

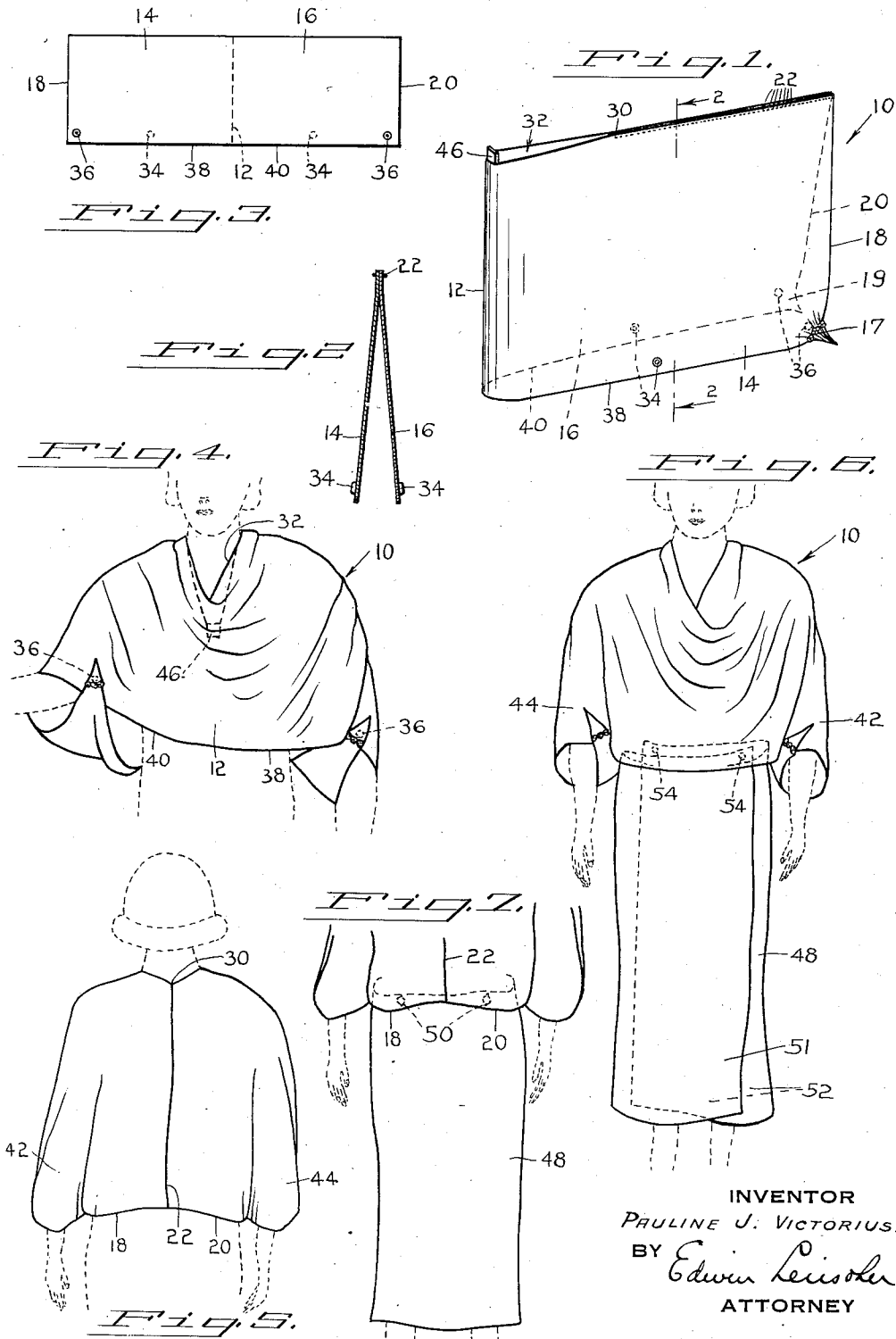
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The present invention relates to wearing apparel and, more particularly, to ladies' garments.

One object of the invention is to provide a jacket or blouse which can be made from a single piece of material without the use of patterns.

Another object is to provide such a jacket or blouse with integral sleeve-like portions.

A further object is to provide such a blouse with a skirt to form a gown or robe.

The above objects of the invention and other objects which might hereinafter appear will best be understood from the following description considered with reference to the accompanying drawing.

Briefly described, the invention consists in forming a garment, such as a dressing jacket, from a rectangular piece of suitable soft and clinging material, such as silk which, when applied to the body of the wearer, will drape along pleasing lines. The present garment is formed by folding a piece of such material of oblong shape along a transverse median line, stitching or otherwise permanently or temporarily uniting the side edges at one side of the layers formed by folding the piece of material, leaving said side edges ununiting for a portion of their lengths, adjacent the line of fold, thereby providing a neck opening, and securing to each layer of the folded piece companion separable fasteners.

The garment thus formed is put on over the head of the wearer and is so positioned that the united side edges are disposed vertically at the back of the wearer and the intermediate portion of the garment, extending between said side edges and the opposite side edges, is disposed at the front of the wearer. After the garment is thus positioned, a portion of each layer is wrapped around the adjacent arm of the wearer and releasably secured in sleeve-like formation by the engagement of the companion separable fasteners. If desired, this jacket formed in accordance with the present invention may be provided with a skirt portion to form a gown or robe.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a garment made according to the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a piece of material from which the garment shown in Fig. 2 may be made;

Fig. 4 is a front view of the garment illustrating its appearance when worn;

Fig. 5 is a rear view of the garment illustrating the appearance of the garment when worn;

Fig. 6 is a front view of the garment having a skirt, illustrating the appearance of the garment when worn;

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary rear view of the garment shown in Fig. 6.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the garment 10 shown in Fig. 1 is made from suitable material, such as silk, by folding a rectangular and preferably oblong piece of such material shown in Fig. 3 along a transverse median line 12, thereby forming two layers 14 and 16 which are united intermediate the length of the piece and terminate in adjacent free end edges 18 and 20, respectively. Said layers are partially united along their side edges by a line of stitching 22 extending from the end edges 18 and 20 to a point 30 spaced from the intermediate folded portion 12, thereby leaving a portion of said side edges adjacent said intermediate portion 12 free from each other to provide a neck opening 32. Each of the layers 14 and 16 is provided with companion separable fastener elements 34 and 36, said fastener elements 34 and 36 being disposed on opposite sides of each layer. Said separable fastener elements may be of any of the several well-known kinds such as buttons and button holes, hooks and eyes, snap fasteners, etc., although separable fasteners of the ball and socket snap fastener type are preferred. As illustrated in Fig. 3, the separable fastener elements may be applied to the piece of material from which the garment is formed prior to the folding and stitching thereof, but it will be understood that said fastener elements may be applied subsequent to the folding and stitching of said piece of material.

The garment illustrated in Fig. 1 is put on over the head of the wearer through the neck opening 32 and is positioned on the body so that the seam 22 is disposed vertically and extends upwardly from the free end edges 18 and 20 with the inner end 30 of the seam positioned at the nape of the wearer's neck. The portion of each of the layers 14 and 16, adjacent the end edges 18 and 20 and the free side edges 38 and 40, respectively, are then wrapped around the wearer's arm and releasably secured in the sleeve-like formations 42 and 44, respectively, by engaging each separable fastener element 36 with its companion fastener element 34. The corner portions 17 and 19 may be gathered for the purpose of ornamentation and may have trimmings secured thereto.

For the purpose of causing the material to drape along pleasing lines at the neck opening 32, a dress weight 46 is secured to the intermediate portion 12 at the front of said neck opening and when the garment is worn, said weight will cause the material adjacent said neck opening to fold or drape inwardly.

As illustrated in Figs. 6 and 7, a skirt 48 may be secured to the jacket 10. For this purpose, the upper edge of the skirt at the rear thereof may be provided with button holes 50 for engagement with buttons provided on the garment 10. The front of the skirt may have overlapping portions 51 and 52 which are provided at their upper edges with button holes 54 for engagement with buttons provided on the jacket 10. Thus, the skirt 48 may be worn with the jacket 10 to form a full length dress or gown or the jacket may be worn without the skirt, in accordance with the wishes of the wearer.

Thus, it is seen that the garments herein shown and described are well adapted to accomplish the several objects of the present invention. More particularly, it will be noticed that a jacket of highly pleasing appearance may be made by a very simple stitching operation and without the use of patterns. It will be observed also that while the jacket includes portions which closely simulate the appearance of sleeves, it is unnecessary to perform any cutting or stitching operations in order to form said sleeve portions. Other features and advantages of the garments are also apparent.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it will be understood that certain changes in the construction will occur to those skilled in the art in view of the present disclosure. Therefore, I do not wish to be limited to the precise embodiments herein shown and described, except as may be required by the appended claims and the prior art.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A garment comprising a piece of suitable material arranged in two layers united intermediate the length of the piece and partially united along side edges of one side of said layers, leaving a portion of said side edges adjacent said intermediate portion free from each other to provide a neck opening, and said ends and the other side edges of the piece being respectively free from each other, and companion separable fastener elements on each of said layers adjacent the edges thereof opposite said partially united edges whereby a portion of each layer may be wrapped around the wearer's arm and releasably secured in sleeve-like formation independently of said partially united edges.

2. A garment comprising a piece of suitable material arranged in two layers united intermediate the length of the piece and partially united along side edges on one side of said layers by a line of stitching extending from the ends of the piece toward said intermediate united portion and terminating short of the latter, leaving a portion of said side edges adjacent said intermediate portion free from each other to provide a neck opening, and said ends and the other side edges of the piece being respectively free from each other, and companion separable fastener elements on each of said layers adjacent the edges thereof opposite said partially united edges whereby a portion of each

layer may be wrapped around the wearer's arm and releasably secured in sleeve-like formation independently of said partially united edges.

3. A garment comprising a piece of suitable material arranged in two layers united intermediate the length of the piece and partially united along side edges of one side of said layers, leaving a portion of said side edges adjacent said intermediate portion free from each other to provide a neck opening, and said ends and the other side edges of the piece being respectively free from each other, a dress weight at the front of said neck opening, and companion separable fastener elements on each of said layers so positioned that a portion of each layer may be wrapped around the wearer's arm and releasably secured in sleeve-like formation.

4. A garment comprising a rectangular piece of material folded along a transverse median line forming two layers terminating in free edges at one end and united at their opposite ends, a line of stitching extending from said free edges and terminating in spaced relation to said opposite end partially joining the side edges of said layers, the unstitched portion of said side edges defining a neck opening for the garment, and means on each layer adjacent the opposite side edge thereof for releasably securing a portion thereof in sleeve-like formation about the wearer's arm independently of said stitched edges.

5. A garment comprising a rectangular piece of material folded along a transverse median line forming two layers terminating in free edges at one end and united at their opposite ends, a line of stitching extending from said free edges and terminating in spaced relation to said opposite end partially joining the side edges of said layers together, the unstitched portion of said side edges defining a neck opening for the garment, a dress weight secured at the front of said neck opening, and means on each layer for releasably securing a portion thereof in sleeve-like formation about the wearer's arm.

6. A garment comprising a rectangular piece of material folded along a transverse median line forming two substantially rectangular layers terminating in free edges at one end and united at their opposite ends, a line of stitching extending at right angles to said line of fold from said free edges and terminating in spaced relation to said opposite end partially joining the side edges of said layers together, the unstitched portion of said side edges defining a neck opening for the garment, and means on each layer at the opposite side edge thereof for releasably securing a portion thereof in sleeve-like formation about the wearer's arm independently of said united edges.

7. A garment comprising an oblong piece of material folded along a transverse median line forming two substantially rectangular layers terminating in free edges at one end and united at their opposite ends, a line of stitching extending at right angles to said line of fold from said free edges and terminating in spaced relation to said opposite end partially joining the side edges of said layers together, the unstitched portion of said side edges defining a neck opening for the garment, said stitched edges being positioned at the wearer's back when the garment is worn, a portion of each layer at said free edges and the side edges opposite said line of stitching being foldable into sleeve-like formation about the wearer's arm, and means for se-

curing each of said foldable portions in said sleeve-like formation at the front of the garment.

5 8. A garment comprising a piece of suitable material arranged in two layers united intermediate the length of the piece and partially united along side edges of one side of said layers, leaving a portion of said side edges adjacent said intermediate portion free from each other to provide a neck opening, and said ends and the other side edges of the piece being respectively free from each other, said united edges being positioned at the wearer's back when the garment is worn, a portion of each layer at 15 the free end and side edge thereof being foldable into sleeve-like formation about the wearer's arm, and companion separable fastener elements on each of said foldable portions for securing the latter in said sleeve-like formations 20 at the front of the garment.

9. A garment comprising a piece of suitable material arranged in two layers united intermediate the length of the piece and partially united along side edges on one side of said layers by a line of stitching extending from the ends 5 of the piece toward said intermediate united portion and terminating short of the latter, leaving a portion of said side edges adjacent said intermediate portion free from each other to provide a neck opening, and said ends and the 10 other side edges of the piece being respectively free from each other, and companion separable fastener elements on each of said layers adjacent said free side edges thereof and positioned on opposite sides thereof so that a portion of 15 each layer may be wrapped around the wearer's arm and releasably secured in sleeve-like formation at the front of the garment independently of said united side edges.

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