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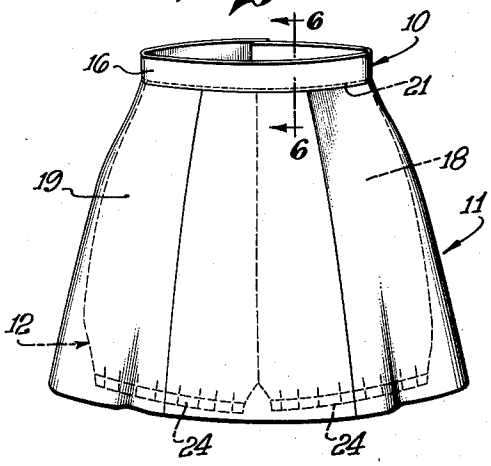


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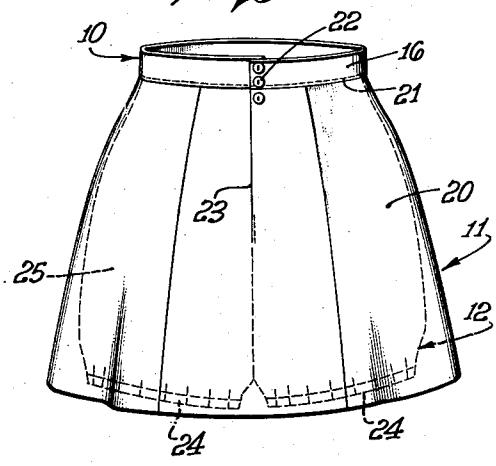


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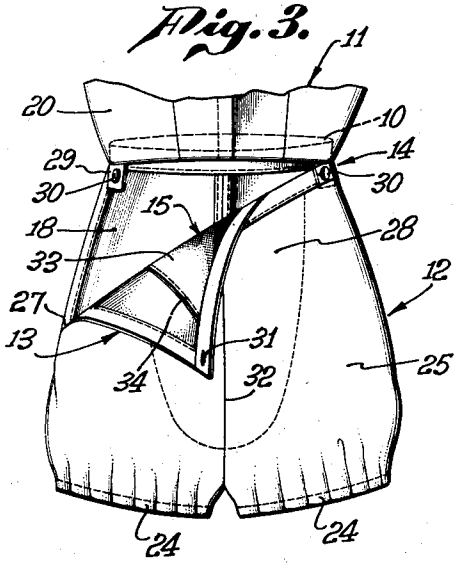


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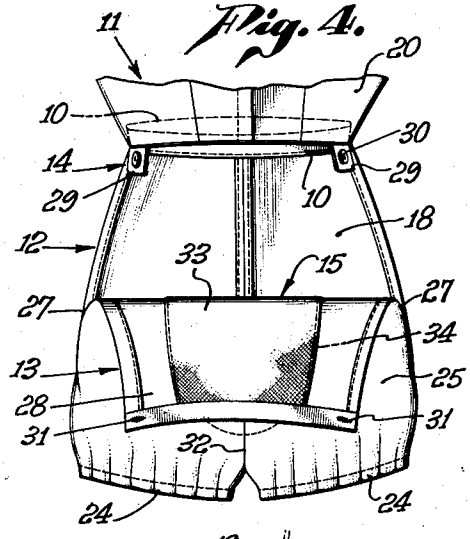


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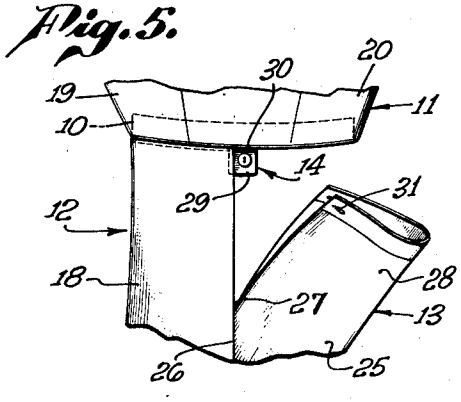
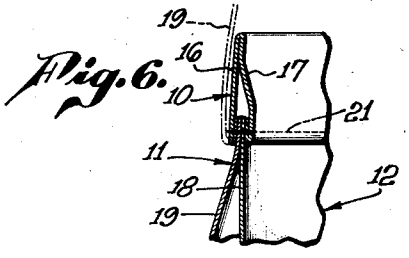


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This invention relates to garments and deals more particularly with a garment combining a skirt and what is known in the trade as panties.

An important object of the present invention is to provide a novel combination garment, especially for feminine play or sport wear, which embodies a relatively short skirt of generally conventional form and drop-back panties, the skirt and panties being connected by a common waist-band.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combination garment of the general type referred to in which the skirt and drop-back panties are sewn together at the front portions thereof, and to the front part of a common waist-band so that the garment retains its position on the body of a wearer under all conditions of use.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combination garment such as indicated, embodying novel means for separably connecting the drop-back portion of the panties to a waist-band.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combination garment which embodies drop-back panties and in which the drop portion of the panties is provided with means obviating binding in the crotch of a wearer.

This invention possesses many other advantages, and has other objects which may be made more easily apparent from a consideration of one embodiment of the invention. For this purpose there is shown a form in the drawings accompanying and forming part of the present specification. This form will now be described in detail, illustrating the general principles of the invention; but it is to be understood that this detailed description is not to be taken in a limiting sense, since the scope of the invention is best defined by the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front view of a combination garment embodying this invention;

Figure 2 is a back view thereof;

Figure 3 is a back view showing the skirt in raised position and broken away, one side of the drop portion of the panties being dropped;

Figure 4 is a similar view showing the drop portion of the panties completely dropped;

Figure 5 is a fragmentary side view showing the skirt raised and the drop part of the panties partly dropped; and

Figure 6 is an enlarged fragmentary cross sectional view as taken on line 6—6 of Figure 1.

The combination garment which is illustrated may be said to comprise a waist-band 10, a skirt

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11 secured to the waist-band and hanging pendant therefrom in a conventional manner, panties 12 having a drop-back 13 and secured to the waist-band 10 only at the front thereof, means 14 for separably connecting the drop-back portion 13 of the panties to the waist-band, and means 15 obviating said drop back portion binding in the crotch of the wearer.

The waist-band 10 is of generally typical form, being made of a doubled back band providing outer and inner layers 16 and 17, respectively, to form a bottom peripheral opening, into which the upper edges of the front part 18 of the panties and both the front 19 and the back 20 of the skirt are placed, to be stitched in place along the seam 21. In a conventional manner, the waist-band 10 is separably open at the back so that the garment can be readily donned and removed. Fastening means such as buttons 22, snap fasteners, or hooks and eyes are provided for securing the waist-band on the body of a wearer.

The skirt 11 also is typically conventional and may be of any suitable length, preferably at least covering the panties 12. A back slit 23 is formed in the skirt in alignment with the opening in the waist-band in a usual manner.

The front 18 of the panties 12 is also of conventional form, with the exception that its upper edge is affixed to the waist-band 10 together with the upper edge of the skirt front 19, by the common line of stitching 21. The leg-engaging portions 24 of the panties may either be gathered as shown, or may be finished off in any suitable manner. The panties 12 are provided with a back 25, which is secured to the panties front 18 along side seams 26, which extend upward from the lower edge of the leg-engaging portions 24 to an intermediate point 27 of the length of the panties. In this manner, the upper portion 28 of the back 25 of the panties, comprises the drop back 13 and is free to be dropped as limited by the seams 26 and the top points thereof 27.

The means 14 for separably connecting the drop-back 13 to the waist-band 10 is shown as comprising tabs 29, each having a button or the like 30 for engagement with button holes 31 provided in the upper free corners of the drop-back 13. Accordingly, the tabs 29 are each secured to the garment at either side thereof and preferably by the line of stitching 21.

The panties are preferably made of fabric, having warp and weft running vertically and horizontally for the purpose of providing a proper fit of the panties. In the usual manner, the

back 25 of the panties is formed with a central seam 32 connecting the left and right side parts of the back 25. Although this structure is conventional, the limited ability of the back 25 to stretch as, for instance, when the wearer is in a sitting position, causes the seam 32 to bind on the person of the wearer in a discomforting manner. To obviate this fault, a panel of fabric 33, comprising the means 15, is stitched as at 34 to the inner side of the back 25 and across the seam 32, and extending downward from the top edge of the drop portion 28 to and including a portion of the crotch of the panties. The warp and weft of the fabric panel 33 is arranged on a bias so that said panel is able to stretch freely vertically and horizontally under tensioning induced by the natural movement and postures assumed by the wearer of the garment. The panel 33, by covering that portion of the seam 32 most likely to bind, prevents discomfort of the wearer from this source.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that a novel combination garment has been provided; that the garment is one suitable for play or sport wear, offering freedom of movement with attending comfort; that the garment need not be essentially disturbed from its position on the wearer when the drop-back is dropped, it merely requiring the elevation of the rear of the skirt to give access to the drop-back fastening means; and that the waist-band can remain in position on the body during manipulation of the drop-back, and, if desired, portions of the skirt may be tucked into said waist-band to free the hands of the wearer.

I claim:

1. In a garment: means forming a waist band adapted to encircle the wearer's waist; means including left and right side parts joined along a central seam extending down the back of the garment from the waist line and through the crotch to form panties, the upper edge of the front portion of the panties being permanently secured to said waist band, the back and front portions of the panties being permanently joined along the respective sides from their lower ends part way only to the waist line to form a drop back; means for detachably securing the upper end of said drop back to said waist band; and a woven fabric panel secured in said garment with the threads of said fabric disposed in bias relation with respect to the weave of said panties, and covering substantially all the rear portion of said seam as well as the crotch portion thereof.

2. In a garment: means forming a waist band adapted to encircle the wearer's waist; means including left and right side parts joined along a central seam extending down the back of the garment from the waist line and through the crotch to form panties, the upper edge of the front portion of the panties being permanently secured to said waist band, the back and front portions of the panties being permanently joined along the respective sides from their lower ends part way only to the waist line to form a drop back; means for detachably securing the upper end of said drop back to said waist band; and a woven fabric panel secured in said garment with the threads of said fabric disposed in bias relation with respect to the weave of said panties, and extending from the waist line to cover the rear and crotch portions of said seam.

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