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CHILD'S DRESS

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This invention relates to child's dresses of the class comprising a flat, elongated piece of material which may be wrapped around the body of the wearer as a formfitting garment.

Dresses of the presently described class have many significant advantages. They are easily made from cut pieces of cloth material purchased inexpensively as remnants. They are easy to launder and iron. After having been laundered and ironed they can be folded and laid flat on shelves or in drawers. Even after having been stored folded in this manner, they nevertheless can be worn without the folds and creases being conspicuous. Accordingly, it is the general object of the present invention to provide a child's dress having all the above advantages which in addition is form-fitting so that it is substantially indistinguishable from a tailored garment. The manner in which this and other objects of this invention are accomplished will be apparent from the accompanying specification and claims, considered together with the drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the presently described child's dress:

Figure 2 is a front view illustrating the front of the dress when it is worn; and

Figure 3 is a rear view further illustrating the appearance of the dress as worn.

As is apparent from the drawings, the child's dress of this invention comprises a flat, elongated, quadrilateral piece of cloth material 10. In general, the material may be of any desired pattern and of a size suited to the size of the prospective wearer. However, in the usual case it may be fabricated from a small piece of material such as may be purchased as a remnant for a tailor.

The two side edges 12, 14 of the strip preferably are straight and substantially at right angles to the bottom edge 16, which also preferably is straight. The top edge 18, however, is cut in such a manner that the dress will fit the wearer properly, avoiding gapping, awkward neck and shoulder lines. To this end, the upper edge is cut outwardly arcuate at the shoulder portions 20, 22. Furthermore, at the apex of the outwardly arcuate portions deep recesses 24, 26 are cut to form openings for the arms of the wearer. The dress may be made without sleeves, but if desired, sleeves 28, 30 may be cut to fit the openings 24, 26 and sewed to the edges thereof. It is to be noted particularly that the top edges of the sleeves span the top of openings 24, 26 and the top edge of the dress 18 form a continuous neck and shoulder line. The sleeves, however, may be cut in a variety of styles, either as plain sleeves, puffed sleeves, cap type sleeves, or flat sleeves, thereby lending a great deal of variety to the dress.

Means then are provided for drawing in the neck and shoulder line. As illustrated, such means comprise a draw string 32, which extends across the central portion of the cloth piece 10 and of the sleeves 28, 30. In this manner, the neck and shoulder portions may be gathered to a form-fitting position.

It has been a particular problem with dresses of the presently described class to provide a hem line which is regular. This difficulty is overcome in the presently described dress by providing a second draw string 34 which extends longitudinally of the central portion of the dress. At its end portions draw string 34 is substantially straight and at right angles to side edges 12 and 14. However, in its central portion which extends across the abdominal region of the wearer, it is upwardly arcuate. When this is the case, the hem line is straight, and the dress is held firmly to the body at all times.

Fastening means also are provided for fastening together the two side edges 12, 14 at the back of the wearer. Although buttons, snaps, ties and other suitable types of fasteners may be employed, it is preferred to employ the snap fasteners illustrated at 36, 38.

Thus it will be apparent that when the dress is worn, the particular construction of its upper edge, and the manner of attaching the sleeves, produces a form-fitting dress, which, as illustrated in Figures 2 and 3, has the appearance of a tailored garment. Also, the dress has an even hemline and is held securely to the wearer at all times. Since the sleeves may be provided in a variety of forms, without varying the basic construction of the dress, and since the material from which the dress is made may be provided in a variety of patterns, a great variety of style effects may be obtained. All of these important advantages are obtained, furthermore, while retaining the fundamental basic shoulder design of a dress made of a single piece of flat material, i.e., easy ironing, simple construction, flat storage, and extremely low cost.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herewith shown and described, is to be taken as a preferred example of the same, and that various changes in the shape, size and arrangement of parts may be restored to, without departing from the spirit of my invention, or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A child's dress comprising a flat, elongated, quadrilateral piece of cloth material having shoulder portions along its top edge the two side edges and the bottom edge of the piece being substantially straight and the bottom edge substantially at right angles to the side edges, the top edge of the piece being outwardly arcuate at the shoulder portions, the top edge having U-shaped openings at the shoulder portions to accommodate the arms of the wearer, a pair of sleeves attached one to the margin of each of the U-shaped openings, a draw string positioned longitudinally along and parallel to the top edges of the piece and of the sleeves, another draw string positioned longitudinally centrally of the piece and upwardly arcuate at the abdominal region, and fastening means for fastening together the two side edges at the back of the wearer.

2. A child's dress comprising a flat, elongated, quadrilateral piece of cloth material having shoulder portions along its top edge the top edge of the piece being outwardly arcuate at the shoulder portions, a draw string positioned longitudinally along and parallel to the top marginal portions of the piece and of the sleeves, another draw string positioned longitudinally centrally of the piece and upwardly arcuate at the abdominal region, and fastening means for fastening together the two side edges at the back of the wearer.

3. A child's dress comprising a flat, elongated, quadrilateral piece of cloth material having shoulder portions along its top margin, the top margin of the piece being outwardly arcuate at the shoulder portions, the top margin having recesses for the arms of the wearer at the shoulder portions, a pair of sleeves attached one to the margin of each of the recesses, a draw string positioned longitudinally along and substantially parallel to the top marginal portions of the piece and of the sleeves, another draw string positioned longitudinally centrally of the piece and upwardly arcuate at the abdominal region, and fastening means for fastening together the two side edges at the back of the wearer.

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