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Fig. 1.

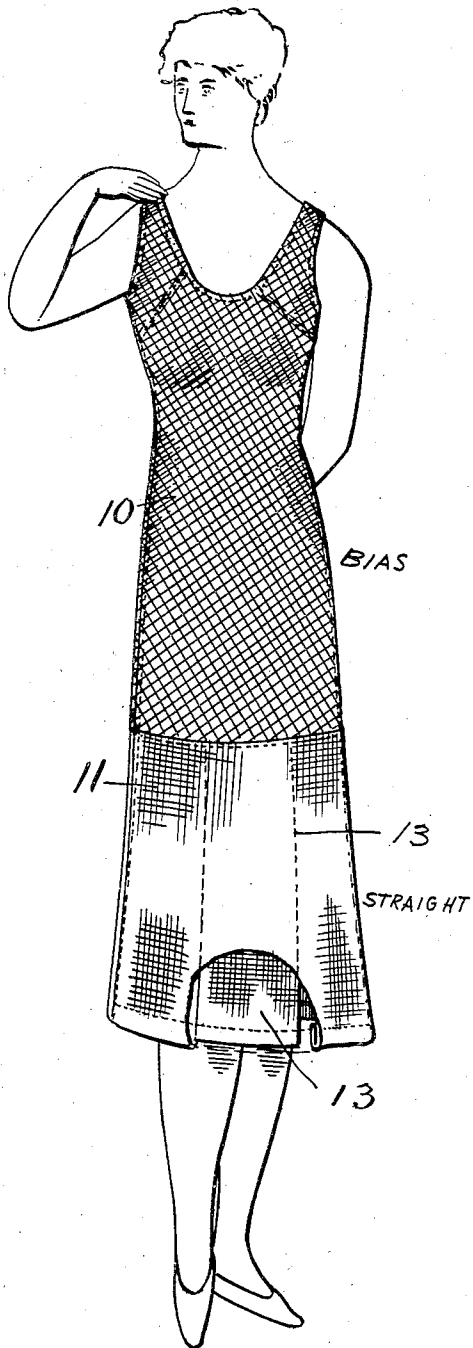
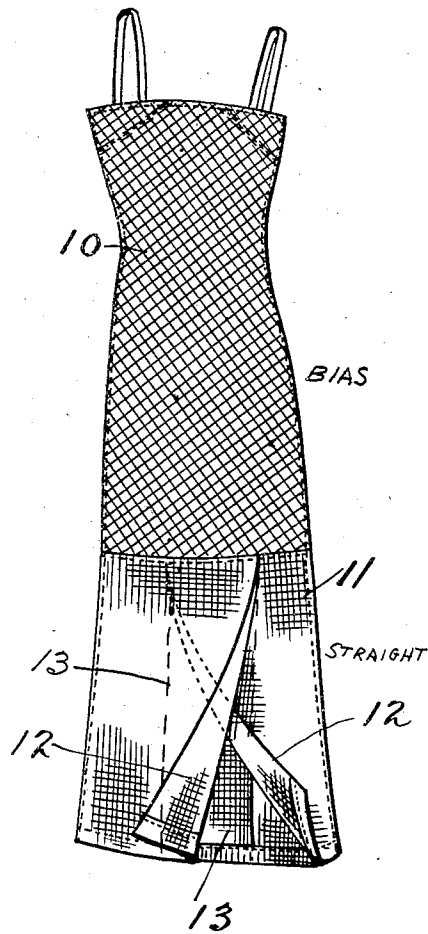


Fig. 2.



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My invention relates to garments or articles of apparel for women and girls, such as slips, which are underwear. One object of my invention is to provide such a garment having a body covering or upper portion and a lower or skirt and leg covering portion which in regard to the upper portion will conform or shape itself to the body of the wearer around bust, waist and hips and which in regard to the skirt portion, will retain its shape, preserving an even hemline or bottom edge and enable shadow-proofing and expansion to accommodate the natural movements of the wearer as in walking, bending, stooping, etc. and which when the wearer is in an upright or standing position automatically contracts or drops back into normal position. Another object of my invention is to provide a construction of the nature just indicated which will be economical of manufacture both in regard to material and labor.

My invention consists in whatever is described by or is included within the terms or scope of the appended claim.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a slip embodying my invention; and

Fig. 2 is a back view thereof but with a different kind of top.

In constructing a garment in accordance with my invention, I use fabric or material cut on the bias because when incorporated in the garment on the bias, it conforms itself automatically, so to speak, to the person or body of the wearer. However, that very property has the drawback that distortion or getting out of shape by stretching may spoil the bottom edge or hemline and cause it to be irregular or uneven. Again, with bias material for the lower or leg-covering skirt portion thereof, it is practically impossible to provide shadow-proofing or for opening or expansion which may be required to accommodate the leg or body movements of the wearer. I do not use material on the bias for the skirt portion of the garment but make the skirt of material on the straight.

Describing in detail what is shown in the drawing, the garment shown is a slip having an upper body or trunk covering portion 10,

of material cut on the bias, this being indicated by the oblique or diagonally extending lines, and a skirt or leg-covering portion 11, that is on the straight of the material. Front and back of the bias body portion are substantially duplicates and are joined by vertical seams at the opposite sides, only; and the skirt is similarly of material on the straight joined only by seams at the sides, with the front continuous from side to side and the back with a slit or placket-effect, that, at the center, includes two overlapping portions 12, free from one another from the top of the skirt, where the latter is joined to the body, to the bottom or hemline of the skirt, as clearly shown in Fig. 2, so that expansion or opening from the leg or other movements of the body of the wearer can readily take place and yet when the wearer stands erect, the flaps will hang or fall vertically one over the other.

For shadow-proofing a strip of cloth or fabric 13, of suitable width is stitched or secured on the inside of the central portion of the front of the skirt and which preferably extends from top to bottom of the skirt.

The top or upper portion of the slip may be the built-up shoulder arrangement shown in Fig. 1, or the straight or bodice top shown in Fig. 2 with simple shoulder straps.

Especially when the contours of the material are as shown in the drawing, a most economical use of material in that there is virtually no waste, is possible, the cutting chart being drawn so that oblique lines will extend across the same for the bias cuts and longitudinal and cross lines will run for the straight cuts, and where small angular or other shaped pieces result, they may be used for the upper or shoulder part of the garment and for shoulder straps.

What I claim is:

An article of apparel comprising an upper body covering part and a skirt part, the upper part being of material set on the bias and the skirt part being of material set straight, the skirt having a vertically extending shadow-proof member of strip form situated at the central portion of the front and the

skirt at the back being divided vertically to provide adjacent normally overlapping free portions that open and close to accommodate the posture of the wearer.

5 In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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