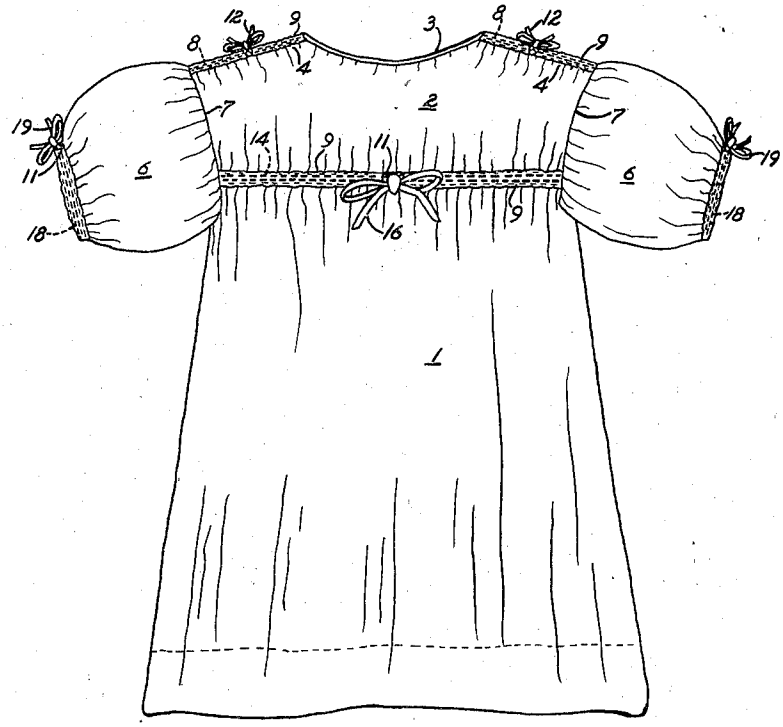
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Fig 1



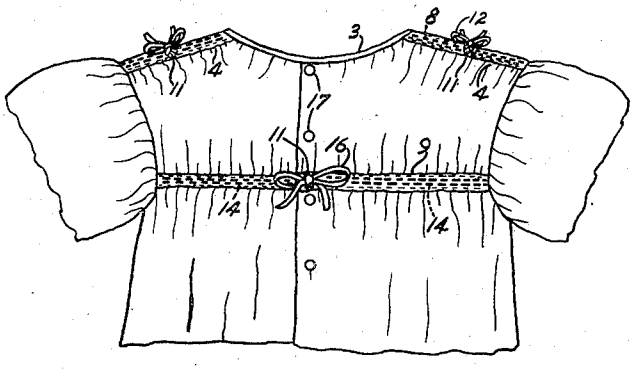


Fig. 2

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My invention relates to garments and especially garments for little girls and infants.

Infants and children grow at a rate so rapid that very often fine and costly garments are outgrown long before the garment has given a reasonable measure of wear or satisfaction. This is particularly true in the case of infants' and little girls' dresses. Garments for little babies are necessarily made of small shoulder and chest measure in order to fit and give a neat appearance. During babyhood, growth is so rapid that within a very short time an infant will outgrow its baby dresses. In small children, the growth is proportionally rapid. While a child's garments may be readily let down at the bottom hem, to provide the increased length required to keep pace with the increasing height of the child, the growth through the body and across the shoulders presents a different and more difficult problem.

The present invention is directed to the provision of adjusting means so positioned in a child's garment that the garment may be readily let out across the chest and shoulder to conform to the growth of a child.

It is among the objects of my invention to provide a garment which may be cut large enough to accommodate a long period of growth, and which may be readily and effectively let out to obtain a proper fit and a neat appearance throughout a wide range of size.

Another object is to provide adjusting means for garments for children, which may be easily applied and adjusted, and which are positioned to give adjustment where most needed without limiting the freedom of movement of the child.

It is also an object to provide an adjusting means which will enhance the appearance of the garment.

The invention possesses other objects, some of which with the foregoing will be set forth at length in the following description wherein is explained that form of the invention which has been selected for illustration in the drawings accompanying and forming a part of this specification. In said drawings, one form of the invention is shown, but it is to be understood that it is not limited to that form, since the invention as set forth in the claim may be embodied in a plurality of forms.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front view of a child's garment embodying my invention.

Figure 2 is a view of a portion of the back of the garment.

In terms of broad inclusion, the garment of my

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invention comprises skirt and yoke portions provided with adjusting means for varying the size across the shoulders and around the chest of a child, to conform to the growth of the child. Provision for adjusting the sleeve size and length of the garment may advantageously be included.

In terms of greater detail, the garment of my invention comprises a skirt 1 and yoke 2, joined along a line positioned to pass around the chest of a child. The yoke has a neck opening 3, and is provided with shoulder portions 4 connecting the front and back portions of the yoke. Sleeves 6 are attached to the yoke and skirt by means of seams 7.

For adjusting the width of the shoulder portions 4, I provide a pair of draw strings 8 in each shoulder portion. One string of each pair is secured to the garment at or near a sleeve seam, and the other near the neck opening. The strings are held in position in any suitable manner, as for example by a band 9 sewed to the garment. The free ends of the strings 8 extend outwardly through openings 11 at a point intermediate the points at which the strings are secured. The strings may be drawn to gather the material across the shoulder to give a desired width; and are knotted, as at 12.

The chest measurement is adjusted by draw-strings 14 applied at the juncture of the skirt 1 and yoke 2, at both front and back of the garment. The strings 14 are secured at one end at or near the sleeve seams 7. The free ends meet at a point intermediate the points of attachment where they are tied as at 16. The back of the garment may comprise two panels having a placket with suitable fasteners 17 by which the garment may be fastened at the back. In that arrangement one string 14 is carried by each panel, and the two strings meet and are tied at the center as an additional securing means. The draw strings 14, front and back, may be drawn to gather the material a desired amount, which may vary through a wide range of sizes, and which may be let out progressively to accomodate the growth of the child without materially altering the appearance of the garment.

In the case of a garment having sleeves 6, such as illustrated in the drawing, I prefer to provide draw strings 18 at the ends of the sleeves. The strings 18 may be secured at any desired point, or they may be loosely mounted to extend entirely around the sleeve. The strings 18 may be drawn to gather the ends of the sleeves sufficiently to obtain a desired fit, and appearance, and tied as at 19.

The strings 8, 14 and 18 may be made of ribbon, with the knots positioned and tied to add to the ornamental qualities of the garment. Also, the bands 9 may be made of material selected for its decorative qualities.

In the case of dresses for little girls who are past the baby age, the garment may be gathered at the waist by a separable belt, under which the material may be gathered. In such garments, the yoke strings 14 may be omitted if desired without seriously impairing the garment. Length of the garment is of course adjusted in all cases by letting out a deep hem 21 provided at the bottom of the skirt.

I claim:

A child's garment comprising front and back portions connected by shoulder portions and having a neck opening and sleeve openings, a pair of front draw strings having fixed ends secured at points adjacent the sleeve openings and loose ends meeting for tying at a point between the sleeve openings, a pair of back draw strings having fixed ends secured at points adjacent the sleeve openings substantially opposite the front draw strings and having loose ends meeting for tying at a point between the sleeve openings, and a pair of shoulder draw strings in each shoulder portion with fixed ends secured adjacent the sleeve and neck openings respectively and loose ends meeting for tying at points between the sleeve and neck openings.

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