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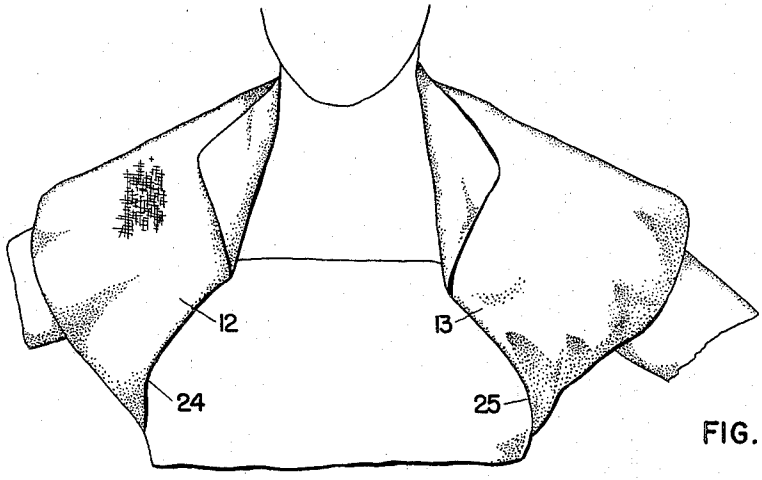


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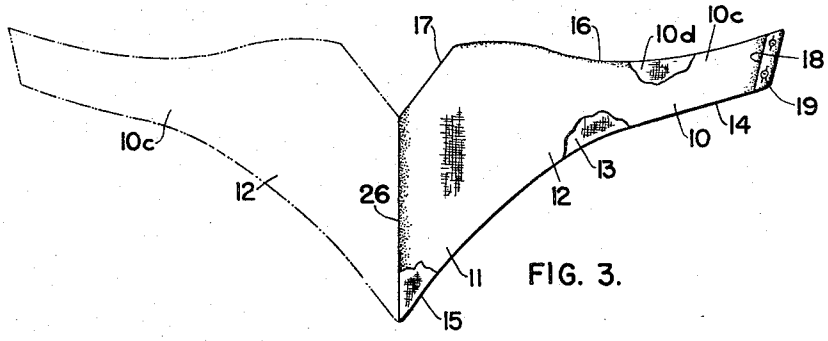


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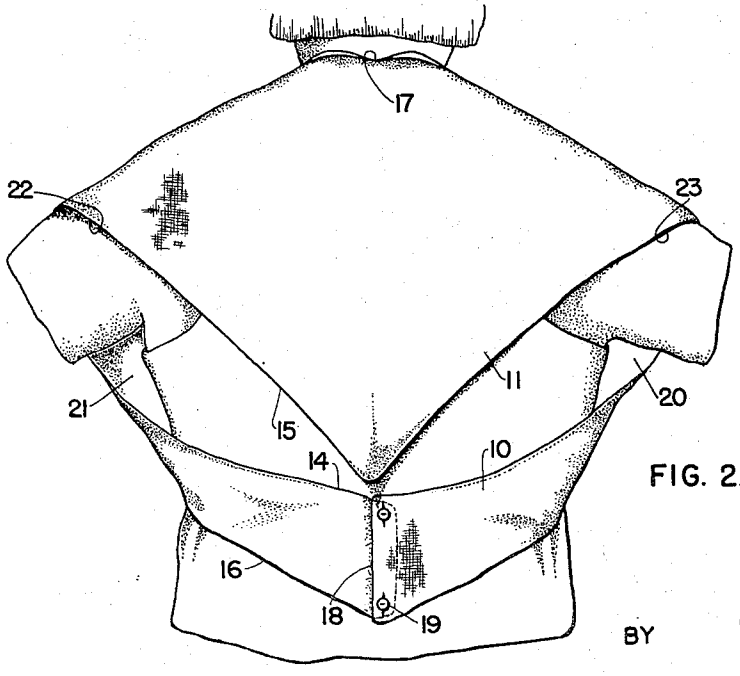


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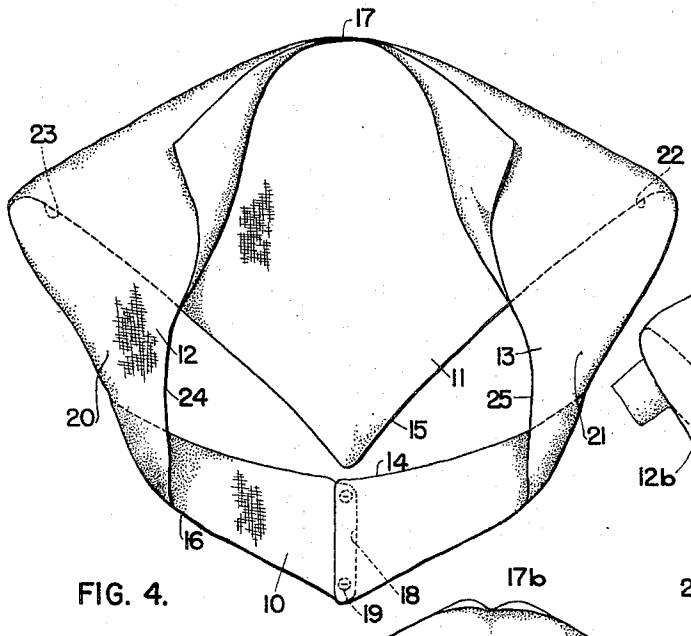


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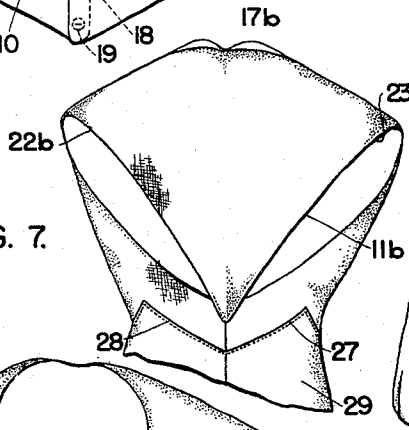


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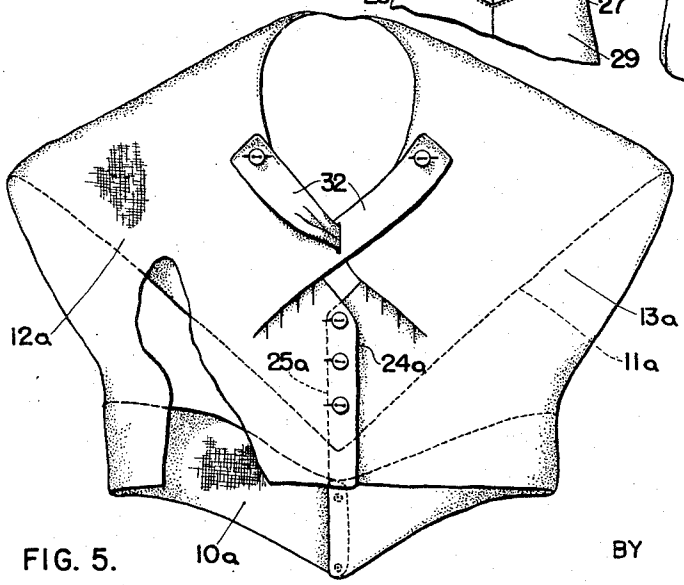


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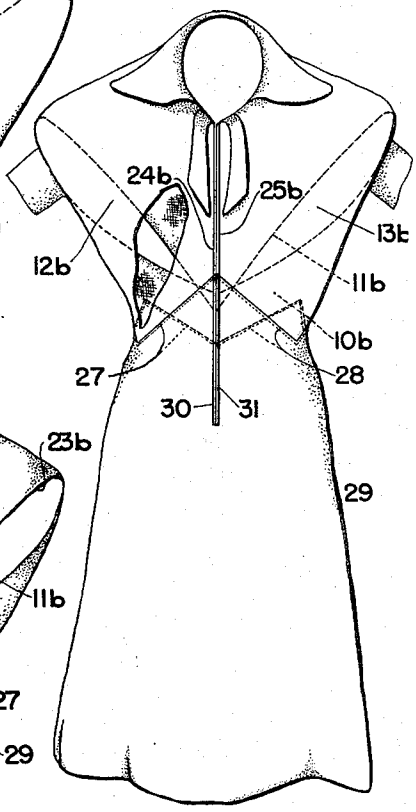


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This invention relates to garments, and particularly, although not exclusively, to ladies' summer apparel such as sun jackets, vests, and dresses.

Conventional apparel of the above-mentioned categories are invariably made from several sections secured together along seams, thereby involving cutting, assembling and sewing operations which are considered necessary cost factors. The very nature of conventional garments is such that there are always curved, rounded and overlapping portions which require considerable skill in ironing. Furthermore, because of the formed configuration of such conventional garments, it is generally regarded as unsatisfactory to store them by folding and stacking, it being generally necessary to suspend them from hangers or the like.

It is primarily within the contemplation of this invention to provide an entirely new form of garment of the class above-mentioned which, in its basic form, will require no seams, which can be made from one piece of material, which can be ironed flat and be more practical for laundering than the conventional garments. And because of its basic flat construction, it could readily be folded and conveniently stored without the necessity of careful hanging.

In the attainment of the main objective hereinabove set forth, it is accordingly an important object to provide a readily fabricated one-piece member which can be formed into a loop of such configuration as to be adaptable to be worn as a practical, presentable and convenient garment. And in this aspect of my invention, it is a further object to permit said member to be formed either into a loop which is separable, or which may be permanently secured together.

Still a further object of this invention is to provide a basic garment portion which may readily be adapted for use as an open waist jacket, a closed waist jacket with a front portion embellished according to a predetermined design, or a full waist and skirt garment.

Another object is to provide a garment with considerable ventilation so as to present a cool article of wearing apparel for summer use.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device having the aforesaid advantages, and yet which can be easily put on with a minimum of effort, and which can be made to fit as well as conventional garments.

Other objects, features and advantages will appear from the drawings and the description hereinafter given.

Referring to the drawings,

Figure 1 is a front view of a basic form of my invention shown applied to a wearer.

Figure 2 is a rear view thereof.

Figure 3 is an elevational view showing the garment of Figures 1 and 2 in looped condition,

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fragments being broken away to show opposite portions of the loop, the dot-dash lines indicating the flat extended form of the member when the separable loop is spread out.

Figure 4 is a front view showing the garment of Figures 1 and 2 removed from the body of the wearer.

Figure 5 is a front view of a modified form of my invention, showing the front body portion closed to produce an ornamental waist effect, a fragment being broken away for clarity.

Figure 6 is a front view of still a further modification of my invention, showing a closed front portion and skirt associated with the basic form, a fragment being broken away for clarity, and

Figure 7 is a fragmentary rear view of Figure 6.

In the preferred basic form of my invention illustrated in Figures 1, 2 and 4, a loop of flexible material is employed formed as shown in Figure 3, the particular loop illustrated being separable, as will hereinafter appear. The loop comprises a relatively narrow band portion 10 and an oppositely disposed flap portion 11, and two lateral body sections 12 and 13 intermediate and joining said band and flap portions. The said flap portion extends downwardly below the level of the bottom edge 14 of the band portion, the bottom edge 15 of the flap portion merging with the said bottom edge 14 of the band portion. The upper edge 16 of the loop has a downwardly extending recessed portion 17, substantially in the form of a V in the form illustrated, said recessed portion being substantially at the medial part of the flap portion, and constituting a neck portion.

In the form shown in Figures 1 to 4, the band 10 contains two separable portions 10*c* and 10*d*, the separating edge being at 18 containing, in the particular form shown on the drawings, button fastening means 19.

When the said loop is operatively worn as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 4, it will be observed that it is in the form of a garment wherein the said band portion 10 constitutes the rear band member of the garment, and the said opposite lateral body sections 12 and 13 constitute the front body portion of the garment, said lateral body sections being joined to and extending forwardly from the opposite portions 20 and 21 of the band member 10. The said flap portion 11 is now rearwardly disposed and extends downwardly from the top of the said front body portion. The lower edge 15 of the rear flap 11 is, in the form illustrated, of V-shaped configuration, the forward portions 22 and 23 being spaced above the corresponding forward portions 21 and 20, respectively, of the band member 10 to provide arm openings as clearly seen in Figure 2. In the preferred form illustrated, the band member 10 and flap 11 are in spaced relation, said lower edge

15 of the flap being free and unattached to the band 10.

Although the basic form shown in Figure 3 is merely a loop of flexible material of the contour above-described, it nevertheless constitutes a very convenient and attractive garment when operatively applied as indicated in Figures 1 and 2. The body portions 12 and 13 envelop the front lateral portions of the body up to the shoulder, the flap 11 extends downwardly therefrom along the back of the wearer, and the band member 10 embraces the back or waist of the wearer. In the form in which it is worn, the device is therefore a jacket which covers the body in accordance with the particular pattern and proportions of the loop. In the basic form illustrated, the lateral sections 12 and 13 have front edges 24 and 25 that are in spaced relation, thereby providing an open front. The flap 11 being unattached to the lower band member 10 and being spaced therefrom to provide openings therebetween, provides a comforatable, cool and well-ventilated garment, particularly suitable for summer wear. It is also apparent that the loop can readily be applied to the body of the wearer in the form of a garment with a minimum of effort and a minimum of time, since all that need be done is merely to place the arms through the openings 22 and 23 with the garment components in proper position.

The entire loop member shown in Figure 3 may be of a single sheet of material, without any seams therein except at the joining edges 18 when it is desired to sew these edges together. When these edges are separable, however, there are no seams whatever. The entire garment therefore merely consists of a flat sheet of material which is formed into a loop. When the loop is separable, as shown in the form illustrated, it may be stretched out flat and ironed as any flat piece of material. And even when the loop is sewn together at edge 18, it can readily be pressed as a flat piece by folding along medial line 26. And since the unit is made of flat material without any recessed pockets and the like, it can readily be folded for convenient storage.

Figure 5 illustrates a somewhat modified form of my invention in which the basic form is still incorporated but with certain additions. Instead of having the front edges of the lateral body portions 12*a* and 13*a* separated as in Figure 1 to form an open front, the corresponding edges 24*a* and 25*a* are in detachable engagement, to form a closed front. This arrangement permits of further embellishments, such as by adding decorative elements 32. Otherwise the main components are still present, such as the band member 10*a*, the flap 11*a* and the body portion consisting of the lateral sections 12*a* and 13*a*.

Figures 6 and 7 represent still another modification of my invention, showing the basic form provided with further additions to present a full dress effect. Here the main components are the band member 10*b*, the flap 11*b*, and the body portion consisting of the lateral sections 12*b* and 13*b*, said lateral sections having their front edges 24*b* and 25*b* in adjacent relation. Attached to the bottom edges 27 and 28 of the body portion is the skirt 29, provided with a separable upper portion having the detachable edges 30 and 31, these being preferably in longitudinal alignment with edges 24*b* and 25*b*.

The modifications of my invention shown in Figures 5, 6, and 7, include, as aforesaid, the basic combination of elements, thereby providing particularly a cool, well-ventilated garment. Although the addition of embellishments or a skirt may require some sewing operations, it has been found that the advantages of comfort and simplicity are nevertheless present.

In the above description, the invention has been disclosed merely by way of example and in preferred manner; but obviously many variations and modifications may be made therein which will still be comprised within its spirit. It is to be understood, therefore, that the invention is not limited to any specific form or manner of practicing the same, except in so far as such limitations are specified in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A garment comprising a rear band member for encircling the rear waist portion of the wearer, a front body portion having two opposite lateral sections joined to and extending forwardly from opposite portions of the band member, and a rear flap joined to and extending downwardly from said front body portion, the lower edge of said flap being free, the forward portions of said band member and flap being spaced to provide arm openings, said flap extending downwardly from said arm openings towards said band member.

2. A garment according to claim 1, said lateral sections having front edges in spaced relation to each other, whereby an open body portion is formed.

3. A garment according to claim 1, said lateral sections having front edges in detachable engagement, whereby a closed body portion is formed.

4. A garment according to claim 1, further provided with a skirt portion joined to and extending downwardly from the said band member and lateral sections.

5. A garment according to claim 1, said lateral sections having front edges in detachable engagement, whereby a closed body portion is formed, and a skirt portion joined to and extending downwardly from the said band member and lateral sections, said skirt portion being provided with a separable upper portion with front detachable edges, the said front edges of the lateral sections and of the skirt being in longitudinal alignment.

6. A garment comprising a rear band member, a front body portion having two opposite lateral sections joined to and extending forwardly from opposite portions of the band member, and a rear flap joined to and extending downwardly from said front body portion towards said band member, the lower edge of said flap being free, said band member and flap being in spaced relation.

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