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Fig. 1.

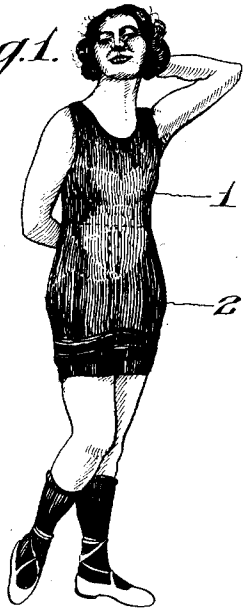


Fig. 2.

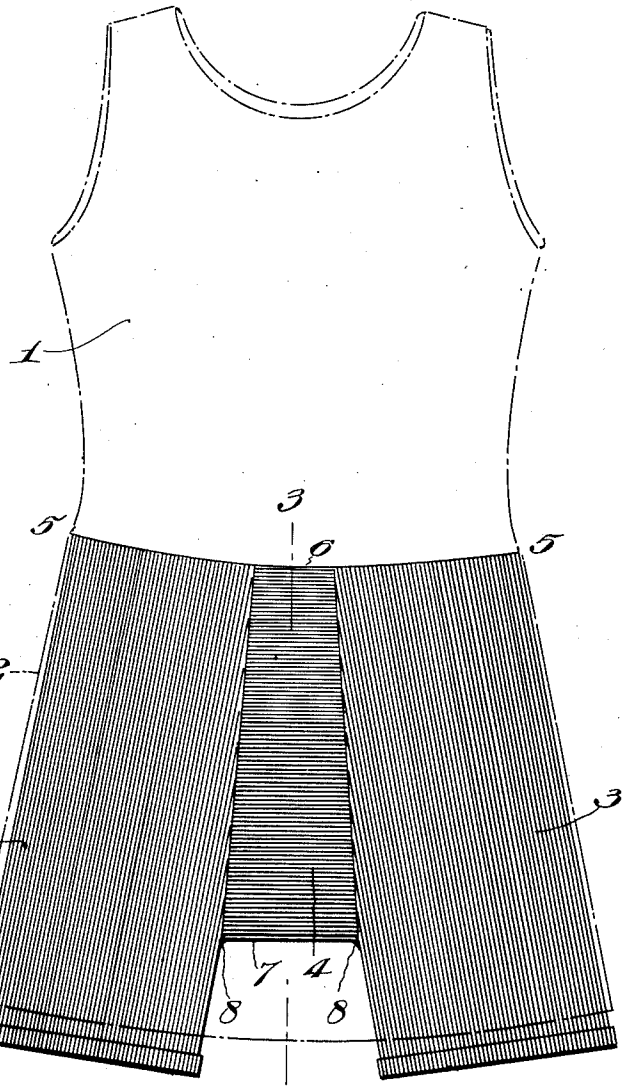


Fig. 3.

ON LINE 3-3 - FIG. 2.

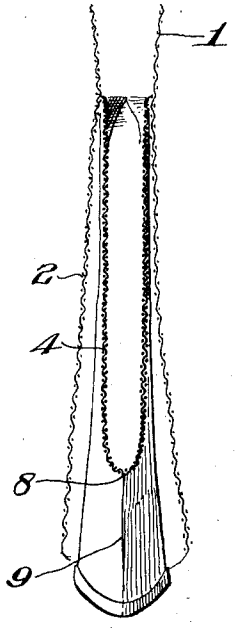
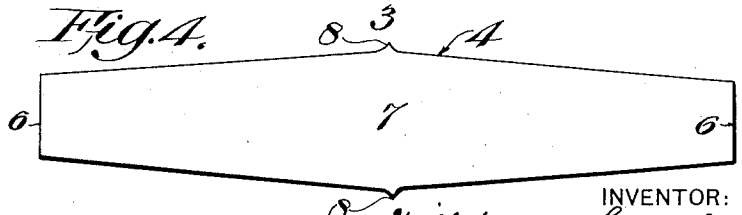


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to bathing suits and relates more particularly to the so-called one-piece bathing garment.

The principal object of the present invention may be said to reside in a one-piece bathing garment the crotch portion of the trunk of which has introduced therein a gusset so arranged as to yield in a direction opposite to the give and yield of the trunk proper so that the trunk portion of the garment has a yield or give in different directions, said gusset being continued up to the front and rear waist line of the garment, and having its front and rear edges secured thereto throughout their entire length.

Other and further objects not at this time appearing will be hereinafter referred to.

The invention consists of the novel construction hereinafter described and finally claimed.

The nature, characteristic features and scope of the invention will be more fully understood from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, and in which:

Fig. 1, is a perspective view of a bathing garment embodying the invention and showing the manner of using the same.

Fig. 2, is a view in front elevation showing the trunk portion of the garment in full lines and the remainder of the garment in dotted and dashed lines.

Fig. 3, is a view in section taken upon the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and

Fig. 4, is a view of a blank used in forming the gusset.

For the purpose of illustrating my invention I have shown in the accompanying drawings one form thereof which is at present preferred by me, since the same has been found in practice to give satisfactory and reliable results, although it is to be understood that the various instrumentalities of which my invention consists can be variously arranged and organized and that my invention is not limited to the precise arrangement and organization of the instrumentalities as herein shown and described.

The bathing garment which is of the so-called one-piece type is applicable for use by men, and women, but for illustrative purposes the bathing garment has been shown in the drawing as being of the type provided with a skirt for use by women.

The numeral 1 designates the body portion of the bathing garment and the numeral 2 designates the skirt portion thereof. The trunk portion of the garment comprises leg portions designated 3. The material of the leg portions is arranged to yield laterally. In other words the material is knitted with the courses ranging from the waist-line to the leg bottoms. The crotch portion of the garment extends from the waist-line 5—5 both fore and aft downwardly to within a short distance of the leg bottoms. The crotch is formed by the gusset 4, see Fig. 4, and is made of the same sort of material as the rest of the garment but the courses of the knitting extend in a direction across the garment instead of up and down with respect thereto so that the crotch portion of the garment is yielding or stretchable in a direction toward or away from the waist-line 5—5. The gusset 4 at its place of connection with the waist-band is designated 6 and is relatively narrow. From the opposite part 6 the gusset gradually widens out towards its center which is relatively wide, as is designated at 7. The widened portion 7 terminates in opposed darts 8 which darts in the manufacture of the garment may be readily fitted to the leg portions at the time of making the seams 9. As thus constructed and attached to place the gusset 4 from the waist-line to the bottom of the crotch portion is of ample dimensions which not only provides comfort to the wearer but permits the garment to snugly fit the person to prevent wrinkling and the like; and in addition, by reason of the fact that the leg portions are stretchable in one direction and the crotch portion in an opposite direction the garment is capable of providing a neat, close fitting, and comfortable bathing garment. A bathing suit arranged and constructed as above described provides what may be termed a standard size suit. In other words, the present garment is suitable to fit persons of varying heights. This is possible because the garment yields or stretches sufficiently from the crotch portion to the shoulder portion to accommodate persons of different heights. The garment as above described also possesses the advantage of being provided with straight seams thus eliminating the conventional V-shaped crotch portions. This not only facilitates ease and rapidity in manufacture but also

adds to the comfort of the wearer in that the crotch portion of the present garment has no sharp or pointed lower seams.

It will now be apparent that I have devised a novel and useful construction which embodies the features of advantage enumerated as desirable in the statement of the invention and the above description and while I have in the present instance shown and described the preferred embodiment thereof which has been found in practice to give satisfactory and reliable results, it is to be understood that the same is susceptible of modification in various particulars without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

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

In a one-piece bathing garment, an upper body portion provided with a trunk portion, a central gusset of the same length at the front and rear of the garment for the crotch portion thereof and extended to the garment waist-line at front and back at which waist-line portion the gusset is both fore and aft of a width smaller than at its place of juncture with the crotch part of the trunk portion, the inner edges of the trunk legs and the edges of the said gusset converging upwardly with the outer edges of the trunk legs also converging upwardly, the said gusset being arranged to yield or stretch in a vertical direction in contradistinction to the lateral yield or stretch of the trunk legs, said gusset being secured at its edges throughout its entire length front and back to the contiguous trunk legs to form a garment permanently closed at its front and rear.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name.

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