Sept. 5, 1950 H. PRESCOTT 2,521,020

SUN SUIT

Filed July 20, 1948

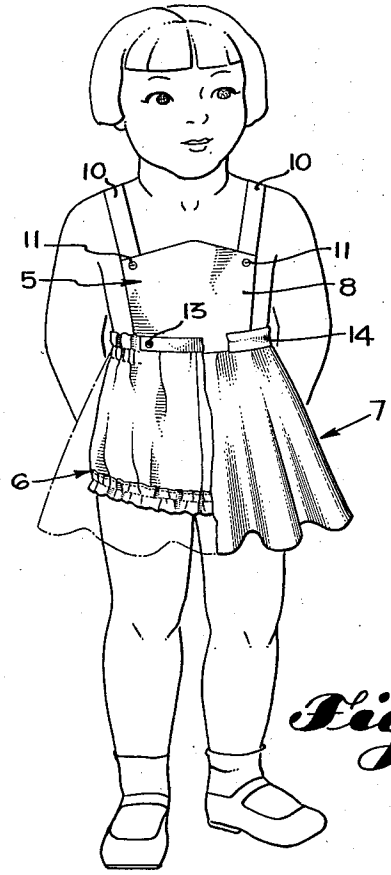
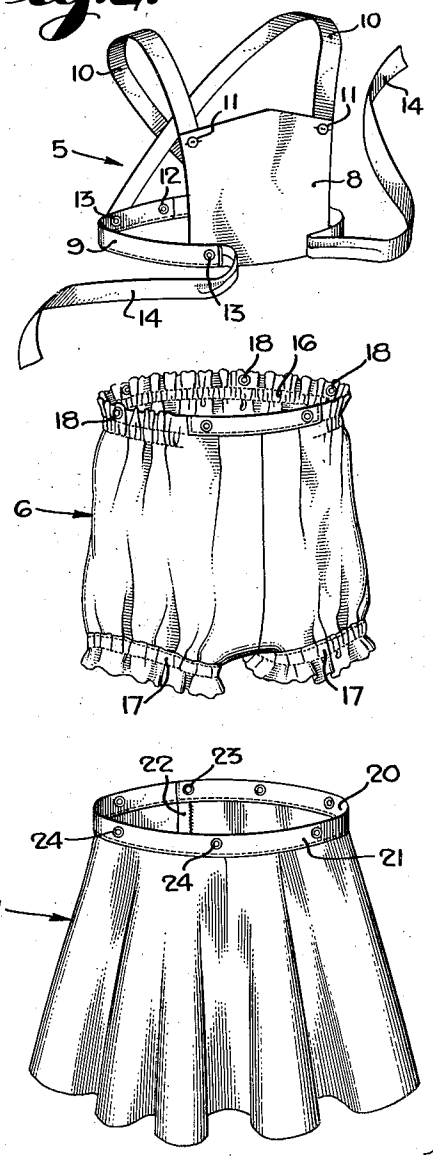


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



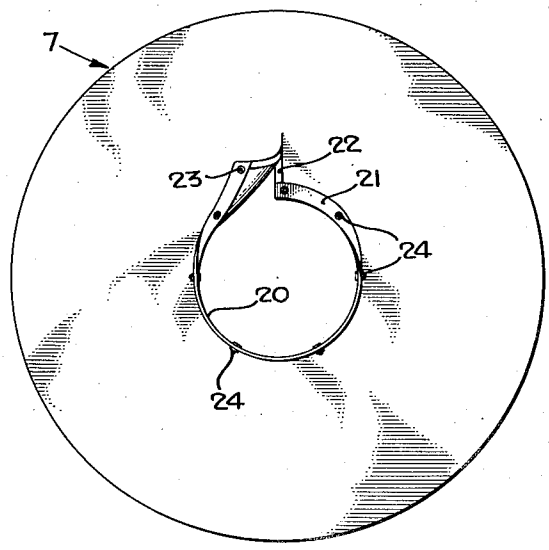


Fig. 3.

INVENTOR.
Hazel Prescott
BY
Stedman B. Hoar
AGENT

Patented Sept. 5, 1950

2,521,020

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

2,521,020

SUN SUIT

Hazel Prescott, Newport Beach, Calif.

Application July 20, 1948, Serial No. 39,737

2 Claims. (Cl. 2—70)

1

This invention relates to play garments for girls, and more particularly relates to sun suits, so called because they are designed to permit a large exposure of skin to the beneficial effects of sunlight. While primarily intended for wear by children and young misses, the sun suit embodied in this invention may also be considered suitable for wear by mature women, and it is not my intention to limit the benefits of this sun suit or my claims relating thereto to use by persons of any particular age group.

While sun suits are, in general, intended for use during recreation, and therefore, and particularly when worn by children, are most suitably of simple design and scanty extent, easy to put on and to take off, readily laundered and in fact serviceable as bathing suits, there arise occasions when a degree of greater formality is desirable. The addition of a skirt to the bare necessities adds formality to such a garment and is not inappropriate if designed in keeping with the spirit and utility of a sun suit. At all times, an attractive appearance of such portions of the garment as may be momentarily worn will add to the satisfaction derived by girls of even very tender age. It is further desirable in a garment having only narrow shoulder straps which may easily slip out of place that the more essential lower garments be supported from the waist so as to be retained in position.

It is an object of this invention to provide a sun suit having a bodice and short rompers of the type now generally called panties, as basic garments and having a skirt which may be added thereto to afford a more dressed and formal appearance.

Another object of the invention is to provide a sun suit having a bodice, and panties and a skirt which may be selectively attached to the bodice, in which the panties are provided with means of separate support when the skirt is attached to the bodice.

Yet another object of the invention is to provide a simple yet attractive sun suit, economical to manufacture and serviceable for rough usage and for laundering, and so arranged that its more utilitarian features, such as fasteners, are concealed by decorative features.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a sun suit suitable for small children and having the lower garments firmly attachable to the upper garment and yet so arranged that more than two of the three pieces are never suspended from the shoulders to cause chafing of shoulder

2

straps, and the panties also derive support from the waist or hips.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be specifically pointed out or will be apparent from consideration of the following detailed description of a preferred embodiment of the invention, and from the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective frontal view of a sun suit embodying the principles of this invention, shown as worn by a child, with part of the skirt broken away to show the underlying panties;

Figure 2 is an exploded view in perspective showing individually the bib, the panties, and the skirt comprising the sun suit; and

Figure 3 is a plan view of the skirt, laid flat, with parts folded back, to illustrate its simplicity and to indicate the ease with which it may be manufactured.

Referring to the details of the drawings, my improved sun suit comprises a bodice 5, to which may be selectively attached panties 6 and a skirt 7. The bodice 5 includes a bib 8 which covers in part the chest of the wearer, and has a waistband 9 attached to the lower margin of the bib and defining the lower termination of the bodice. Shoulder straps 10, preferably arranged to cross at the back, are secured to the rearward part of the waistband 9 and may be attached to the bib 8 by buttons 11 to hold the bib in position. The waistband 9 has a closure 12, preferably at the back, and is provided at a plurality of points with fastening means 13 complementary to the hereinafter described fastening means of the panties 6 and skirt 7. A sash, or belt, 14 is attached to the forward part of the bodice 5 so that its free ends may be tied at the back or otherwise secured together to form a covering for the waistband 9 and to conceal the fastening means 13.

The panties 6 have an elastic waistband 16 so that they may be supported thereby upon the hips independently of the bodice 5. They may also have elastic thigh bands 17. A row of fastening means 18 on the elastic waistband 16 are cooperative with the fastening means 13 to hold the panties secured to the bodice.

I have designed the preferred form of the skirt 7 so that it may be cut in circular form from a square piece of dress material as is indicated in Figure 3, in which the skirt is shown spread flat. The advantage of this construction lies in economy of material as well as in causing the skirt to flare becomingly when it is worn. The bodice 5 may be largely constructed of material from the corners of the cloth from which the skirt is

cut and from the waist-hole 20 in the skirt. The waist-hole 20 is reinforced by a waistband 21 of finite length proportioned to fit within the waistband 9 of the bodice 5, and has a placket 22 closable by suitable fasteners 23 to permit it to be pulled on. A row of fastening means 24 on the waistband 21 cooperate with the fastening means 13 to attach the skirt 7 to the bodice 5.

The fastening means 13 and the cooperative fastening means 18 and 24 may be of any suitable type, such as snap fasteners or buttons and buttonholes. Preferably, they are snap fasteners with the female member on the inside of the waistband 9 and the male members on the outside of the waistband 16 and 21.

For ordinary play, the panties 6 are attached to the bodice 5 by the fastening means 13 and 18, the elastic waistband 16 then serving to hold the bodice down around the waist and also to relieve the pull of the straps 10 upon the shoulders and to prevent chafing. When it is desired to add the skirt 7 to the costume, the fastenings 18 are detached from the fastenings 13 and the fastenings 24 are attached to the fastenings 13. The panties 6 are then supported only by their elastic waistband 16, so that at no time are more than two parts of the garment supported by the shoulder straps 10. If the child slips out of the shoulder straps, the panties 6 will still remain in place, supported by their elastic waistband.

While I have described and illustrated a preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that the description and illustration relates to an example of the invention, and that the spirit and scope of the invention is to be interpreted in the light of the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A sun suit comprising: a bodice inclusive of a bib, a waistband secured to the lower margin of said bib and having a rearward closure, shoulder straps connecting the upper margin of said bib with the rearward portion of said waistband, fastening means disposed at a plurality of points around said waistband for supporting a lower garment, and a sash attached to the outer side of said waistband between an adjacent pair of said fastening means and adapted to encompass said waistband so as to conceal said fastening means and said closure; and panties and a skirt each having means cooperative with said fastening means and arranged to secure the outer waist margins of said panties and said skirt to the inner side of said bodice whereby they may be alternatively secured to said bodice, said panties having an elastic waistband whereby they may be supported independently of said bodice when said skirt is secured to said bodice.

2. A sun-suit comprising: a bodice terminating downwardly at the waist and open at the back and inclusive of a bib, shoulder straps connecting the upper margin of said bib with a rearward portion of said bodice, fastening means disposed at a plurality of points around the lower margin of said bodice for supporting a lower garment, and a sash attached to the outer side of said bib between an adjacent pair of said fastening means and adapted to encompass said lower margin and to be tied rearwardly to conceal said fastening means; a skirt having means cooperative with said fastening means for securing said skirt to the inner side of said bodice; and panties having means cooperative with said fastening means for securing said panties to the inner side of said bodice when said skirt is detached therefrom, said panties having an elastic waistband whereby they may be supported on the body independently of said bodice when said skirt is supported by said bodice.

HAZEL PRESCOTT.

REFERENCES CITED

The following references are of record in the file of this patent:

UNITED STATES PATENTS

Number	Name	Date
1,138,468	Goldberg	May 4, 1915
1,405,405	Gendel	Feb. 7, 1922
1,418,281	Bornstein	June 6, 1922
1,444,291	Wheeler	Feb. 6, 1923
1,789,784	Sneider	Jan. 20, 1931
1,954,526	Holahan	Apr. 10, 1934
2,160,521	Rothstein	May 30, 1939