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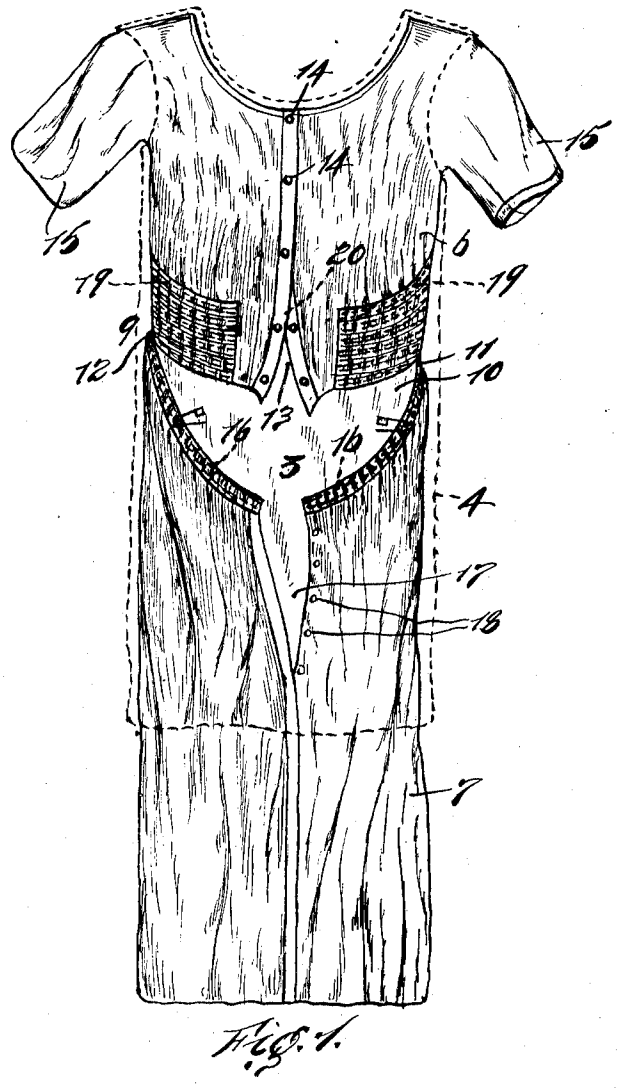


Fig. 1.

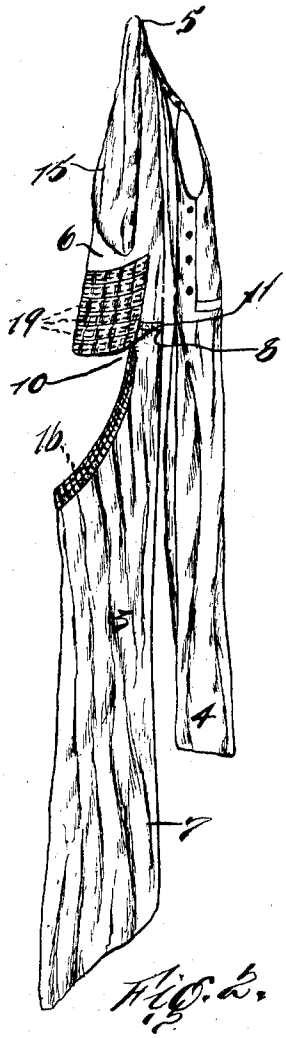


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNIE PROKESCH, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at New York city, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Maternity-Garments, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in maternity garments, one of the objects of the invention being to provide a maternity gown or dress arranged so that the front of the skirt portion can be lengthened to suit conditions incident to the maternal period. In other words, my improved gown is arranged at the front thereof in a manner to permit the skirt portion, at the front, to be raised or lowered, as the maternal period changes, so as to maintain the gown, at the bottom at an even height. To accomplish this result, I split the gown at the waist portion for about one half the circumference of the gown at said waist portion, the jacket or waist portion of the gown being open at the front and provided with fastening means such as hooks and eyes, buttons, or other fastening elements. As the skirt portion of the gown is attached to the jacket portion only at the sides and rear thereof, the said front portion of the skirt can be raised or lowered to suit conditions. Both the jacket portion, at the sides and front thereof, and the skirt portion at its sides and front, are provided with an elastic insert, thereby rendering the said portions yieldable and adapted to accommodate themselves to the varying size conditions incident to the maternal period.

A further feature of improvement resides in the provision of an outer garment arranged to conceal the adjustable garment, that is to say, the greater part thereof, said outer garment being attached to the adjustable garment at the neck portion thereof.

In the drawing, which forms part of this specification,

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved gown, the outer garment being indicated by dotted lines; and

Fig. 2 is a side view, illustrating the adjustable gown and outer garment as they would appear should the outer garment be slipped off the adjustable garment.

As herein indicated my improvement consists of an adjustable garment 3 and an outer garment 4 sewed or otherwise connected at the neck portion, as indicated by 5 in Fig. 2. The adjustable or under garment consists of a jacket portion 6 and a skirt portion 7 secured together only at the rear of the garment as indicated by 8 in Fig. 2. The gown can, of course, be made out of one piece, in which case the back thereof would not consist of secured together parts, but in any event the front of the gown, at the waist portion 9, will be split or open, as indicated by 10. The split portion 10 will extend preferably from one side 11 of the gown to the other side 12, at the front of course.

The jacket portion 6 of the gown will be open as at 13 and provided with fastening elements, indicated by 14. The jacket portion 6 will be further provided with sleeves 15. The edges of the horizontally split portion 10 of the gown will be provided with an elastic insert, indicated by dotted lines 16, that is to say, the edges of the skirt portion; hence this portion of the gown will yield and accommodate itself to different sizes at this region of the wearer. The skirt will be split vertically as at 17 and provided with fastening elements 18. The lower portion of the jacket 6, adjacent the split portion 10 will be provided with elastic inserts, indicated by 19; hence this portion of the gown will accommodate itself to different sizes at the waist region of the wearer. Both the jacket and skirt portions are yieldable only at the parts thereof which are not secured together; consequently these portions can be adjusted independently of each other. When the gown is worn, during the early stage of the maternal period, the skirt portion will be secured to the waist portion by pinning preferably, say for instance at about the point 20. As necessity requires, the said skirt portion can be lowered, at the front, by securing same (by pinning) to points lower down. Usually the front of gowns worn during the maternal period become raised, thereby presenting an unsightly appearance. With my improved gown the skirt portion can be lowered, in manner set forth, as necessity requires; hence the said unsightly appearance can be avoided. As the upper edge of the skirt portion can be stretched, said edges can be drawn over the abdomen and adjacent portion of the jacket and pinned to the said jacket. To permit of stretching, the said upper edges of the skirt,

and portions of the jacket having the elastic inserts, will be shirred, as indicated.

In combination with the adjustable garment, I preferably provide a slip-over or outer garment, hereinbefore referred to as 4. The garment 4 will be worn over the adjustable garment to conceal the greater part of same, especially the adjustable portions. The under or adjustable garment may be made of comparatively inexpensive material while the outer garment may be fanciful, silk for instance, or decorated material of better quality than the material of the under garment.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:—

1. A maternity garment consisting of a jacket portion and a skirt portion connected thereto throughout a portion only of the waist portion of the garment, the remainder of the waist portion of the garment being open, whereby the skirt, at the front thereof, can be caused to overlie the lower portion of the front of the jacket and be secured thereto at various points, and an elastic insert carried by the skirt at the upper edge thereof.

2. A maternity garment consisting of a jacket portion and a skirt portion connected thereto throughout a portion only of the waist portion of the garment, the remainder of the waist portion of the garment being open, whereby the skirt, at the front thereof, can be caused to overlie the lower portion of the front of the jacket and be secured thereto at various points, an elastic insert carried by the skirt at the upper edge thereof, and an elastic insert carried by the jacket adjacent the lower edge thereof.

3. A garment consisting of a jacket portion and a skirt portion secured together at the sides and back thereof, the remainder of the garment being open, and elastic inserts adjacent the edges of the split or open portion of the garment.

4. In a maternity garment, a waist portion and a skirt portion, the rear of the garment being non-adjustable in a vertical line, the front of said garment being arranged for the vertical adjustment of the skirt portion.

5. In a maternity garment, a waist portion and a skirt portion, the rear of the garment being non-adjustable in a vertical line, the front of said garment being arranged for the vertical adjustment of the skirt portion, said skirt portion at the waist line being yieldable transversely thereof.

6. A maternity garment comprising a waist and skirt portion, the front of the skirt portion being arranged for adjustment vertically relatively to the waist portion.

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