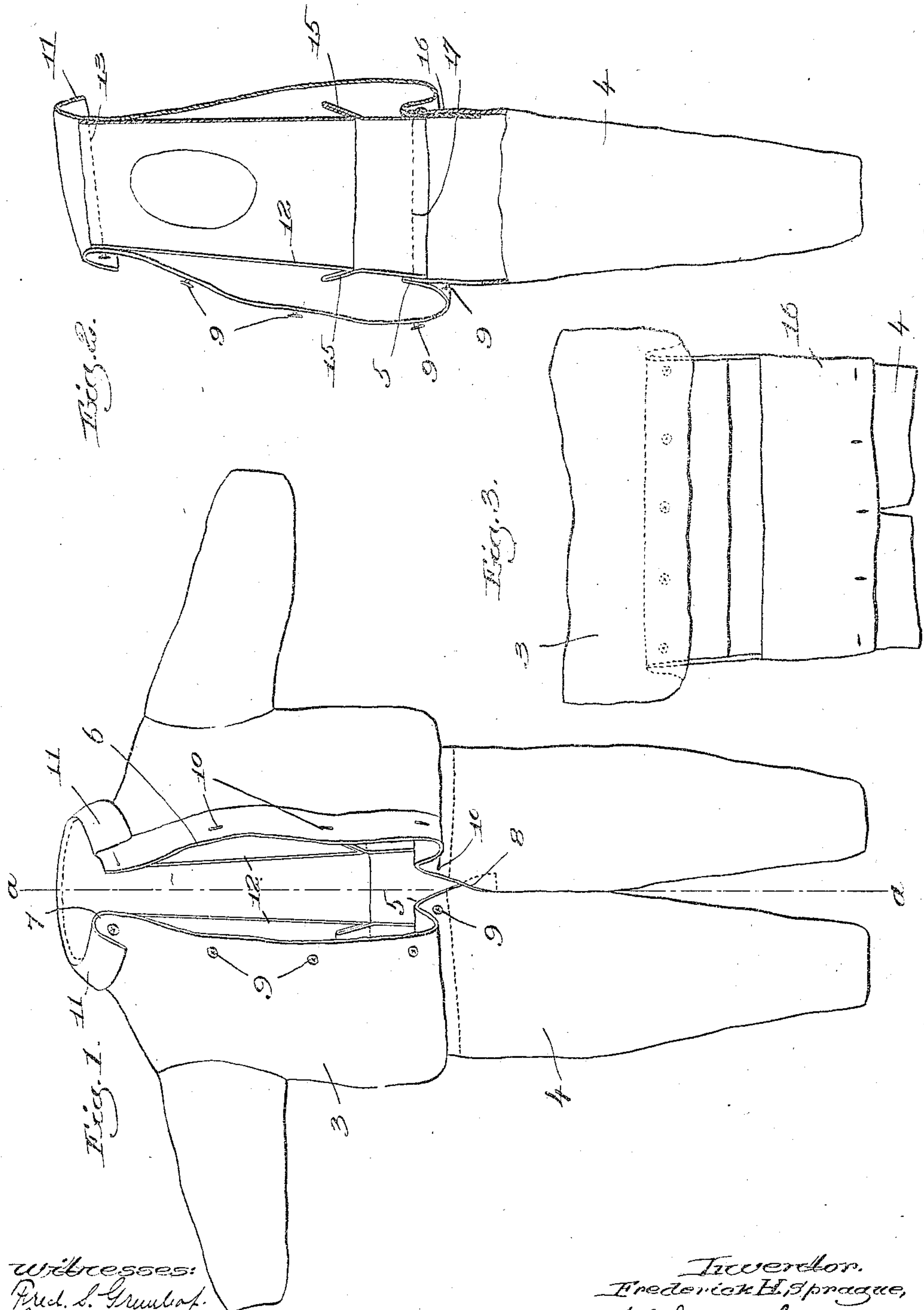


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK H. SPRAGUE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Orange, in the county of Franklin and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Children's Garments, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a specification, like letters on the drawing representing like parts.

This invention relates to one-piece children's garments, such as are commonly known as "play suits." These garments comprise a waist portion and a trousers or pants portion which are connected together, and heretofore they have always been made with the waist portion opening down the back and with the pants portion provided in the back with a flap which could be buttoned to the waist portion. The making of the waist portion with the opening in the back necessitates dividing the collar in the back, and in order that the collar may have the proper appearance in front it is necessary to make the collar in two pieces, so as to produce the desired separated flaps at the front thereof. Moreover, where the waist opens in the back, it is not only difficult for a child to dress itself, but a suit thus constructed does not give the appearance of a shirt-waist suit.

One of the objects of my present invention is to provide a novel play suit wherein the waist opens in the front, instead of in the back, and the advantage of this construction is that the collar can be made in one piece, as in an ordinary shirt-waist suit, and when on, the waist portion of the suit has all the appearance of a shirt-waist and is much more dressy than the ordinary play suit where the waist portion opens in the back. I have also embodied in this invention a novel construction of lining for the purpose of blousing the waist, which lining is made extensible so that it can be lengthened or shortened to fit the child who is wearing it.

In the drawings, wherein I have shown one embodiment of my invention, Figure 1 is a front view of a play suit embodying my invention, showing the waist partly open; Fig. 2 is a section on the line *a-a*, Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a rear view showing the rear flap open.

The garment comprises the waist portion 3 and the trouser portion 4, these two portions being secured together at the waist-band 5. The waist portion is open at the

front; as at 6, from the neck 7 to the waist-band 5, and the trouser portion is also open at the front from the waist-band to a point 8 somewhat below the waist-band so that the entire front of the garment may be opened from the neck to the point 8 below the waist-band. The open front of the garment is provided with the usual buttons and button-holes 9 and 10 by which it may be buttoned, one of these buttons preferably being located on the trouser portion directly below the waist-band. The making of the opening 6 in the front of the waist instead of in the rear thereof permits me to make the collar 11 in one piece, which is a decided advantage from the point of economy. The waist portion is provided with a lining member 12 which is sewed to the neck of the garment at 13, and is also sewed to the waist-band thereof at 17. This lining member, however, is free and unattached from the waist portion at other parts.

The lining is made shorter than the material of the waist portion so that the weight of the trousers is sustained by the lining, and the waist will blouse, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. This securing of the desired blouse effect by means of the lining has the advantage that the weight of the garment is evenly distributed on the shoulders of the wearer, and all necessity for straps or tapes for securing the blouse effect are avoided.

I prefer to make the lining extensible so that the garment may be readily made to fit children of different sizes. As one simple way of securing this end, I provide the lining with a tuck 15 which extends horizontally around the latter from one edge of the opening 6 to the other. If it is found that the lining is too short, so that the garment is too short waisted, the tuck 15 may be let out and a smaller tuck taken, or said tuck may be completely let out, as desired, thus lengthening the waist of the garment. With such an arrangement of lining it is possible to adapt the garment to a rapidly growing child in a way which is not possible with play suits as ordinarily made.

When a garment having the features above described is on a child, the waist has all the appearance of a shirt-waist, and the garment is thus a much more desirable one than a play suit in which the waist buttons up in the back. The object in carrying the opening in front below the waist line and into the trouser portion is to provide ample room for a child to

get into and out of the suit while dressing and undressing. The trouser portion of the suit is made with the usual flap 16 at the rear, which is provided with button-holes to
 5 button on to buttons sewed on to the bottom of the waist portion at the rear.

A suit embodying my invention thus has many advantages over the ordinary play suit, some of which are enumerated above.

10 Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A child's outer garment comprising a connected waist portion and trouser portion,
 15 said waist portion being provided with a waist band and being open from the neck to the waist band, and the trouser portion also being open at the front from the waist band to a point below the latter, said waist portion
 20 having a lining which is secured thereto at the neck and at the waist band but is free therefrom at other points, and said trouser portion having a rear flap adapted to button onto the rear of the waist portion.

25 2. A garment comprising a connected waist portion and trouser portion, and an

extensible lining for the waist portion which is sewed thereto at the neck and at the waist-band, and which is shorter than the waist, whereby a blouse effect of the latter is pro- 30
 duced.

3. A child's outer garment comprising a connected waist portion and trouser portion, said waist portion having a waist band, and a lining for the waist portion which is sewed 35
 thereto at the neck and at the waist band, said waist and lining being open at the front from the neck to the waist band, and the trouser portion being open at the front from the waist band to a point below the latter, 40
 said lining having a tuck extending from one edge of the opening therein around to the other edge thereof and being shorter than the waist whereby a blouse effect of the latter is produced. 45

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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