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Fig. 1.

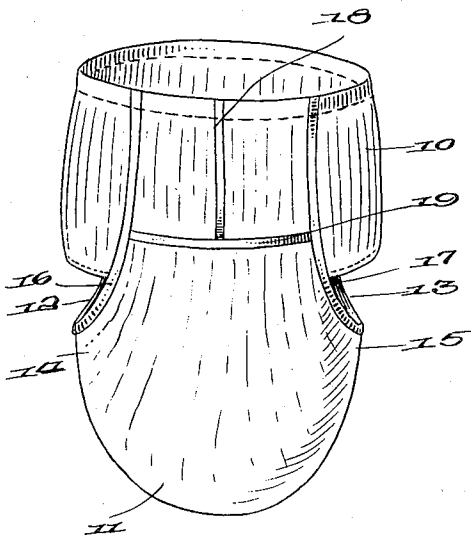
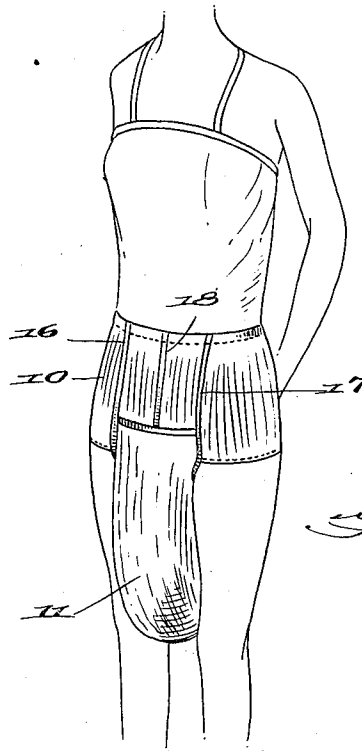


Fig. 2.

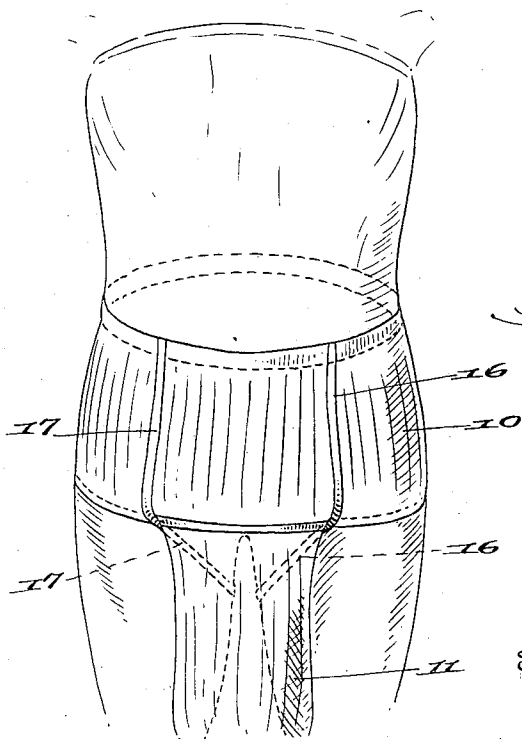


Fig. 3.

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The present invention relates to a garment designed for use by persons troubled with enuresis, weakened bladder, excessive menstruation, and nervous disorders due to the above diseases, and has for its principal objects the provision of such a garment as will be fully effective in all positions of the wearer and as may be worn without any discomfort.

The underlying feature of the invention is a freely pendulous sack, together with suitable means, such as a girdle, for supporting the sack in proper position. In order that the sack may be fully effective, it is preferably of such a length as to extend nearly to the knees of the wearer, since thus, in practically any position of the wearer, at least the lowermost portion of the sack will remain freely pendant and thus prevent spilling of the contents. No absorbent need be used in the sack so that its bulk is negligible. The bulk of the sack being small, it may be accommodated in a bifurcated garment, if so desired.

The sack is preferably suspended from a girdle which may be of any suitable design. The girdle may be merely of such nature as to properly support the sack, or it may be constructed as a body supporting member in the nature of a corset.

The invention will be readily understood from the illustrative embodiment shown in the accompanying drawing, and which will now be described.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a front view of the new garment,

Figure 2 is a view illustrating the manner in which the garment is worn, and

Figure 3 is a rear view more fully illustrating the manner in which the garment is fitted to the wearer.

Referring to the drawing, reference numeral 10 designates a girdle of light material provided at its top and bottom with puckering strings or elastic bands, the girdle being adapted to be worn as shown in Figures 2 and 3. A sack 11, of flexible waterproof material, has substantially arcuate cutouts, as indicated at 12 and 13, the intermediate edge portions being sewed or other-

wise attached to the front and rear portions of girdle 10. The edges of the cutouts assume a biased or downwardly divergent relation, as indicated in Figure 1, and define folds 14 and 15 which project laterally of the attached edges of the sack.

The edges of the cutouts are preferably bound with tapes 16 and 17 whose ends extend upwardly across the girdle and are secured thereto. Other reinforcing tapes, as 18 and 19, may be applied as desired.

It will be seen from Figure 2 that sack 11 depends almost to the knees of the wearer, such length being preferably provided in order to insure the presence of a pendulous portion at the bottom of the sack, for example, when the wearer is in sitting position.

As illustrated in Figure 3, the arcuate edges of the cutouts in use fold inwardly in close contact with the wearer's legs and form leg openings in conjunction with the lower side portions of the girdle.

It will be understood that the structure of the garment may be variously modified without departure from the scope of my invention, and accordingly I do not limit myself, except as in the following claims.

I claim:—

1. A garment of the class described comprising a girdle portion and a freely pendulous sack portion of flexible waterproof material attached to said girdle portion at the front and rear of the latter to leave leg openings between the sides of the sack and girdle portions, the sides of the sack extending freely laterally beyond the front and back points of attachment to the girdle with their upper edges spaced below the lower girdle edges and being foldable inwardly in use to closely contact the legs of the wearer.

2. A garment of the class described comprising a girdle portion and a freely pendulous sack portion of flexible waterproof material having upper front and rear edge sections attached to the front and rear of the girdle portion, the sections of said sack portion intermediate said front and rear edge sections forming freely laterally extending folds whose upper edges are spaced below the lower edges of the girdle said folds being

foldable inwardly to closely contact the legs of the wearer.

3. A garment of the class described comprising a girdle portion and a freely pendulous sack portion of flexible waterproof material having upper front and rear edge sections attached to the front and rear of the girdle portion, the sections of said sack portion intermediate said front and rear edge sections forming freely laterally extending folds foldable inwardly to closely contact the legs of the wearer, the edges of said intermediate sections being spaced below the lower edges of the girdle and being substantially arcuate and cut on a downward bias as and for the purpose described.

4. A garment of the class described comprising a girdle portion and a freely pendulous sack portion of flexible waterproof material having upper front and rear edge sections attached to the front and rear of the girdle portion, the sections of said sack portion intermediate said front and rear edge sections forming freely laterally extending folds foldable inwardly to closely contact the legs of the wearer, the edges of said intermediate sections being spaced below the lower edges of the girdle and being substantially arcuate and cut on a downward bias, and binding strips secured on the edges of said intermediate sections and extended upwardly to be secured at their ends to said girdle portion.

5. A garment of the class described comprising a girdle portion, and a freely pendulous sack portion of flexible waterproof material having upwardly projecting portions joined to the front and back of said girdle portion, the sides of the sack portion being open for a distance below the girdle to provide leg openings in conjunction with the lower edge of the girdle portion at the sides of the latter, said sack portion being of a length to extend substantially to the knees of the wearer and being free-flexing throughout its length.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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