

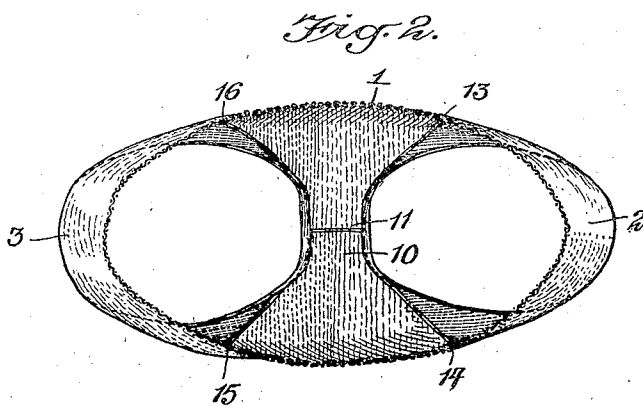
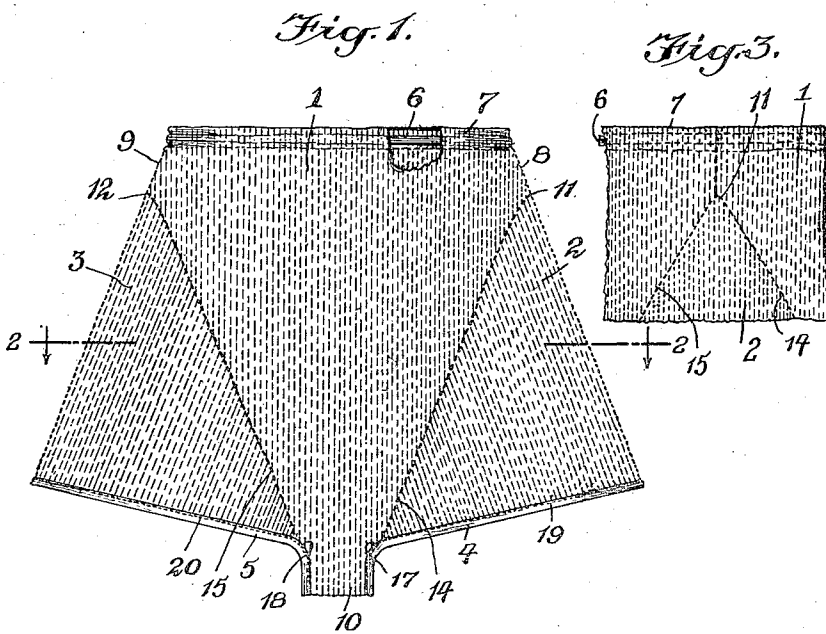
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This invention relates to wearing apparel and particularly to improved bloomers, the object being to provide an improved construction which will properly fit and at the same time be comfortable in various positions, the parts being so formed that the connecting portion at the center of the bottom will slide back and forth as a person bends forwardly and then straightens up.

Another object of the invention is to provide bloomers which may be made of all elastic constricting members or substantially inelastic members, the parts being so formed that the body merges into a connecting crotch strap so constructed and positioned that it will slide as the person wearing the garment bends.

An additional object of the present invention is to provide in bloomers a body portion merged into a crotch strap and leg members extending from a point below the top of the body to the upper end of the crotch strap, whereby the belt portion of the body and the crotch may act independently within certain limits of the legs.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a front view of a pair of bloomers disclosing an embodiment of the invention;

Figure 2 is a sectional view through Figure 1 on the line 2-2;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary side view of the upper part of the garment shown in Figure 1 illustrating how the seams are arranged at and adjacent the hip shoulders.

Referring to the accompanying drawing by numerals, 1 indicates the body of the bloomers, and 2 and 3 the leg members. As shown in the drawing, the body and legs are made from fabric which is elastic circumferentially and almost inelastic longitudinally, which is vertical as shown in the drawing. Being elastic either entirely or partly causes the garment to constrict and mold somewhat the hips and parts of the body adjacent thereto. If desired, only the legs 2 and 3 could be elastic and the body 1 inelastic, or the reverse could be true, though the preferred structure is as shown in the accompanying drawing, wherein all parts are made from the same material except the bindings 4 and 5 and the elastic member 6 at the waistline. The elastic member 6 is arranged in a hem 7 so as to give a decidedly snug fitting action to the garment at this point.

The body 1 when the garment is straightened out flat is substantially triangular shaped and is the same at the front and rear. As shown in the drawing, the body 1 is provided at the upper end with hip shoulders 8 and 9, and at the lower end with a crotch extension 10. Preferably the crotch extension 10 is formed half of the front section and half of the rear section of the body and connected by a suitable line of stitching 11. It will be seen from Figure 1 that the crotch strap

depends appreciably below the remaining part of the garment when the garment is spread out flat. This is to provide extra material at this point which will tend to slide back and forth as a person wearing the garment bends forwardly or backwardly which is done more or less when a person walks. If this strap was not provided but the lower ends of the body 1 were connected at a line substantially at the top of the strap 10, the garment at the rear would be pulled downwardly when the wearer bent forwardly. This would make the garment uncomfortable and more or less undesirable.

It will also be seen that the legs 2 and 3 extend downwardly from the points 11 and 12 which are at the bottom of the hip shoulders 8 and 9, and the legs extend down to the bottom of the garment except for the strap, which strap 10 is really substantially horizontal and substantially in the same plane as the bindings 5 and 6 when the garment is in use. It will readily be seen from Figure 2 that the legs 3 and 4 are substantially U-shaped in cross section and are connected by seams 13, 14, 15 and 16 to the body 1.

From Figure 1 it will be noted that the bindings 4 and 5 bend at the points 17 and 18, said bending being in such a way that the respective lines of stitching 19 and 20 may be made without stopping the sewing machine or removing the garment from the machine.

When the garment is in use the bottom edge of the seam along the bindings 4 and 5 will be almost horizontal, and the strap 10 will be also almost horizontal, but when laid out flat the parts will be as shown in Figure 1 with the strap 10 projecting below the lower end of the garment proper. However, the strap 10 with the legs 2 and 3 and part of the front and back form tubular leg structures, as illustrated in Figure 2, so that the garment cannot ride up but will snugly fit the person wearing it and produce a somewhat molding and rounding effect without discomfort, as the strap 10 moves back and forth and thereby prevents any strain either on the front or back to cause the same to move downwardly from the waistline.

We claim:

Bloomers comprising a body having a tubular cone shaped portion at the top with the small end on top merging into front and rear triangular shaped portions with the larger end uppermost, a pair of legs arcuate in cross section connected to said triangular shaped portions, said front and rear triangular shaped portions merging into a crotch strap extending below the legs.

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