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GARMENT

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This invention relates to wearing apparel in the nature of a garment of the type designed to encase the torso and lower limbs of the wearer, and that is particularly desirable for use as a sleeping garment or negligee because of the structure thereof.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a garment of the aforementioned character having as a part thereof, longitudinal slits along at least two sides thereof to form edges that are secured together or in spaced and gapped condition, to render the garment cool and of an attractive nature.

Further objects of the invention include the specific manner of forming a sectionalized garment; the particular way of interconnecting the marginal edges of the said sections; and the form of structure employed when a member of the garment is in the nature of trousers.

Additional objects will appear during the course of the following specification, referring to the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a garment made pursuant to the present invention, and with parts broken away and turned at convenient angles to completely illustrate salient features; and

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on line II—II of Fig. 1.

The garment chosen for illustration reveals one form of the invention, and comprises a member 10 and a lower member 12, each of which is constructed to present longitudinal slits along the outermost sides thereof extending from shoulder to ankle.

While members 10 and 12 are here illustrated as separable parts, the entire garment is capable of encasing the torso and lower limbs of the wearer.

Referring now to member 10, the same includes a front and back panel 14 and 16 respectively, cut from an initially flat blank and rebent upon itself along a transverse, substantially median line to create shoulders 18 between which the neck opening 20 is cut.

Armholes 22 are at the uppermost portion of member 10, and from the lower parts of these armholes 22, the opposed marginal edges 24 and 26 of front and back panels 14 and 16 respectively, extend to the edge below the waist. These marginal edges 24 and 26 are on a substantially median line at each side of the wearer, and a plurality of spaced apart tapes 28 and 30 on front and back panels 14 and 16 respectively, are tied together to form knots 32 between which the said marginal edges 24 and 26 are free to move toward and from each other to a limited degree.

To fulfill one of the objects of the invention, tapes 28 or 30 as the case may be, are spaced apart on their respective marginal edges 24 and 26 so that the said edges between knots 32 will

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slightly gap. This structure and result may be accomplished by spacing tapes 28 a distance apart that is slightly different from the distance between tapes 30.

The location of tapes 28 and 30 forming knot 32 immediately below arm openings 22, should be carefully determined with respect to shoulders 18 for the purpose of properly fitting the garment.

Lower member 12 is in the form of trousers having legs 34 and 36, each of which comprise a front panel 38 and a rear and opposing panel 40.

A draw-string 42 passed through a tubular belt 44 integral with the uppermost annular edge of lower member 12, provides means for supporting said member in place.

Sections 38 and 40 of legs 34 and 36 are stitched together as at 46 at the crotch and this stitching extends downwardly from the point of the crotch to a zone where the marginal edges 48 and 50 of front panel 38 and rear panel 40 of each leg, is held together only by tapes 50 and 52 on front panels 38 and rear panels 40 respectively. These tapes are attached as clearly illustrated in Fig. 1, and the marginal edges along the slits in member 12 at the outermost and innermost sides thereof are held together solely by these said tapes when knots 54 are formed therefrom. Again in this instance, the distance between tapes 50 on front panels 38 at the respective marginal edges thereof, are spaced apart a distance slightly different from the distance between tapes 52 of back panels 40, whereby gapping as at 56 will occur to present an unique appearance and to provide ventilation so necessary in the success of garments of this general character.

The structural features of the garment above specified, may be incorporated in garments having physical characteristics entirely different from those illustrated, and therefore, it is desired to be limited only by the spirit of the invention and scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

In a garment of the character described, a trouser member having a pair of leg encasing sections and a portion adapted to encircle part of the body of the wearer, said member including two pairs of panels, said panels of each pair being relatively superimposed and being permanently joined along one pair of adjacent longitudinal edges intermediate the ends of said edges, said panels of one pair thereof being joined to a corresponding panel of the other pair of panels along said longitudinal edges, said last mentioned joiner extending from said intermediate joiner to one end of the trouser member; and a plurality of spaced-apart tapes on all of said panels along the remainder of said longitudinal edges

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and along the opposite longitudinal edges of the panels, the distance between the tapes on one panel being different from the distance between the tapes on the opposed panel of each section respectively, said tapes being normally knotted together to hold the said edges of the panels against closing at a number of points throughout the lengths thereof, said panels of each pair being coextensive in width and length, those portions of the pairs of edges having tapes thereon being coincident throughout the lengths thereof.

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