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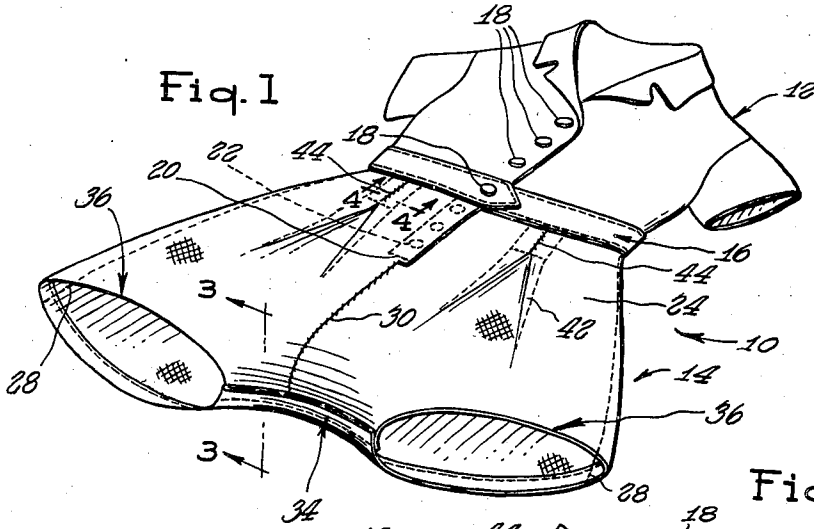


Fig. 1

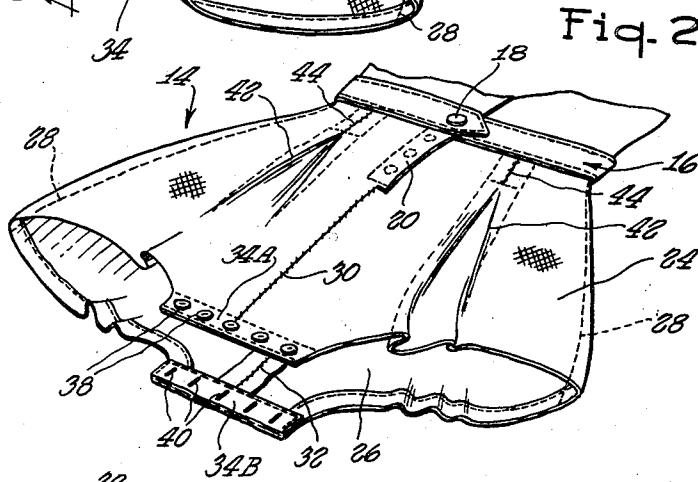


Fig. 2

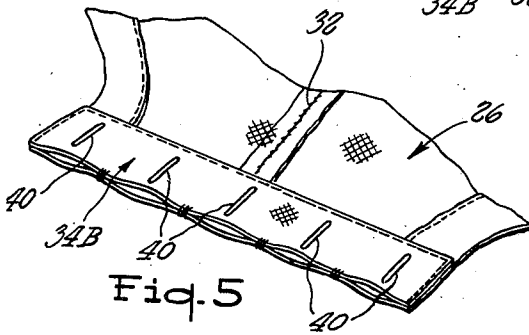


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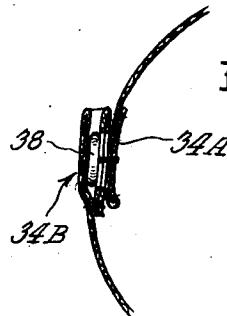


Fig. 3



Fig. 4

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The present invention relates to garments for women and girls and more particularly to garments which are ordinarily characterized as play suits.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a one-piece garment of the above designated type, namely, a garment comprising a waist part and a nether part, in the nature of shorts, having a crotch-like portion which may be readily closed and opened, whereby when the crotch-like part is opened the nether part of the garment may be raised on the wearer in accordance with the latter's needs.

Another object is the provision of a one-piece feminine garment comprising an upper part or waist in unitary relation with a nether part, said garment being so constructed and arranged as to have the appearance of a waist and a pair of shorts.

The above objects of the invention and other objects ancillary thereto will be fully understood from the following description reference being had to the accompanying drawings which are to be considered as illustrative of the invention but not in limitation thereof.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a garment embodying the present invention, the nether part of the garment being spread more or less flatwise for the purpose of illustration;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the lower part of the garment, the crotch-like portion thereof being open;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3-3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4-4 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a view, on a larger scale, of a lower central edge part of the garment.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, the garment 10 embodying the present invention comprises an upper part or waist 12 and a nether part 14 which is united with said waist 12 at the waistline at which a belt like part 16 is provided. The waist 16 may be open at the front and, as here shown, may be releasably closed by separable fastener members here shown as buttons 18 and companion button holes, the belt-like part 16 also being provided at one end thereof with similar or other fastener elements. The front opening extends downwardly continuously from the neck opening of the waist 12 to a suitable point as indicated at 20 located below the waistline and above the lower end of the garment, and a placket 22 is provided in the upper central portion at the

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front of the nether part 14 for releasably closing said portion of the garment below the waistline. It will be understood that when the fasteners 18 and the fasteners in the placket 22 are disengaged from each other, the front of the garment may be opened along a continuous line extending from the neck opening to the aforementioned point 20 so that the garment may be put on and taken off in a convenient way without requiring the garment to be passed over the head in donning and doffing the garment.

The nether part 14 of the garment is cut to provide considerable fullness therein, and as here shown, said nether part comprises the front panel 24 and the back panel 26 which are stitched to each other approximately at the opposite side edges of the garment as indicated at 28. Each of the panels 24 and 26 is preferably formed in two pieces stitched together by the front and rear vertical seams 30 and 32, respectively.

In accordance with the present invention, the nether part 14 of the unitary or one-piece garment 10 is provided with a crotch-like portion 34 at the lower edge of said nether part of the garment, namely, between the thigh or leg encircling parts 36 at the lower edge of the garment. Said crotch-like portion 34 comprises the lower central marginal edge portions 34a and 34b which are constructed and arranged to be releasably fastened to each other. For this purpose said parts 34a and 34b are provided with separable fastener elements here shown as buttons 38 on part 34a and button holes 40 on part 34b, the latter being formed so that the buttons are not visible when parts 34a and 34b are fastened together. It will be understood that when the crotch-like part 34 is closed, the nether part 14 of the garment has the appearance of a pair of shorts, the length of said nether part 14 being of appropriate length for a garment of the shorts type. Also it will be understood, of course, that when parts 34a and 34b of the crotch-like part 34 are detached from each other, by unfastening the separable fastener elements, the nether part of the garment is similar to a skirt so that said nether part can be positioned to suit the wearer's needs. It will be noted that the provision of placket 22 aids in imparting to the garment the appearance of a garment ensemble consisting of a waist and a separate pair of shorts, although the waist part 12 and the nether part 14 are permanently secured together. On the other hand, although the shorts part 14 is permanently fastened to the waist part 12, the shorts part can be raised on the wearer, the crotch portion 34 being unfastened for that

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purpose, in accordance with the wearer's needs, and thereafter refastened.

As indicated above, the garment part 14 is cut with considerable fullness, as indicated by the downward flare of said part of the garment in the substantially flat condition thereof illustrated in the drawings. In order to facilitate the provision of the desired degree of fullness and flare of the nether part 14 downwardly from the waistline of the garment, with a proper fit at the waistline, the front panel 24 is provided with folds 42 disposed at opposite sides of the vertical median line of the garment and extending from the waistline to the bottom of the garment, the upper parts of each of said folds being stitched together as indicated at 44 for a short distance downwardly from the waistline of the garment. The fullness of the nether part 14 of the garment may be such that when the garment is on the wearer and the crotch-like portion 34 is closed, said nether part has the appearance of a skirt.

While we have shown and described the preferred embodiment of our invention it will be understood that various changes in the details of construction and in the style or appearance of the garment may be made without departing from the underlying idea or principles of the invention within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A unitary garment comprising a waist part and a skirt united with each to form a one-piece garment, said skirt flaring downwardly from the waist and the front of said skirt being provided with folds disposed at opposite sides of the vertical median line of the garment and extending downwardly from the waistline of the garment to the bottom thereof, portions of each of said folds being stitched together along a vertical line extending a short distance down from the waistline, the remaining portion of each of said folds being free to expand and contract laterally of the wearer, whereby the garment is fitted at the waistline without impairment of the flare of said skirt, the lower marginal edge portions of said

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skirt having centrally disposed crotch-forming parts at the back and front, respectively, of the garment provided with separable fastening means for releasably securing said crotch-forming parts together, said crotch-forming parts, when unfastened from each other, extending longitudinally of the lower edge of the skirt.

2. A unitary garment comprising a waist part and a skirt united with each to form a one-piece garment, said skirt flaring downwardly from the waist and the front of said skirt being provided with folds disposed at opposite sides of the vertical median line of the garment and extending downwardly from the waistline of the garment to the bottom thereof, portions of each of said folds being stitched together along a vertical line extending a short distance down from the waistline, the remaining portion of each of said folds being free to expand and contract laterally of the wearer, whereby the garment is fitted at the waistline without impairment of the flare of said skirt, the lower marginal edge portions of said skirt having centrally disposed crotch-forming parts at the back and front, respectively, of the garment provided with separable fastening means for releasably securing said crotch-forming parts together, said waist and said skirt having a front opening extending from the neck opening of the waist to a point in the skirt substantially above the bottom thereof but below the stitched portions of said folds.

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