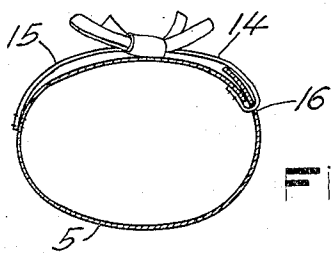
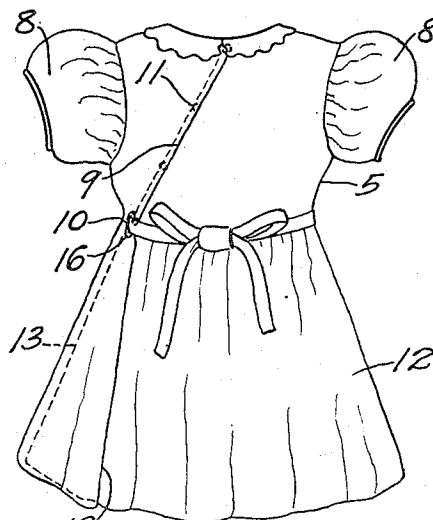
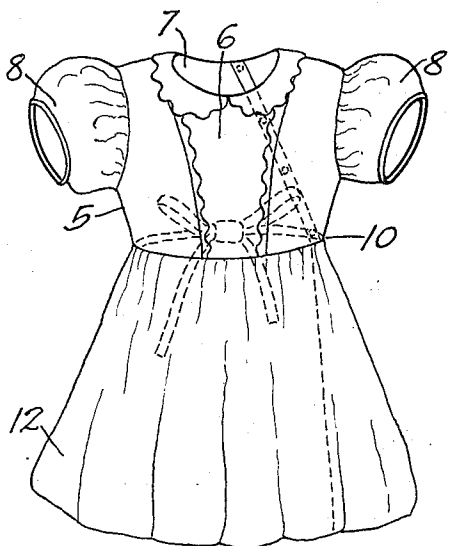
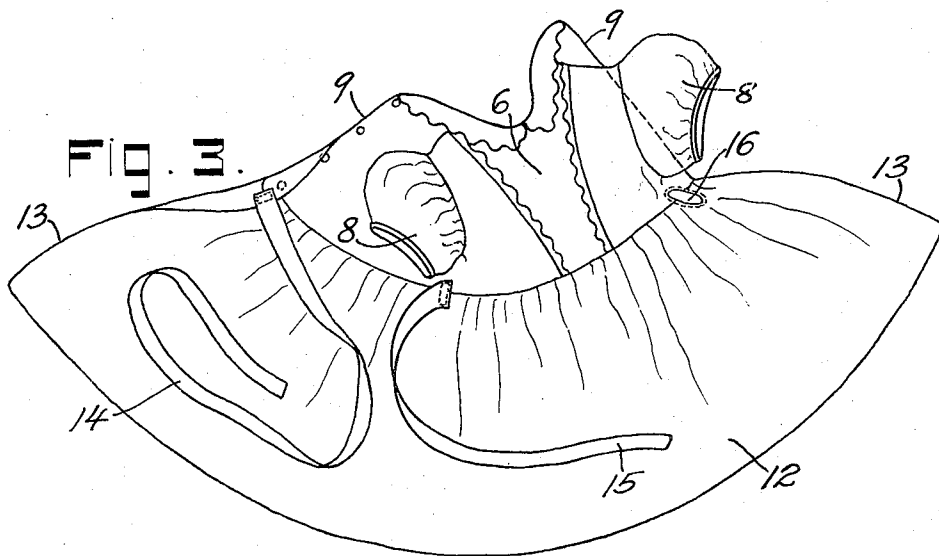


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1 This invention relates to improvements in feminine garments for personal wear and more particularly to garments of the wrap-around type for children.

The invention has for an object the construction of a wrap-around child's dress which may be put on and removed with ease and which, when worn, has the appearance of a regular dress front garment comprising waist and skirt portions.

The invention has for another object the construction of a wrap-around child's dress which overlaps, in the rear of the waist portion thereof, along a diagonal line extending from the rear of the neck portion at the upper end of the waist to the side of the garment at the belt line at the lower end of the waist, and along the same side of the garment from the belt line for the full length of the skirt portion.

With these objects in view, together with others which may appear in the following description, a preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a preferred form of completed garment embodying the invention,

Figure 2 is a rear elevational view of the garment shown in Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a plan view of the outside of the garment shown in Figures 1 and 2, with the garment in spread out condition, and

Figure 4 is a horizontal cross sectional view of the garment taken just above the belt line thereof.

In carrying out the invention, we provide a dress garment especially for children and having combined waist and skirt portions which preferably are made up of separate pieces stitched together to form a single one-piece wrap-around garment. By making the dress of separate pieces stitched together, the resultant wrap-around garment has the appearance, when worn, of the usual slipover type of child's dress so far as the styling thereof is concerned. In the particular style shown, which may be varied according to the will of the designer, the waist 5 is provided with the decorated front panel 6, the decorated neck opening 7 at the upper end thereof, and the sleeves 8, 8. It will be obvious that the sleeves may be eliminated if desired and the waist provided with suitable openings in lieu thereof to receive the arms of the wearer of the garment. The rear of the waist portion has the two overlapping edge portions 9, 9 which

2 extend diagonally from the center of the rear of the neck opening 7 at the upper end of the waist to one side of the garment at the gathered belt line 10 at the lower end of the waist. Suitable means, such as buttons, snaps, a zipper or the like, shown at 11, may be used to secure the overlapping edge portions 9, 9 to each other to form a closed waist.

The skirt portion 12, which may be formed of one or more pieces, according to the styling thereof, is preferably secured to the waist portion 5 along the gathered belt line 10 and has the overlapping side edge portion areas 13, 13 which extend vertically in the skirt in continuation of the overlapping line of the edges 9, 9 in the waist. Suitable tapes 14 and 15 are suitably secured, as by stitching, to the dress at the belt line 10, see Figure 3, the tape 14 being secured at the left hand edge of the dress blank and the tape 15 being secured at a spaced distance therefrom at a point approximately beneath the sleeve closest to the point of attachment of the tape 14. It will be seen from Figure 4 that the tapes 14 and 15 are secured to the belt line of the dress at points which are positioned on opposite sides thereof directly beneath the sleeves, when the dress is worn. When the dress is worn, the tape 14, which is secured at one edge of the dress blank, is passed through the opening 16 formed in the belt line of the dress blank closely adjacent to the opposite edge thereof and is then turned back toward the back of the dress and the back of the wearer thereof, see Figure 4, where the tapes 14 and 15 are tied in a bow knot to thus hold the overlapped portions 13, 13 of the skirt in place and to hold the dress securely in place on the person of the wearer thereof, the overlap of the edge areas 13, 13 is sufficient so that in all normal uses of the dress there is no danger of unsightly openings taking place.

It will be obvious that we have provided a wrap-around child's dress garment having the usual dress styling and which is very easy to put on and take off. Furthermore due to the one-piece flat construction, the laundering and the ironing of the garment will be greatly simplified.

To place the dress on a child, the garment is held up open with the free edges spaced apart as shown in Figure 1, and the arms of the wearer are thrust through the sleeves. The dress is then wrapped around the child and the waist overlapping edges closed upon each other by means of the fastening members 11, then the

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tape 14 is placed through the opening 16, turned rearwardly and tied in a bow knot with the tape 15, which has also been turned rearwardly, in the rear of the wearer thus causing the overlapping edges 13, 13 of the skirt to fall into place and at the same time holding the dress securely in place on the person of the wearer.

We claim:

1. A wrap-around garment comprising a one-piece structure combining waist and skirt portions joined together at a belt line, said waist portion having arm and neck openings and having a pair of terminal edge portions in the rear thereof extending diagonally from the rear of the neck opening at the top of the waist to one side of the waist at the lower end thereof at the belt line, said edge portions uniformly overlapping each other sufficiently to be fastened together to form a rear diagonally extending closure for said waist, said skirt portion having vertically extending overlapping edge areas extending from the belt line to the bottom of the skirt in continuation respectively of the waist overlapping edges and tapes secured to the garment at the belt line to encircle the rear thereof and to maintain the skirt in overlapped relation and to maintain the garment in place with the front portion of the dress belt line smooth and flat on the person of the wearer regardless of the length of the remaining portion of the belt-line.

2. A child's wrap-around garment having a dress front comprising a one-piece structure combining waist and skirt portions each made up of one or more separate pieces stitched together and joined to each other at a gathered belt line, said waist portion having arm and neck openings and having a pair of terminal edge portions in the rear thereof extending diagonally from the center rear of the neck opening to one

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side of the waist at the belt line, said edge portions uniformly overlapping each other just enough to be fastened together to form a rear diagonally extending closure for said waist, said skirt portion having overlapping edge areas extending vertically from the belt line to the bottom of the skirt in continuation respectively of the corresponding waist overlapping edges, an opening in the belt line closely adjacent to that edge of the garment which is beneath a sleeve thereof, and two tapes secured to the garment at the belt line thereof, one tape being secured closely adjacent to the opposite edge of the garment and being adapted to pass through said opening and the other tape being secured approximately midway between the said edges beneath the other sleeve, said tapes encircling the rear of the waist to maintain the skirt in overlapped relation and to maintain the garment in position with that portion of the dress belt line at the front thereof between said opening and the point of said other tape fastening smooth and flat on the person of the wearer regardless of the length of the remaining portion of the belt line.

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