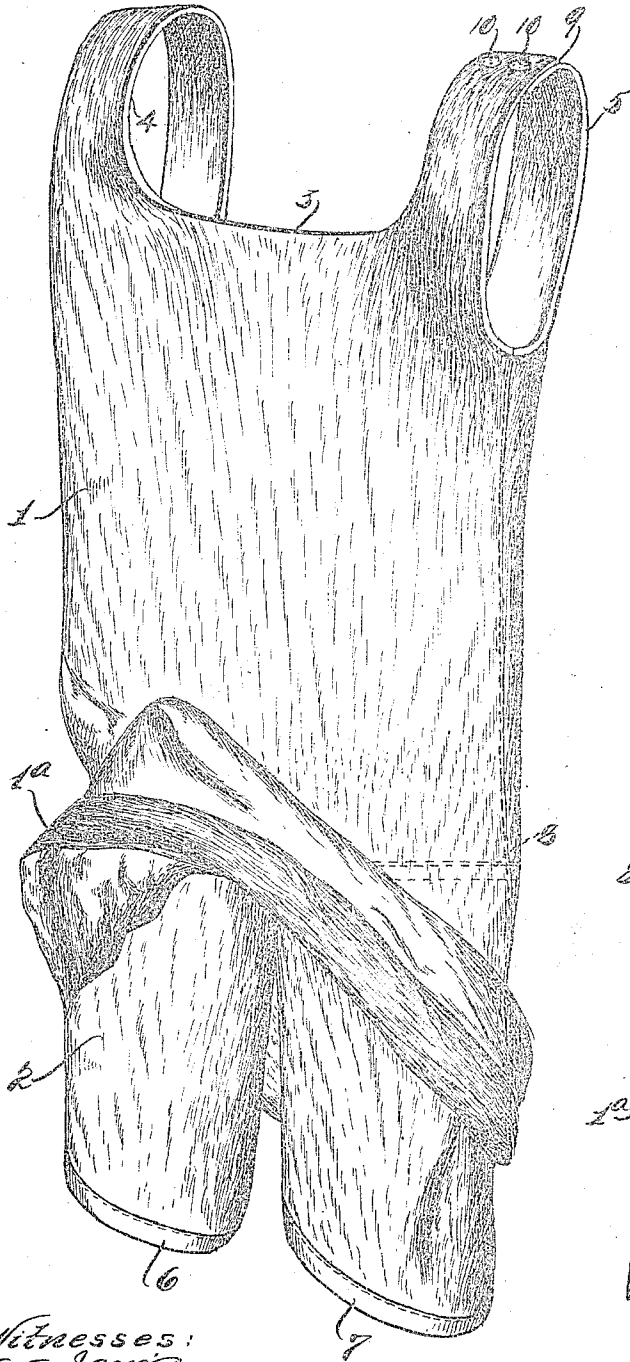


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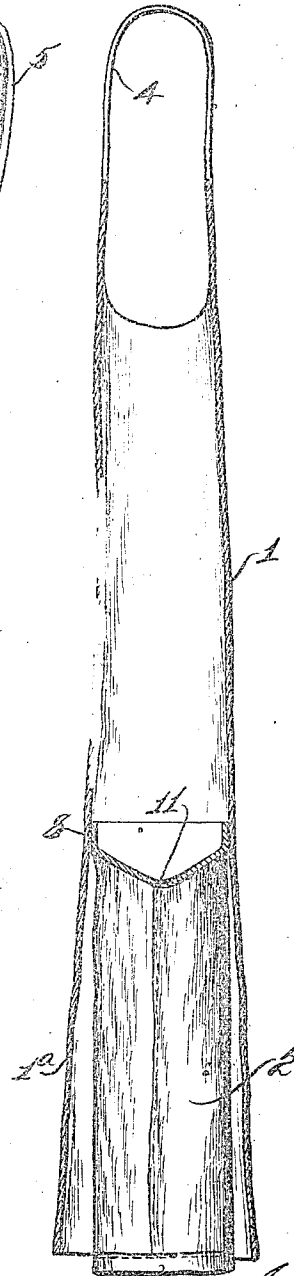
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Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

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

This invention relates to a body fitting garment particularly adapted for bathing purposes.

It is well-known that the so-called one-piece bathing suit is a much more comfortable garment to wear in bathing than the two-piece suit, for the reason among other things, that the one-piece suit is supported from the shoulders and without any binding strain around the waist, leaving the body much more free in its movements. The two-piece bathing suit however, is sometimes preferred, due to its less *décolleté* and more modest appearance, and my construction of bathing suit combines all the advantages of comfort, inherent in the one-piece suit while having the external appearance of the two-piece bathing suit.

I realize that many variations and modifications of my idea may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention as defined in the appended claim. However, in the preferred embodiment of my invention as shown in the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the entire garment; and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal central section through the same, showing the attachment of the shirt portion to the trunk portion.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, my bathing suit consists of an upper or shirt portion 1 similar to the ordinary upper-half of a two-piece bathing suit, and a lower or trunk portion 2 somewhat similar to the ordinary lower-half of a two-piece suit. The shirt portion 1 is provided with the ordinary neck opening 3 and arm openings 4 and 5, the rest of the garment being continuous, and without any opening, to its lower end 1^a. The trunk portion 2 is likewise provided with open-ended legs 6 and 7 and is fastened to the shirt portion 1 at its inside by a continuous and permanently formed seam 8 as shown in Fig. 2. As shown, the shirt portion is extended below the seam 8 at 1^a separably from said trunk portion to overlie and partially cover the

same. The seam 8 should be made as inconspicuous as possible on the outside of the garment, and is preferably located, as shown very slightly above the crotch 11 of said trunk legs so that when the garment is being worn properly, this seam is quite a little distance below the waist-line and may rest ever below the hips. In other words, the trunk portion 2 has hardly any or no waist at all separate from said shirt portion 1, and the object of this is to avoid the seam 8 appearing as the waist line of the garment from which the lower end of the shirt would droop like a short skirt. The garment thus formed is substantially a one-piece suit having no means to get into the same except through the neck opening 3.

In order to facilitate the adjustment of this suit upon the wearer, I prefer to form a break 9 at the upper portion of the garment between the neck opening 3 and one of the arm openings such as 5. This break 9 is provided with suitable securing devices such as buttons 10 for fastening the same together after the garment has been adjusted in place. A similar break may likewise be formed between the neck opening and the arm opening 4, but one of said breaks is generally sufficient to easily get into the garment.

It will thus be seen that my bathing suit has the external appearance of a two-piece suit, due to the fact of having the shirt portion extended at 1^a to partially cover the trunk portion, while the permanent seam 8 between the trunk and shirt portions permanently secures these parts together to give all the advantages of comfort and other qualities of a one-piece suit.

Instead of joining the shirt and trunk portions of the garment together by a seam such as shown at 8, it is obvious that the garment may be knitted or woven continuously down to the line 8 and there separate into a double ply, the inner ply being formed into the trunk legs and the outer ply into the lower shirt portion 1^a.

What I claim as new is:—

A one-piece bathing suit comprising a continuous unbroken body fitting garment made up into an upper sleeveless shirt portion with supporting shoulder straps one of which is separable into attachable tabs, and two distinct lower portions, the under portion being formed into legs, the outer por-

tion forming a continuation of said shirt
portion on all sides and loosely overlying
said legs, said portions being fixedly united
completely around the lower end of said
5 shirt portion to present a symmetrical ap-
pearance on both sides and be reversible
front to rear.

Signed at New York, N. Y., this 24th day
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