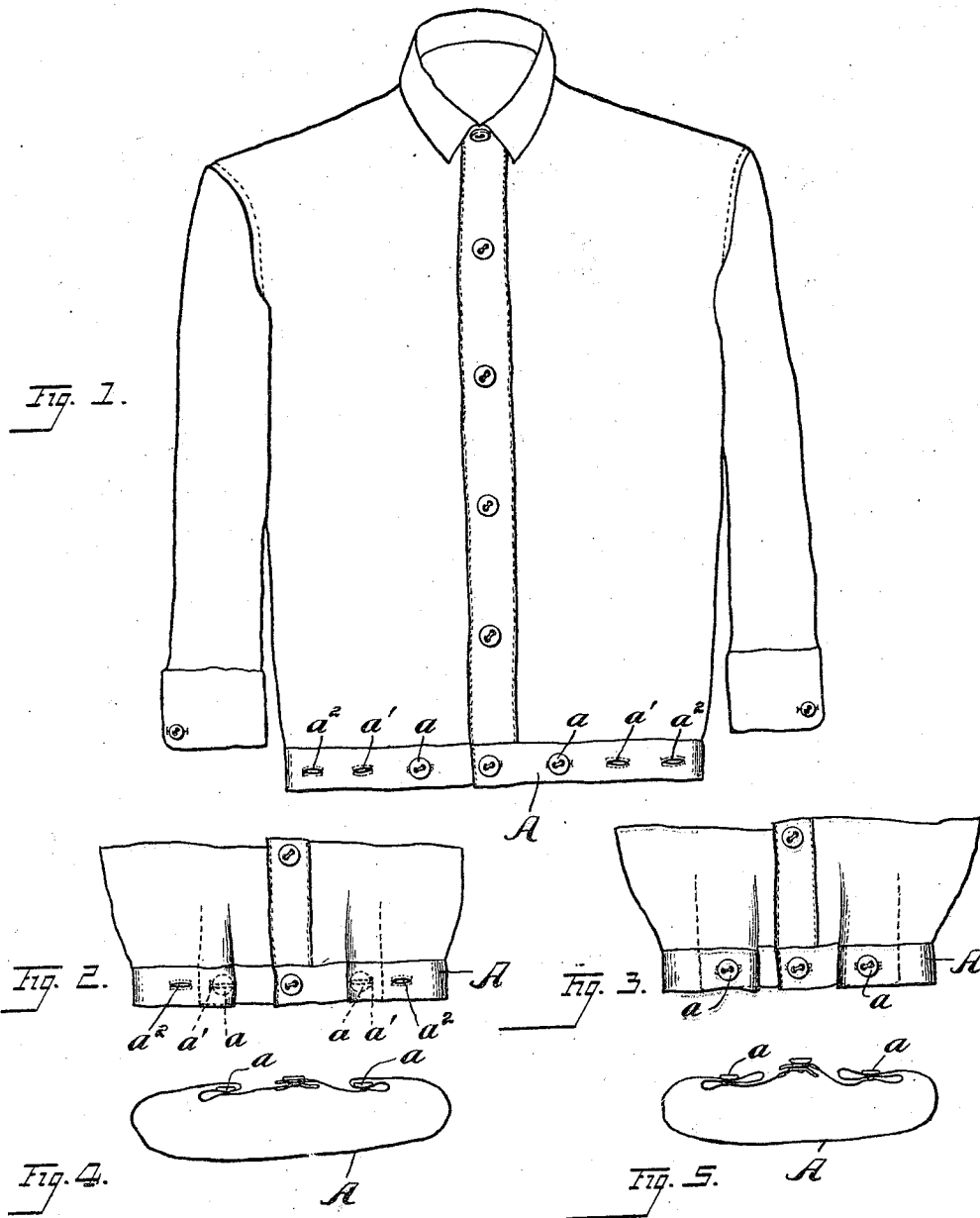


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR E. MERKEL, a citizen of the United States, resident of Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Adjustable Garments, of which the following is a specification, the principle of the invention being herein explained and the best mode in which I have contemplated applying that principle, so as to distinguish it from other inventions.

My invention relates to garments, and particularly to boys' blouse waists, its object being to provide a garment in which the waist-band may be shortened so as to be adjustable to assume various lengths of periphery.

A further object is to dispense with the use of a draw-string.

The said invention consists of means hereinafter fully described and particularly set forth in the claim.

The annexed drawing and the following description set forth in detail certain means embodying the invention, the disclosed means, however, constituting but one of various mechanical forms in which the principle of the invention may be applied.

In said annexed drawing: Figure 1 is a front view of a waist embodying my invention, and showing the band in the position in which it assumes its maximum length of periphery. Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing the band adjusted to assume a smaller periphery. Fig. 3 is a similar view, showing the band arranged to assume a still smaller periphery. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary bottom plan view of the band in the adjusted position shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a fragmentary bottom plan of the band in the adjusted position shown in Fig. 3.

The band A is made of inelastic material, and on a continuous portion thereof is fastened a button *a* adjacent to which is placed a button-hole *a'*, the button being secured to the front side of the band. In order to reduce the peripheral length of the band,

the button-hole *a'* is fastened to the button *a* by forming a fold or plait in the band and the garment, whereby such required reduction is effected. A second button-hole *a²* may be provided adjacent to the button-hole *a'*, and removed a distance therefrom so that after the button *a* and button-hole *a'* are connected, the button-hole *a²* may be secured to the button and a larger plait formed in the band and garment, and a still further reduction of the peripheral length thereof effected.

It will be readily understood that as many more button-holes may be added as may be desired. In case more button-holes are provided, and before securing another one of same to the button, the next preceding button-hole is first detached, the first button-hole, however, being always left in connection with the button.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

As a new article of manufacture, a blouse for children opening in front from top to bottom, and provided upon its lowermost edge with a waist-band flexible throughout its entire circumference and extending continuously from one side of such opening completely around and to the other side thereof, said band being non-reinforced; said band being furthermore provided at its front portion and on each side of said opening with permanently secured buttons and button-holes, both the buttons and the button-holes being located adjacent to the end portions of the band, whereby the engagement of a button and button-hole will form in the body of the fabric a fold or plait near the front portion of said blouse at either side of the opening.

Signed by me, this 3d day of January, 1911.

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