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Fig. 3.

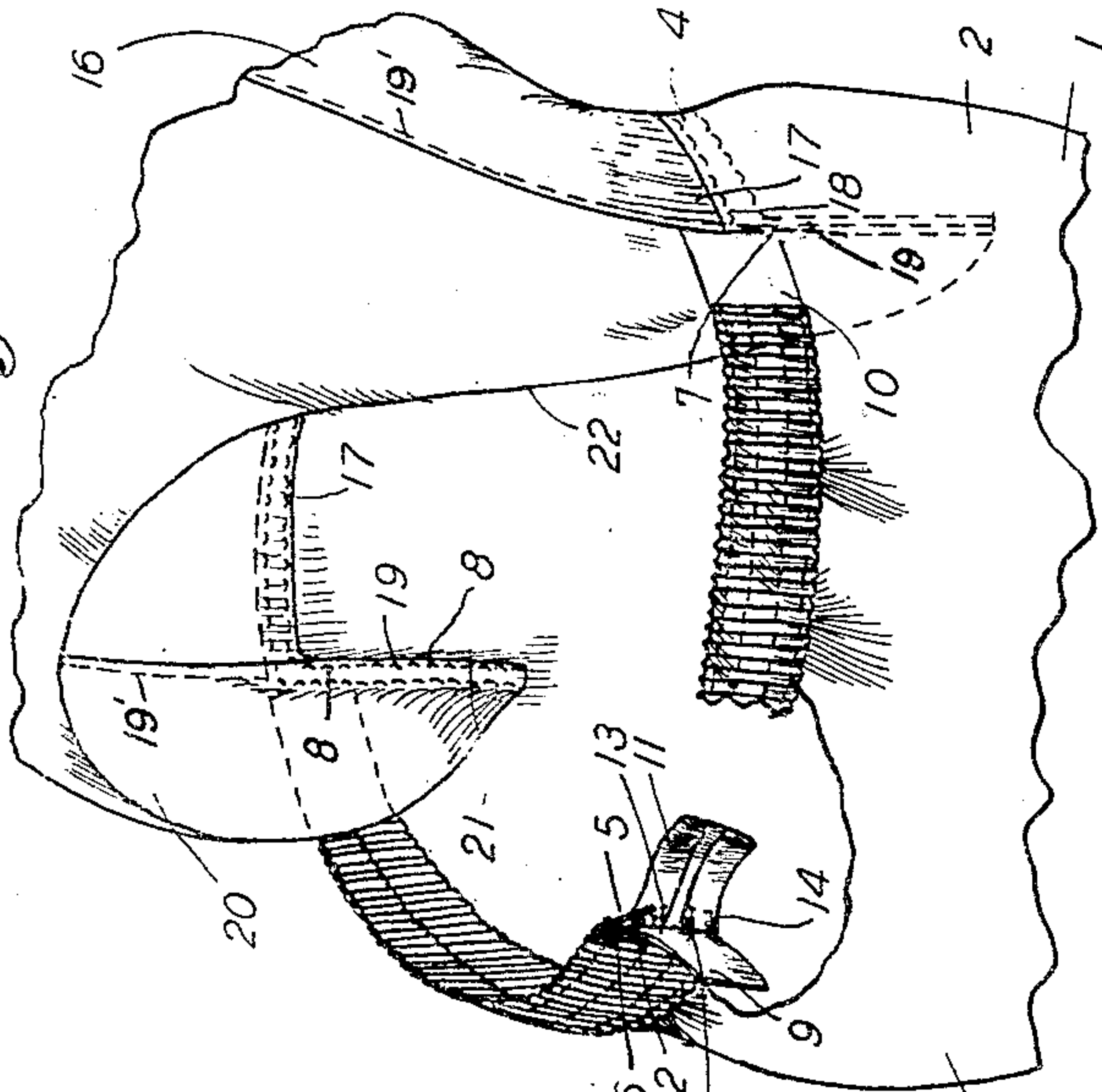


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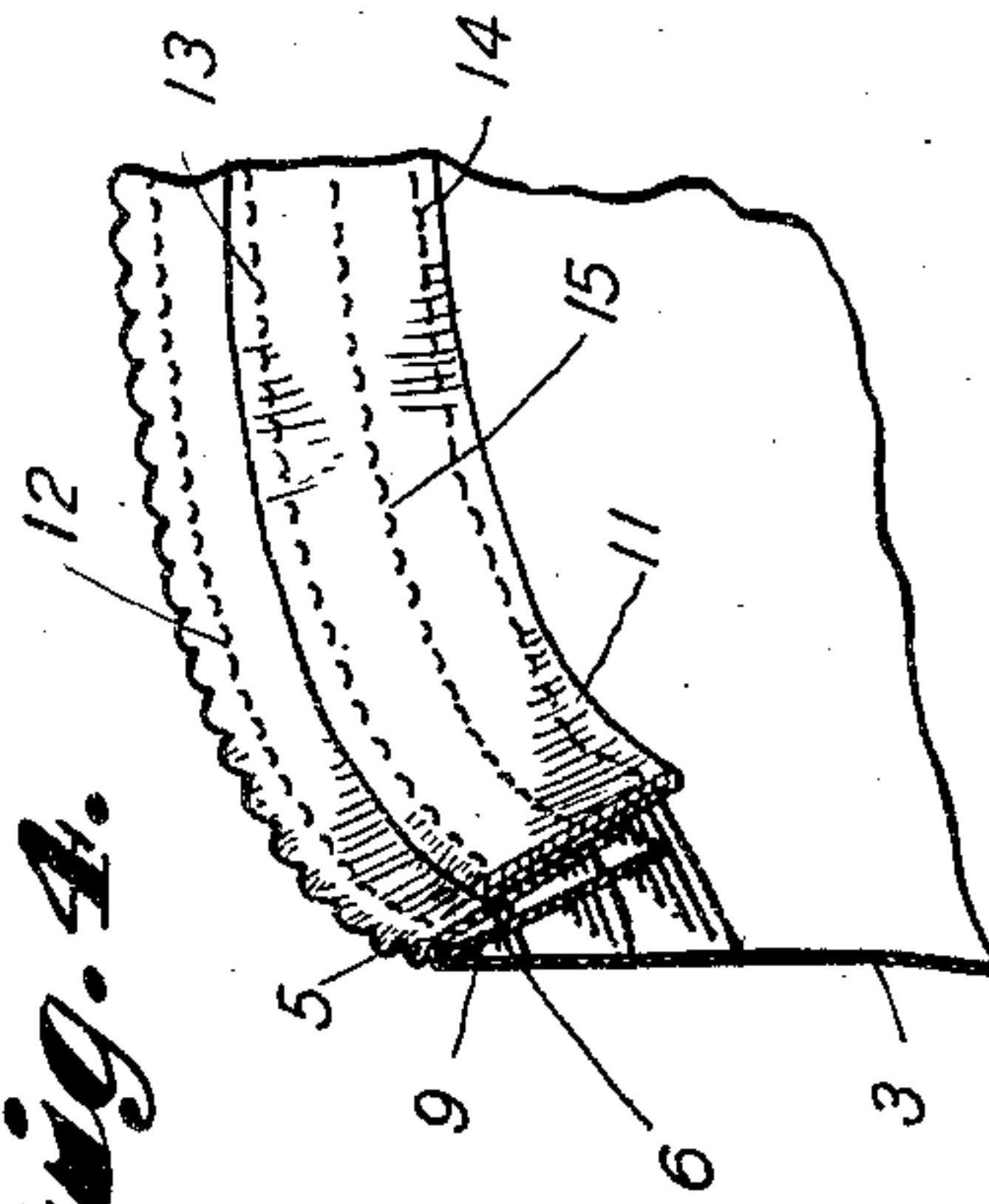


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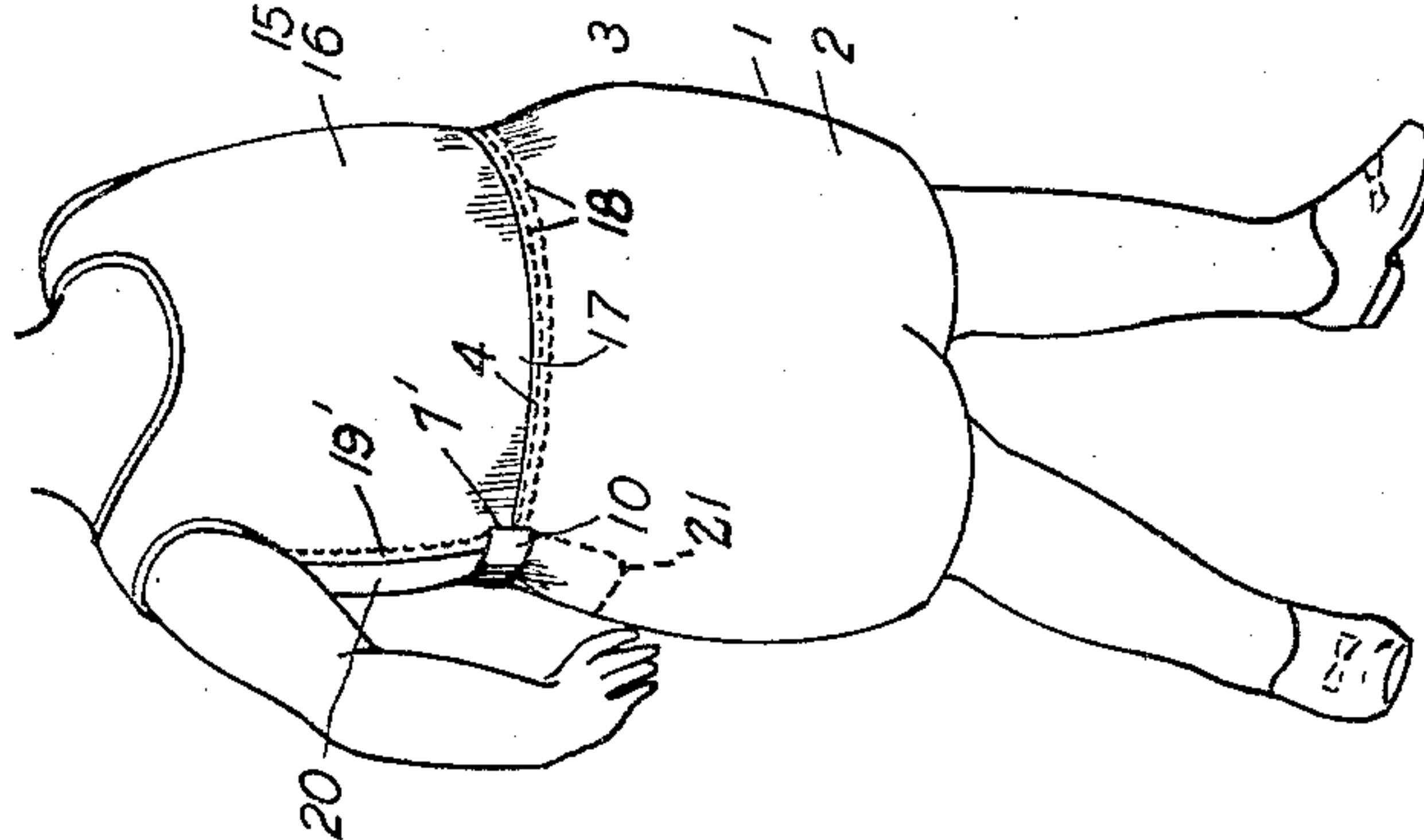
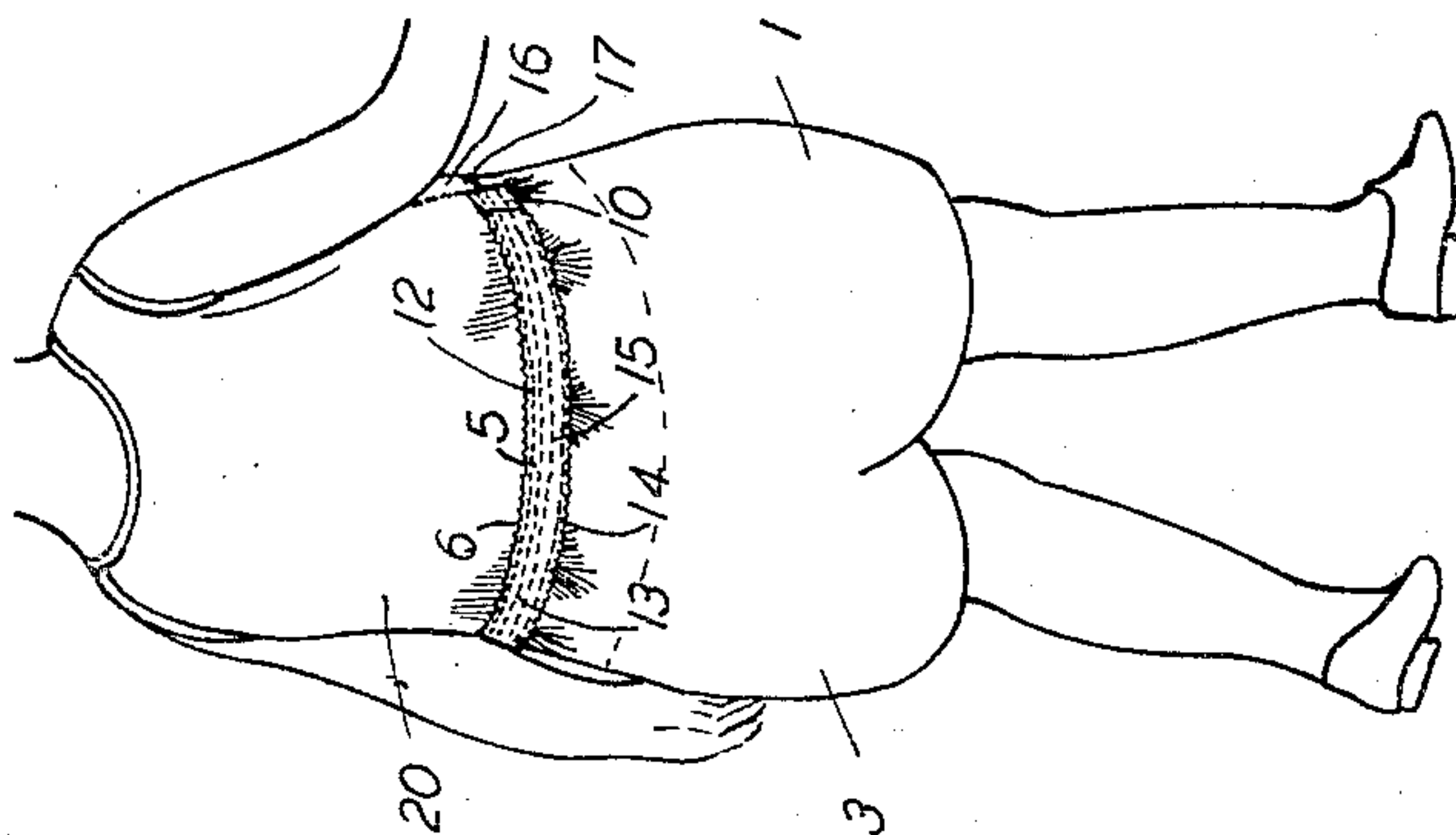


Fig. 1.



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My invention relates to garments, and more particularly to blouses and bloomers of children's wearing apparel.

A blouse and a pair of bloomers usually comprise separate garments, adapted to be fastened together by buttons or the like for supporting the bloomers from the blouse, and the back of the blouse must be unbuttoned by the wearer or a helper to afford a back opening, and permit a portion of the bloomers to be let down. Should back portions of the blouse and bloomers be left unfastened, the bloomers will sag, the lower edge of the blouse will creep, and the back of the child will be exposed. The bloomers are usually adapted to be supported by a blouse to avoid use of an uncomfortable and possibly harmful constricting inelastic or elastic waist band on the bloomers which would surround and engage the child's body with sufficient pressure to support the bloomers, and which would permit the lower portions of the blouse to creep and wrinkle.

My invention therefore has for its principal objects to provide a unitary garment including blouse and bloomer portions, to effect retention of blouse and bloomer portions in proper position while being worn without the use of fastening means or harmfully constrictive bands, and to facilitate separation and reassembly of back portions of a blouse and bloomers, whereby a unitary garment may fit a child comfortably and the parts will be securely supported in proper position for wear, and the child may easily manipulate the garment to form a back opening and restore the parts of the garment to proper position for wear.

In accomplishing these and other objects of the invention, I have provided improved details of structure, the preferred forms of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view from the rear of a child wearing a garment constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is a front view of the same.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary detail perspective view of the garment, illustrating a blouse flap in open position, a bloomer

waist line portion being partly broken away, displaced, and shown fragmentarily to better illustrate construction.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail perspective view partly in section of an upper edge portion of the bloomer portion of the garment, the members being partly disassembled.

Referring in detail to the drawing:

1 designates a pair of bloomers or pants including front and back members 2 and 3 and having a closed continuous circular waist encircling upper edge portion including a relatively narrow hem 4 formed by turning the upper edge of the front member, and a hem 5 formed by folding the upper edge portion 6 of the back member inwardly on a line spaced above the folded edge of the hem 4 to form offsets 7' and vertical hem end edge portions 7 at the junctures of the hems.

The bloomers may consist of any number of pieces of material and are preferably formed to provide vertical edges at the upper ends of the bloomer members. The vertical edges of the front member overlie the outer faces of the bloomer back member at the vertical edges thereof and are attached thereto by stitching 8 defining vertical side seam positions.

Mounted in the recess between the body of the back member 3 and the portion 6 thereof forming the back there is an elastic strip 9 shorter than the hem 5 and having an upper edge adjacent the fold edge of the hem, and a lower edge adjacent the raw edge thereof, the ends of the strip being spaced slightly from the ends of the back hem 5 to leave spacing sections 10. A tape 11 having inwardly folded edges is mounted on the inwardly presented face of the hem portion 5 having an upper edge spaced from the fold edge of the hem and projecting below the lower edge of the hem portion 5. A line of stitching 12 adjacent the fold edge attaches the elastic strip to the body and portion 6 of the back member. Lines of stitching 13 and 15 extend through the folded portions of the tape, portion 6, elastic strip and body of the back member to secure the same together, and a line of stitching 14 located below the

lower edge of the elastic strip and portion 6 secures the lower edge portion of the tape to the body of the back bloomer member.

The stitches above referred to are applied while the elastic strip is tensioned and the hem 5 is preferably made longer than the width of the back section of the blouse later described, whereby the stitched portions of the hem 5 and tape and adjacent portions of the back member of the bloomers, are wrinkled when the strip is relaxed.

A waist or blouse secured to the bloomers to form a unit, includes a front member 16 of substantially the same width as the front member of the bloomers and having a vertically relatively narrow lower edge portion 17 overlapping the inner face of the hem 4 and attached thereto by lines of stitching 18, and vertical edge portions underlying the outer faces of the offset end portions 7' of the hem 5 and attached thereto by lines of stitching 19.

The blouse further includes a back member 20 having materially greater length than the front member to form downwardly extending vertical edges 21 and lying inside the front member and bloomers. The vertical edge portions 21 are attached to the bloomers and front waist member respectively by downwardly continued portions of the stitches 8 and the lines of stitching 19, and to the front waist member by upward continuations of said lines of stitching 19, thus defining side seam positions in the bloomers and forming side seams 19' in the blouse.

The back member of the blouse is thus attached only at vertical edges on median lines on the sides of the garment, whereby a flap 22 is formed adapted to be freely movable into and out of the bloomers, and having a lower horizontal edge normally parallel with the plane of the waist line.

The garment above described thus comprises a unit including a blouse and bloomers having a front member supported by the blouse when worn, the relatively short elastic portion at the bloomer waist line, engaging the body of the wearer, serving to retain the back member of the bloomers in proper alignment with the waist line of the front member but having relatively small constricting effect on the body.

The flap portion of the blouse is normally retained in depending position to cover the buttocks of the wearer, both because of the anchoring function of the downwardly extending vertical edge portions attached to the bloomers, and because of the binding effect of the elastic waist element.

The wearer may easily withdraw the flap portion of the blouse from the bloomers, and stretch the elastic element for letting down the back member, and may then restore the back member and flap to normal position.

While I have used the term "bloomers"

throughout the specification in describing the lower portion of the garment, it is to be understood that pants portions can be substituted therefor as the equivalent to the term "bloomers".

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A garment comprising bloomers including front and back members having substantially aligned upper edges and vertical edges defining side seams of said bloomers, and a blouse comprising a front member having a lower edge attached to the upper edge of the front member of the bloomers and a back member having a lower edge portion depending below the upper edge of the back member of the bloomers and anchored to said side seams.

2. A garment comprising front and back bloomer sections having substantially aligned upper edges provided with hems, stitching connecting said hems to form side seams, an elastic strip in the hem of the back bloomer section, a front blouse section having a lower edge attached to the hem of the bloomer front section, a back blouse section including an upper portion having vertical side edges located substantially in alignment with said side seams and connected to the front blouse section, a lower portion having vertical side edges extending a substantial distance along the bloomers in alignment with said side seams, and means securing said side edges of the lower portion of the back blouse section to the bloomers.

3. A garment including a front portion having waist and pant sections, a back pant section united with the front pant section to form a pant portion of the garment and having a free upper edge provided with a hem, an elastic strip in said hem, means at the waist line of said front portion connected with said hem to form a continuous waist band around the garment, a back waist section including a lower end portion depending into the back pant section, and having vertical edges registering substantially with the median side lines of the pant portion of the garment, and means securing said vertical edges of the depending portion of the back waist section to the pant portion of the garment.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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