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 REVERSIBLE FRONT GARMENT.
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Fig. 1.

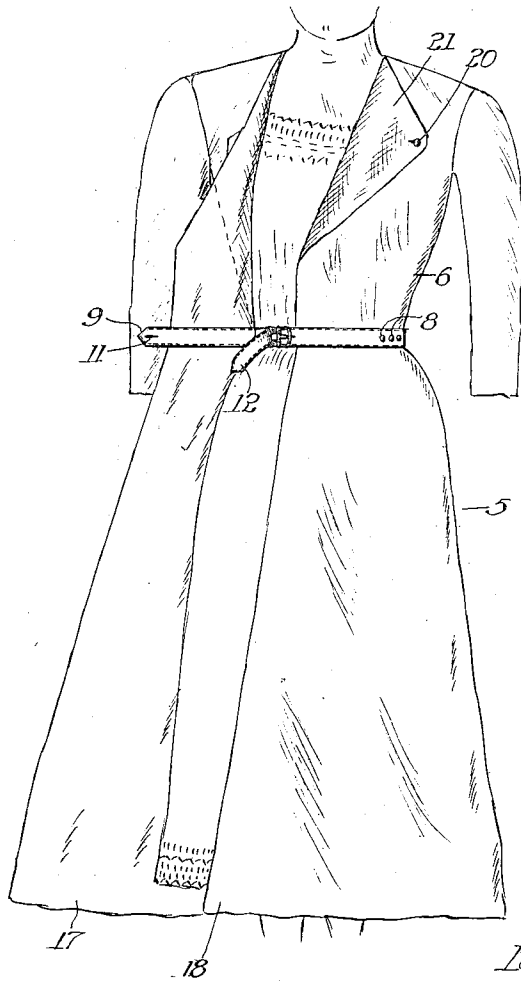


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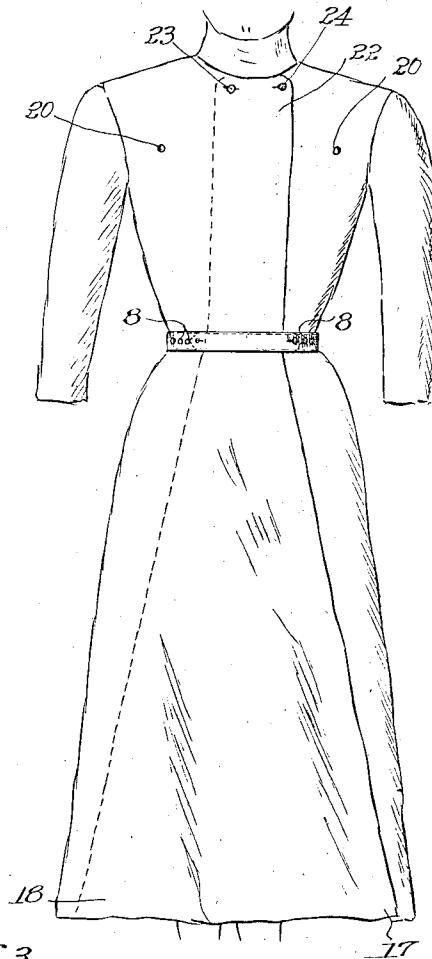


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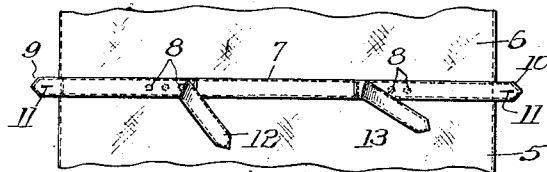
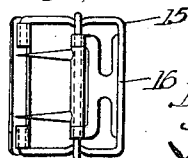


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERNHARD BUDWEISER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Reversible-Front Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in reversible-front dresses.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a single piece garment especially adapted for house wear, the front parts of which are lapped or folded over in such manner as to provide substantially an apron across the front widths and so arranged that either fold or lap thereof may be worn on the outside.

The simplicity of the garment, the ease with which it may be put on and taken off by the wearer, and the facility of adjustment are salient features of its advantages.

Other and further objects of my invention and the advantages it possesses will become readily apparent, to persons skilled in the art, from a consideration of the following description, when taken in conjunction with the drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the garment showing it partially adjusted on the wearer; Fig. 2 shows the garment as it will appear when completely adjusted on the wearer; Fig. 3 is a fragment showing the waist portion; and Fig. 4 is a buckle which may be used with advantage with my new improved garment.

In all the views the same reference characters are employed to indicate similar parts.

The device is essentially a single piece garment, comprising a skirt 5 and a waist 6, which may, or may not, be united by means of a belt, 7. The lap or apron portions of the skirt are clearly shown in Fig. 2. On each side of the belt 7, and practically under the arms, are a plurality of spaced apart fastenings, such as buttons 8. The belt, 7, terminates in tabs 9 and 10, and preferably, each tab has a button hole 11. The button hole, 11, of the outside tab of the garment is for engagement with one of the buttons 8 on the opposite side, and a further use of the button hole will be hereinafter described.

At points in the belt, substantially coincident with the location of the buttons 8,

but on the inside of the garment, are rather elongated tabs 12 and 13, preferably, sewed to the belt at designated points, or it may be a single piece continuing from one tab to the other, the free ends of which are shown at 12 and 13. These tabs are intended to be used as attaching members in conjunction with a fastening device, such as the buckle 15. The buckle 15 is provided with a flat laterally extending stud 16 which is adapted for quick insertion in the button holes 11 and for retaining the buckle in connection therewith. When the lapped portions, or apron parts, of the garment are as shown in Fig. 2, the lap 17 is on the exposed outside and the lap 18 is on the inclosed inside.

In putting the garment on, with this arrangement in mind, the lap 18 is first folded over, as shown in Fig. 1, and the buckle 15, having its stud portion 16 engaging the button hole 11 in the tab 10, is adjusted on the longer tab 12 according to waist dimensions of the wearer, as shown, after which the tab 9, with the lap portion 17, is folded over to the other side of the wearer and the button hole 11, of the tab 9, is brought into fastening association with any one of the buttons 8, on the left hand side of the garment, depending upon the dimensions of the wearer at the waist line. After the buckle, and the tab 12, have been adjusted to suit the wearer, the garment may be loosened, for its removal, by slipping the stud 16 out of the button hole 11, leaving the adjustment of the disengaged buckle 15 and tab 12 so long as it is desired to wear the garment in this way, thus saving the necessity of adjusting the garment to the waist of the wearer every time it is put on. Now if it is desired to wear the lapped or apron portion 18 on the outside, instead of the lapped portion 17, the buckle 15 may be removed from the tab 12 and placed in the same manner on the tab 13, lapping the portion 18 on the outside instead of the inside as heretofore. In this event, the tab 10 will have fastening association with any one of the buttons 8 that are located on the right hand side of the wearer, instead of on the left hand side as heretofore. Instead of interchanging the buckle 15, however, two buckles may be used if desired, and when the tab upon which the respective buckle is associated is not in use, the buckle and the tab may hang loosely. I prefer, however, to have a single buckle and use it alternatively with the tabs 12

and 13. The buckles may be removed in any event when the garment is sent to the laundry.

As an extra refinement I provide the buttons 20 on either side of the blouse or waist for engagement with the collars 21 and 22 when folded back, as shown in Fig. 1, and the same button holes that take the buttons 20, of the collars 21 and 22, may be employed for association with buttons 23 and 24 that are provided near the neck of the waist so that, when desired, the garment may be worn with the waist portion folded over double breasted fashion, as shown in Fig. 2, wherein the collars make connection with the buttons 23 and 24, or if desired, it may be worn with the collar open, as shown in Fig. 1, whereby the collars make fastening association with the buttons 20. This part of my invention may or may not be used with the skirt portion, as desired.

The garment is intended as a house work-dress that may be easily put on and taken off and after the adjustment of the buckle 15 has been made and the dimensions at the waist line established, such adjustment, by means of the buckle, may not be disturbed when it is desired to remove the garment, as the button holes on the tabs 9 and 10 may engage the stud portion 16 of the buckle whereby the parts will be held firmly together and may be quickly and readily disengaged.

While I have herein described a single embodiment of my invention for the purpose of clear disclosure, it will become apparent to persons skilled in the art that various changes may be made from the specific showing without departing from the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

Having described my invention what I claim is:

1. In a garment of the class described, a skirt, having two overlapping apron extensions, which overlap across the front of the wearer, with their edges terminating at the sides; tabs projecting from said extensions, at the waist line; a plurality of exterior buttons, spaced apart at each side and secured at the waist line, for adjustable fastening engagement with said tabs; longer tabs, secured on the inside, of the garment, at the waist line near the location of said buttons, each longer tab adapted for fastening association with the shorter tab of the opposite side, whereby either overlapping extension may be secured in place on the outside or inside as desired.

2. In a garment of the class described, a skirt, having two overlapping apron extensions, which overlap across the front of the wearer, with their edges terminating at the sides, a belt member extending from edge to

edge of the skirt, the ends of said belt, adjacent the edges, being formed to receive an engaging means, a tab secured upon the interior of said skirt at the belt line, upon each side thereof, a tab-engaging member adapted for removable engagement of the belt at either end thereof and for adjustable engagement of the tab connected to the opposite interior side of the skirt, and means upon the exterior of the skirt at the belt line for engagement of that end of the belt which is not engaged by said tab-engaging means, said belt-engaging means upon the exterior of the skirt comprising a plurality of slightly spaced-apart members.

3. In a garment of the class described, a skirt, having two overlapping apron extensions, which overlap across the front of the wearer, with their edges terminating at the sides, a belt member extending from edge to edge of the skirt, the ends of said belt, adjacent the edges, being formed to receive an engaging means, a tab secured upon the interior of said skirt at the belt line, upon each side thereof, a tab-engaging member adapted for removable engagement of the belt at either end thereof and for adjustable engagement of the tab connected to the opposite interior side of the skirt, and means upon the exterior of the skirt at the belt line for engagement of that end of the belt which is not engaged by said tab-engaging means.

4. In a garment of the class described, a skirt having two overlapping apron extensions which overlap across the front of the wearer with their edges terminating at the sides, means adjacent each edge of said skirt at the belt line for removable engagement of a tab-engaging means, a tab carried by said skirt upon the interior thereof, one on each side, a buckle having means for detachable engagement of the skirt where the skirt is formed to receive the tab-engaging means, and said buckle having also means for adjustable engagement of that tab which is secured to the interior side of the skirt which is opposite to the edge in which said buckle is detachably engaged, and means upon the exterior of the skirt for engagement of that edge of the skirt which is left free after engagement of said buckle to connect one edge of the skirt and one tab, said buckle adapted and arranged to be left upon the tab after adjustment and disengaged from the edge of the skirt in which it was initially engaged.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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In the presence of—
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