invention also contemplates constructing the bottom portions of the panels with pleats or darts so as to fashion the blouse to better fit the waist.

The invention also contemplates a modification of the invention in which the panels of the flat cloth member are sewed together at one of the sides of the blouse, and in which the other side of the blouse is provided with releasable fastening means for releasably connecting the panels together so that they may be opened and closed to facilitate engaging and removing the blouse from a wearer. The construction of the sleeves, in the modified form illustrated on the drawing, is also varied.

It should be clearly understood that the blouse while constructed substantially of a flat cloth member may also be provided with trimmings such as a collar mounted along the neck opening, and lace mounted along the edge portions of the sleeves, and other trimmings may be supplied as dictated by taste or fashion.

Another object of the invention is the manufacture of an article as mentioned, which is simple and durable and which may be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a blouse constructed in accordance with this invention and illustrated schematically as it will appear when worn.

Fig. 2 is a developed view of the blouse shown in Fig. 1 as it would appear when placed on a table or other flat surface.

Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a front elevational view of a blouse constructed in accordance with a modified form of this invention.

Fig. 5 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

The blouse, in accordance with that form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive, substantially comprises a flat cloth member 10. This cloth member may be made of one or of several pieces sewed together. As illustrated, it is made of the pieces 11 and 12 which are sewed together along the shoulder line 13. The flat cloth member 10 is formed with a centrally located neck opening 14 through which a wearer may engage her (or his) head, whereby the substantially flat cloth member 10 may be allowed to bend downwards along the front and back of the wearer, producing a front panel 15 and a back panel 16. These panels extend downwards respectively along the front and the back of the wearer.

Fastening means is provided for releasably connecting the side portions of the panels 15 and 16 together. The specific fastening means disclosed on the drawing, are snap fasteners 17 mounted along the edge portions of the panels 15 and 16 of the blouse. However, other types of fastening means may be used. It is advisable that the edge portions of the panels 15 and 16 overlap

as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3. With this construction there is sufficient room to permit shifting of the fastening means 17 so as to let out or take in said panels to increase or decrease the size of the blouse.

The flat cloth member 10 is also provided with shoulder portions 18 at the central portions of the sides thereof which rest, hang or drape upon the wearer's shoulders to simulate short sleeves or other sleeves. The bottom portions of the panels 15 and 16 are formed with pleats or darts 19 to fashion the blouse about the waist of the wearer. The sides of the panels 15 and 16 are also cut slightly obliquely (see Fig. 2) for this purpose giving the panels trapezoidal shapes. The edges of the shoulder portions 18 are rounded, or arc-like, or otherwise formed to have their ends set inwards of the sides of the panels 15 and 16 providing side portions at the sides of the panels 15 and 16 which may overlap selected amounts beneath the armpits for selecting a size for the blouse. Because the shoulder portions 18 are free of the side edges of the panels 15 and 16 they will naturally drape themselves on the shoulders irrespective of the amounts to which said side portions of said panels 15 and 16 are overlapped.

The blouse may be trimmed with various types of trimmings. It is illustrated provided with a collar 20 which is attached along the front portion of the neck opening 14. The sleeve-like shoulder portions 18 are also provided with scalloped trimming 21. The dominating feature of the new and improved blouse resides in the fact that normally, when not worn and spread out it is substantially flat, as illustrated in Fig. 2.

A blouse of this nature may be manufactured at a relatively low cost when contrasted with present day blouses. An important feature of the invention resides in the fact that the flat cloth member 10 is so designed and constructed that when it is worn it resembles a conventional blouse very closely. Offhand, it is not readily discernible that the blouse lacks conventional trim sleeves, because the sleeve-like shoulder portions 18 drape themselves or otherwise engage over the shoulders and form cap sleeves or simulate other kinds of sleeves.

Another important feature is that the blouse may be easily laundered and may be ironed with exceptional ease because it is ironed flat. This clearly distinguishes from trimmed blouses which require skill and a lot of time to properly iron them. Still another feature resides in the fact that a blouse of this type need not be constructed to any accurate size because the sleeve portions naturally form or drape themselves and will therefore fit the shoulders, and because the bottom portion of the blouse is gathered or tucked into a skirt or pair of slacks. However, where there is a radical difference in size, for example between a very stout woman and a slender girl, it is a simple matter to shift the snap fasteners 17 so as to take in or let out the overlapping side portions of the front and back panels.

In Figs. 4 and 5 a modified form of the invention has been disclosed which distinguishes from the prior form merely in the fact that the front and back panels of the blouse are permanently stitched together at one side by a line of stitches 22. At the other side, the blouse is provided with releasable fastening means, snap fasteners 17, so that it may be opened and closed.

This blouse also has "set in" sleeves 18' which are open along their bottom sides. The bottom sides of said sleeves have overlapping portions 23 releasably held closed with snap fasteners 24 or other fastening means. A blouse thus constructed, embodies many of the advantages inherent in the first of the invention, the most important being that it is manufactured from a substantially flat cloth member, that it need not be fashioned accurately as to size, and that it may be ironed with greater ease than a trimmed blouse.

In other respects this form of the invention is identical to the previous form and like parts are identified by like reference numerals.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments if my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secured by United States Letters Patent is:

1. A blouse, comprising a substantially flat cloth member having a centrally located neck opening and shoulder portions to the sides of said neck opening and a front panel and a back panel to the front and to the back of said neck opening, said shoulder portions having their ends set inwards of the side edges of said panels providing side portions at the sides of said panels which may overlap selected amounts beneath the arm pits.

2. A blouse, comprising a substantially flat cloth member having a centrally located neck opening and shoulder portion to the sides of said neck opening and a front panel and a back panel to the front and to the back of said neck opening, said shoulder portions having their ends set inwards of the side edges of said panels providing side portions at the side of said panels which may overlap selected amounts beneath the arm pits, and fastening means for releasably holding said side portions in overlapping positions.

3. A blouse having a centrally located neck opening and shoulder portions to the sides of said neck opening and a front panel and a back panel to the front and to the back of said neck opening, and one of said shoulder portions having its ends set inwards of one of the side edges of said panels providing side portions at the side of said panels which may overlap selected amounts beneath the armpits.

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