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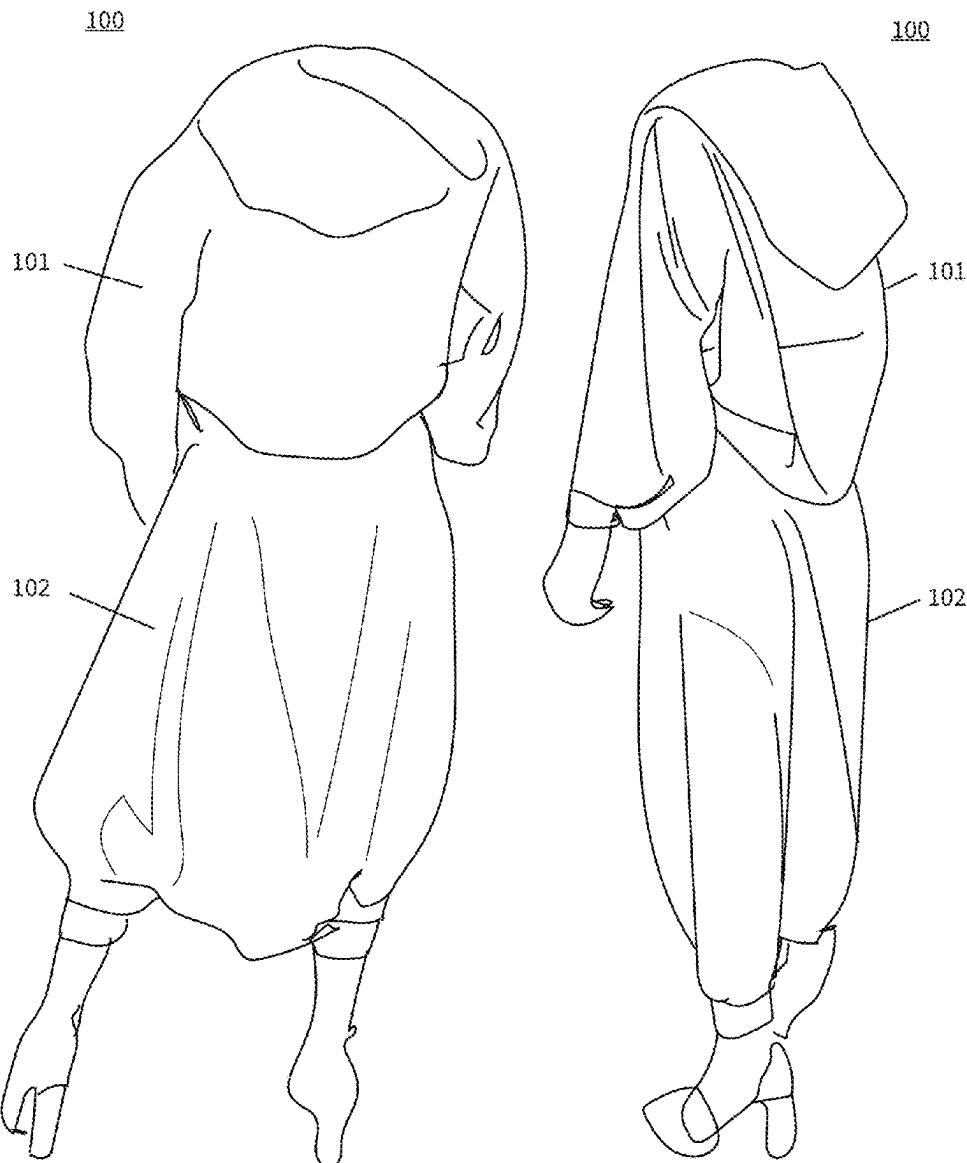
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A convertible garment has a convertible top garment and a convertible bottom garment. The top garment has a substantially rectangular body with one or more connecting features located along its top and bottom edges so that the top garment can be converted from a first, substantially flat state to a second, wearable state. The top garment may further include a removable hood and an inner pocket sized to substantially receive the removable hood and/or the entirety of the top garment. The convertible bottom garment includes a body portion formed of material that tapers from a substantially skirt-shaped garment to a pant by the leg openings. Adjustable cuffs at each leg opening allow the bottom garment to be converted from a skirt-shaped state to a pants-shaped state.



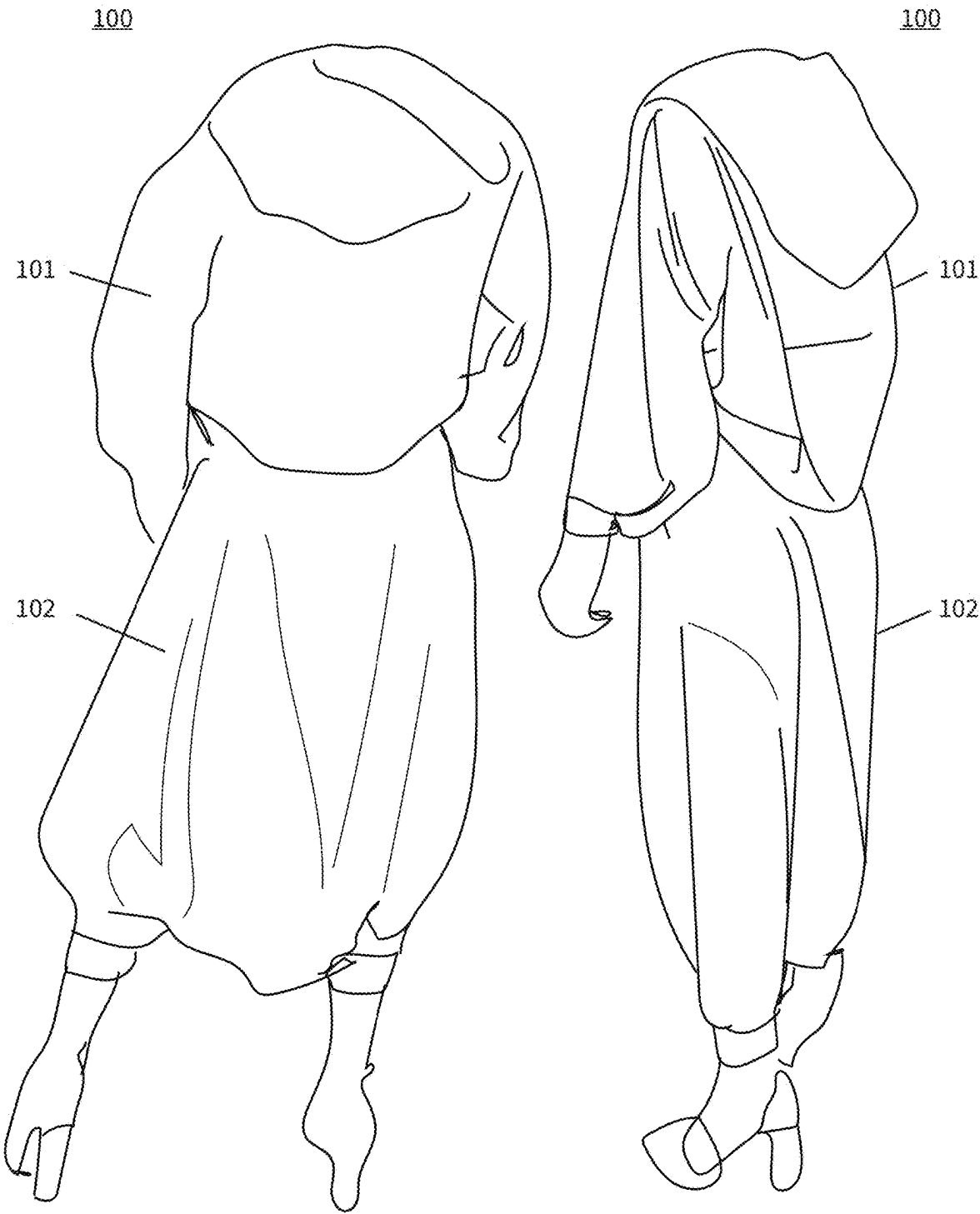


FIG. 1A

FIG. 1B

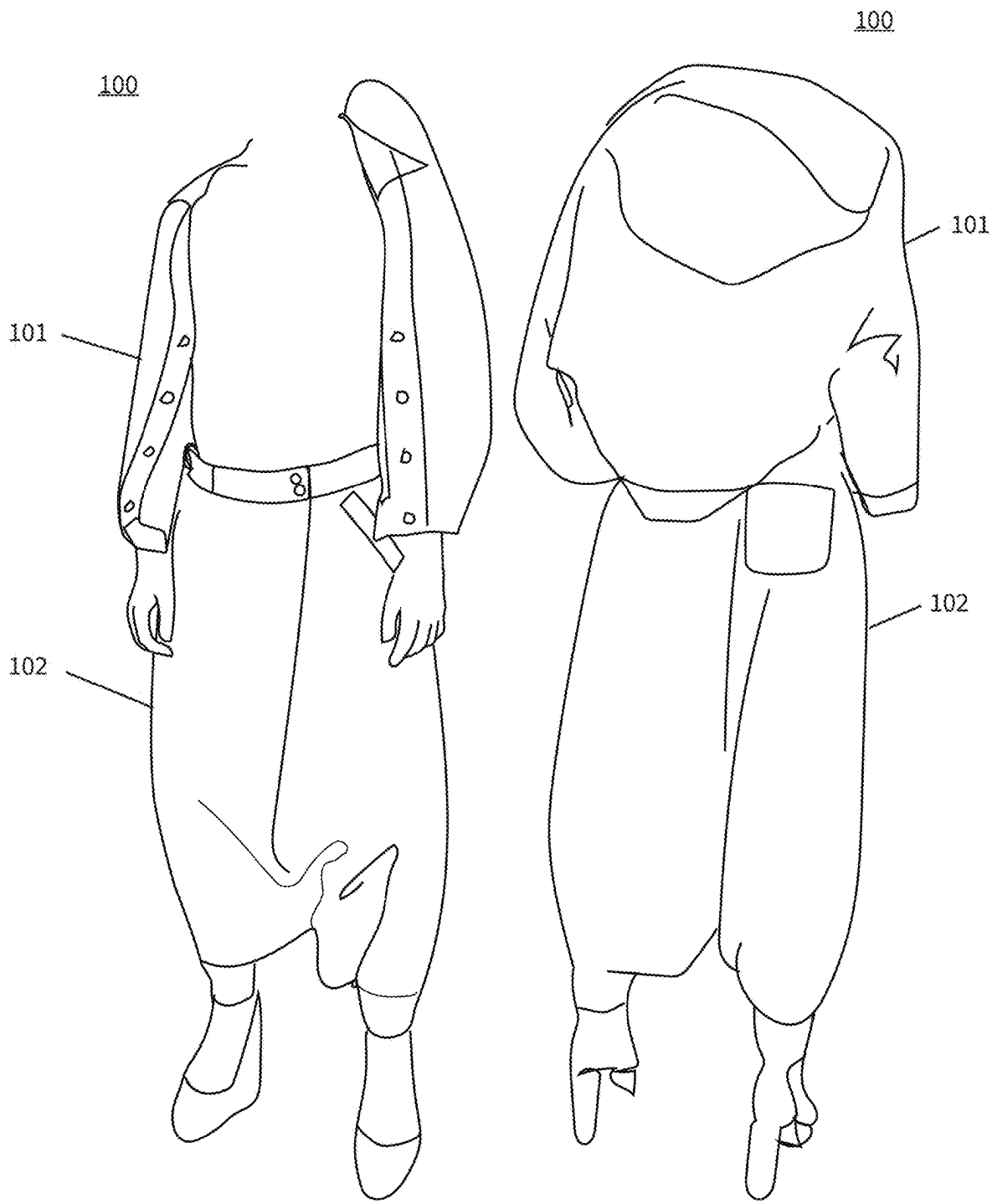
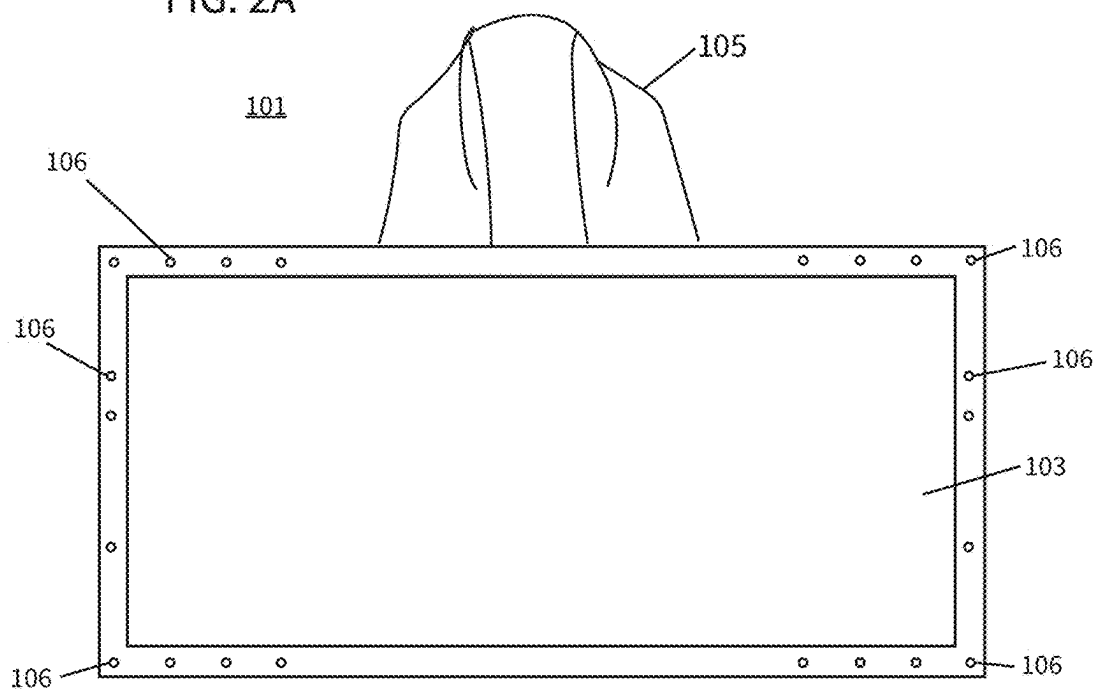
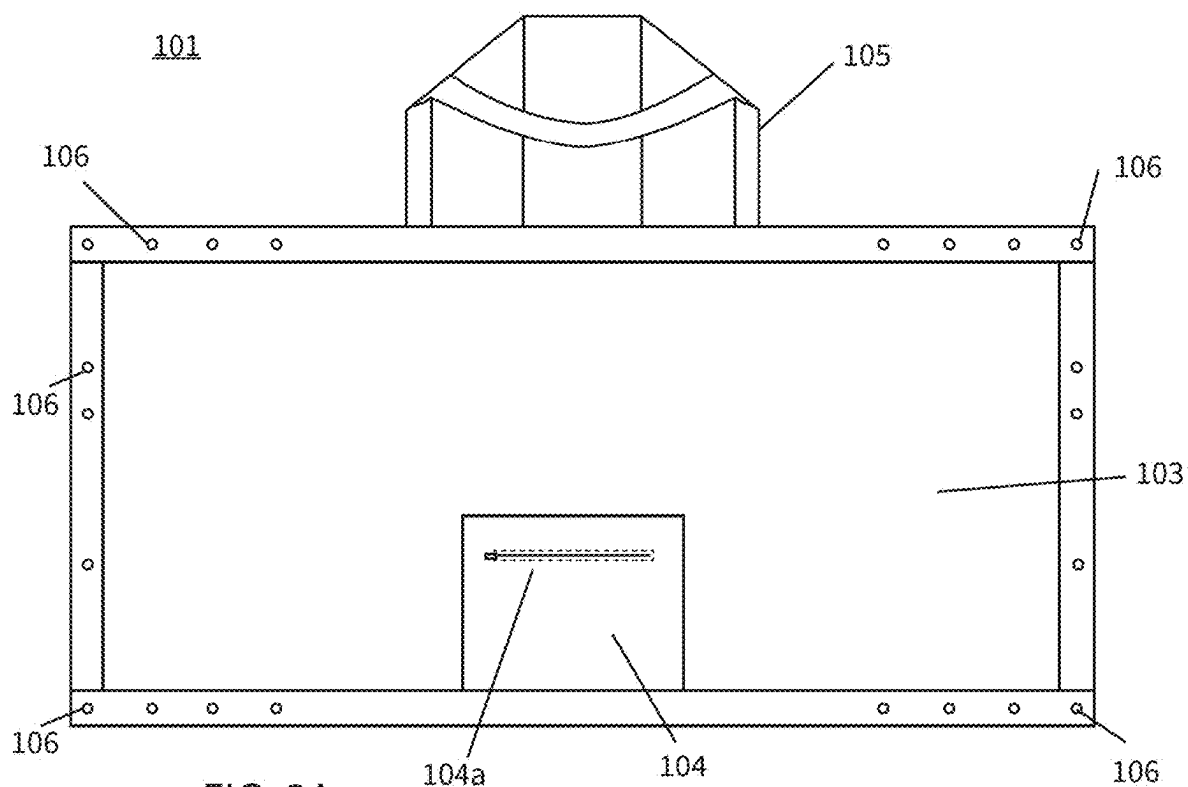


FIG. 1C

FIG. 1D



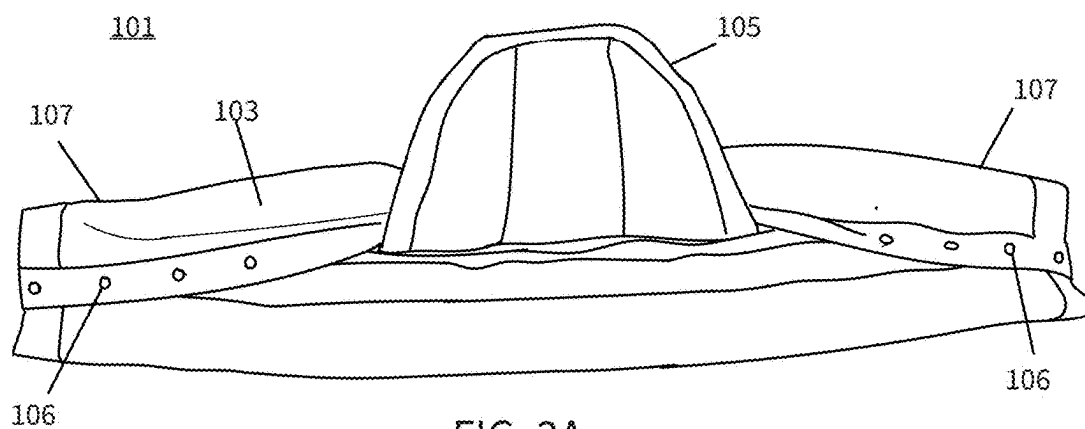


FIG. 3A

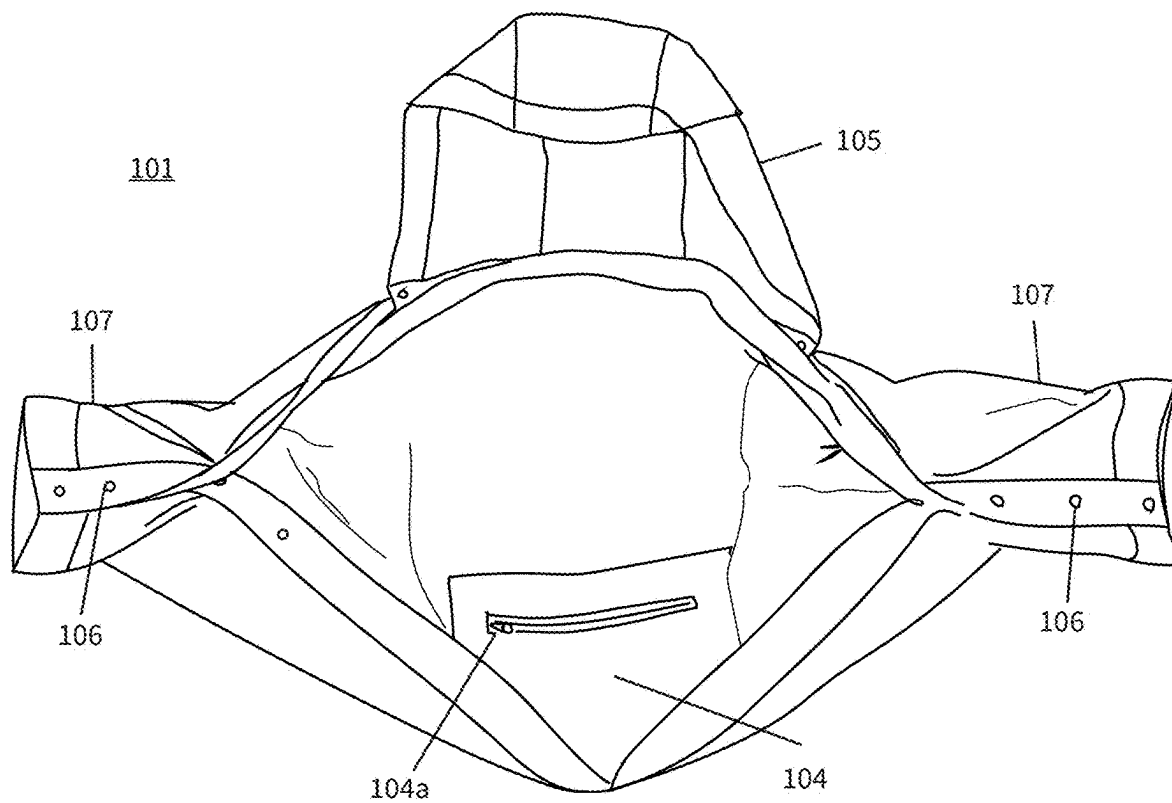


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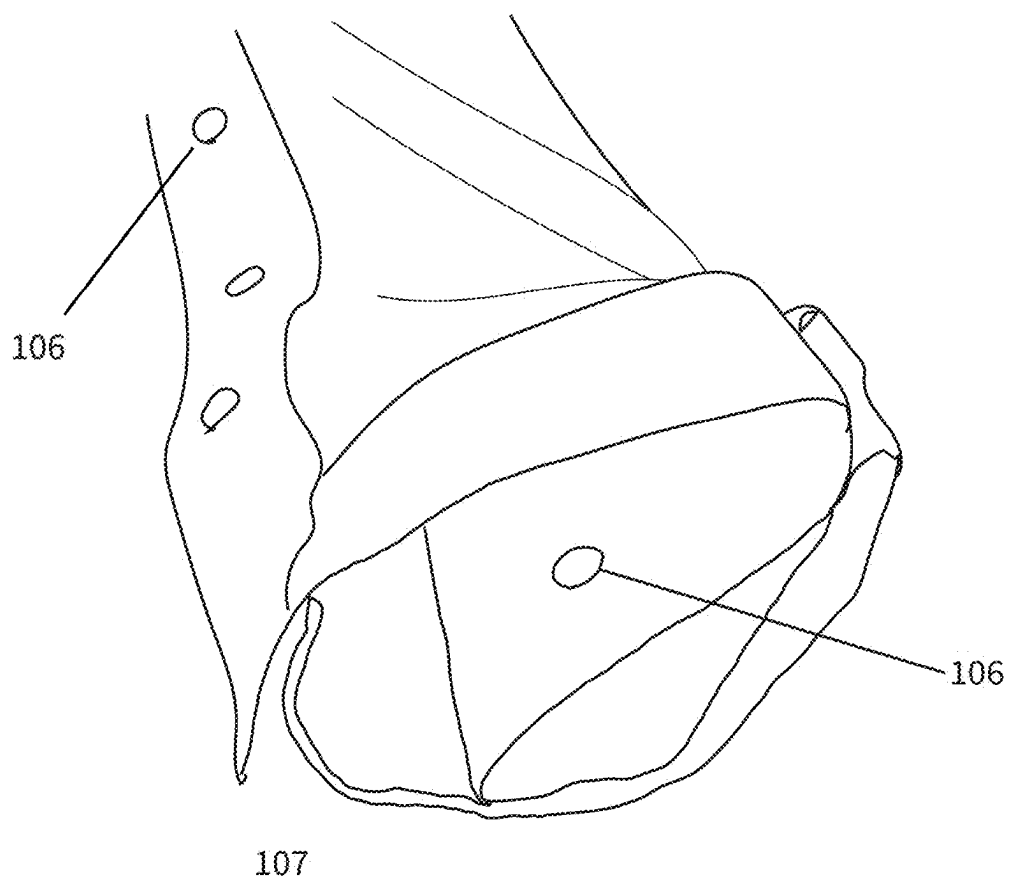


FIG. 3C

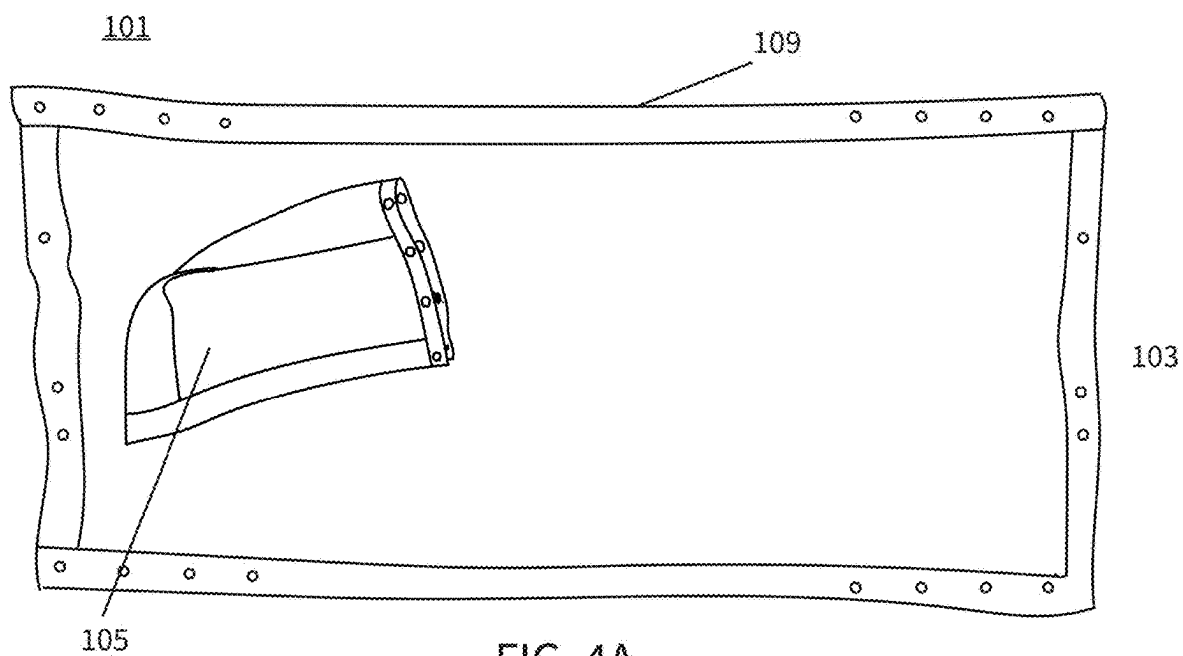


FIG. 4A

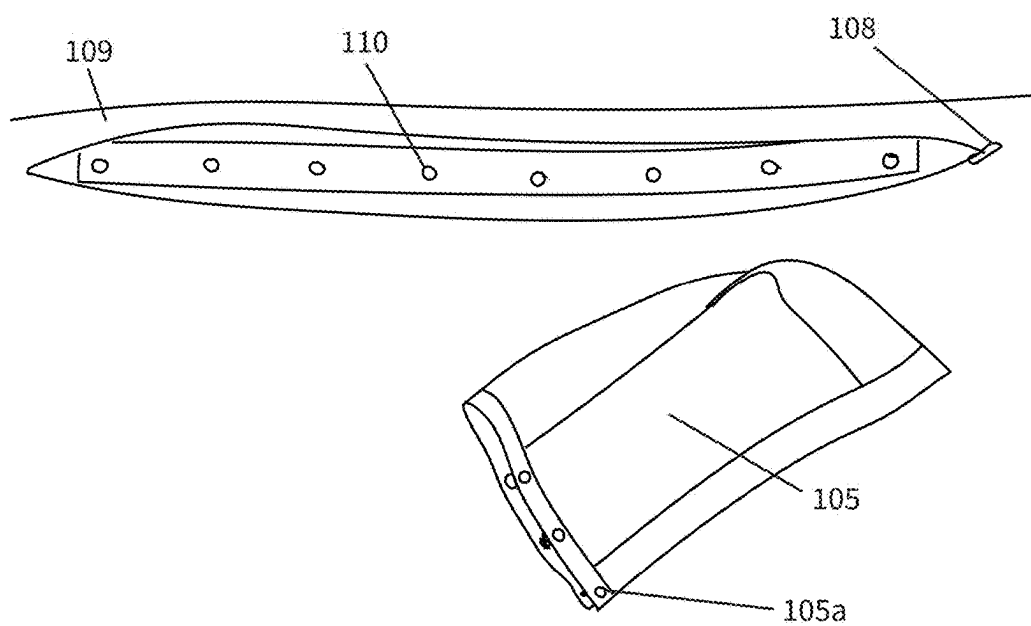


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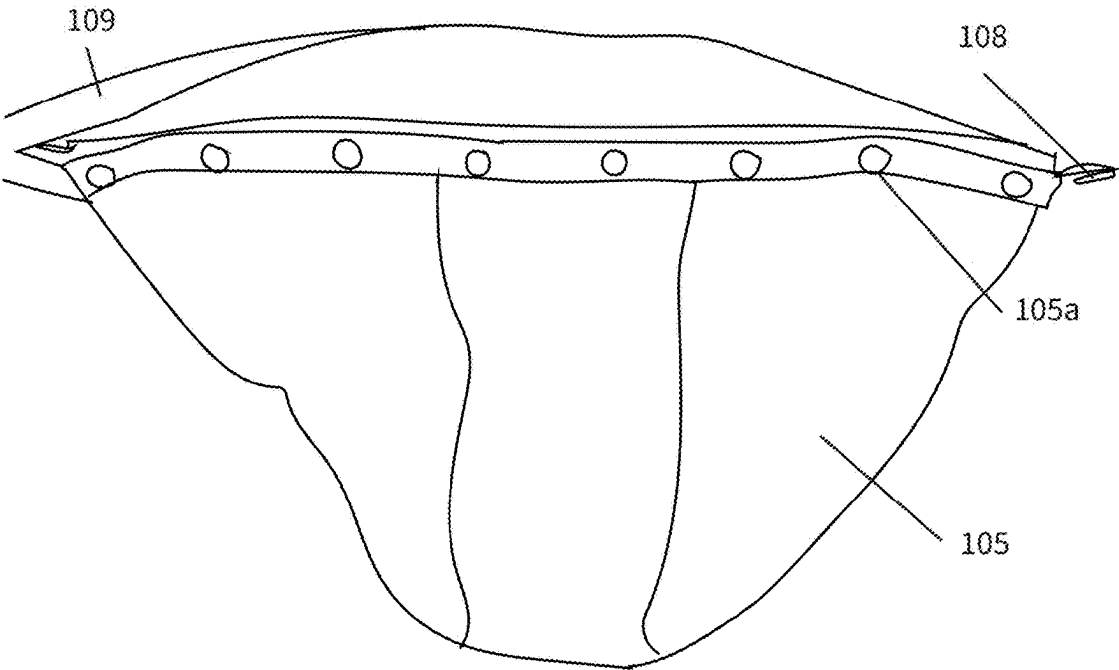


FIG. 4C

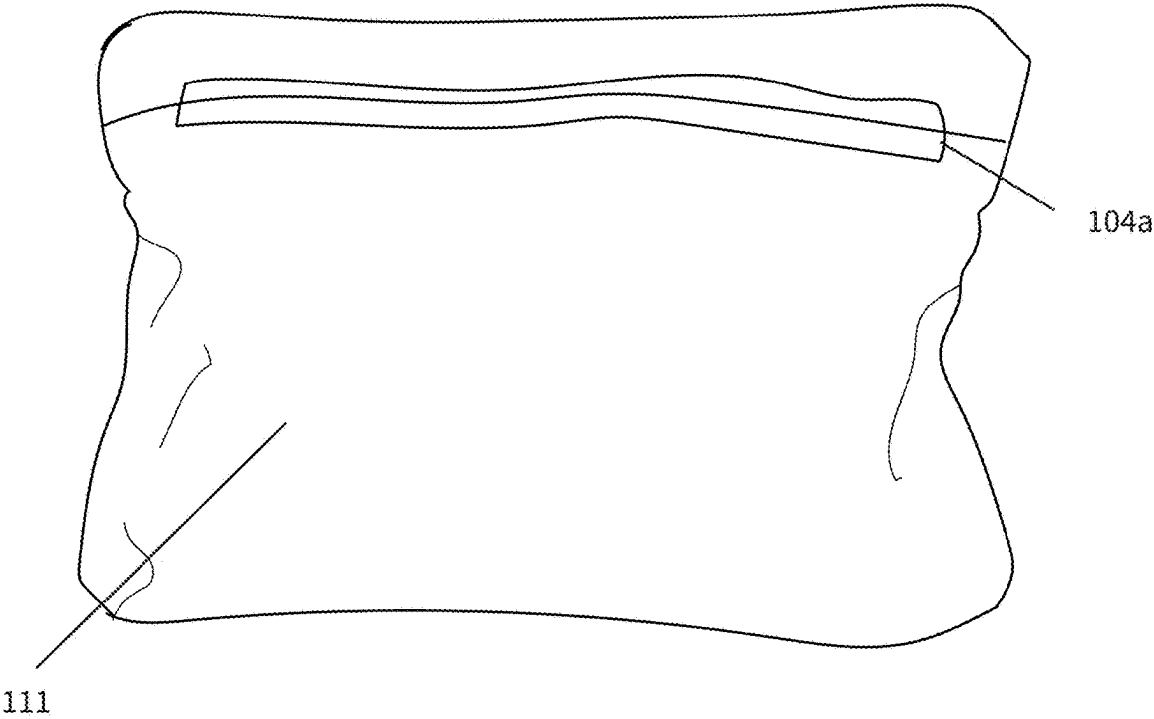


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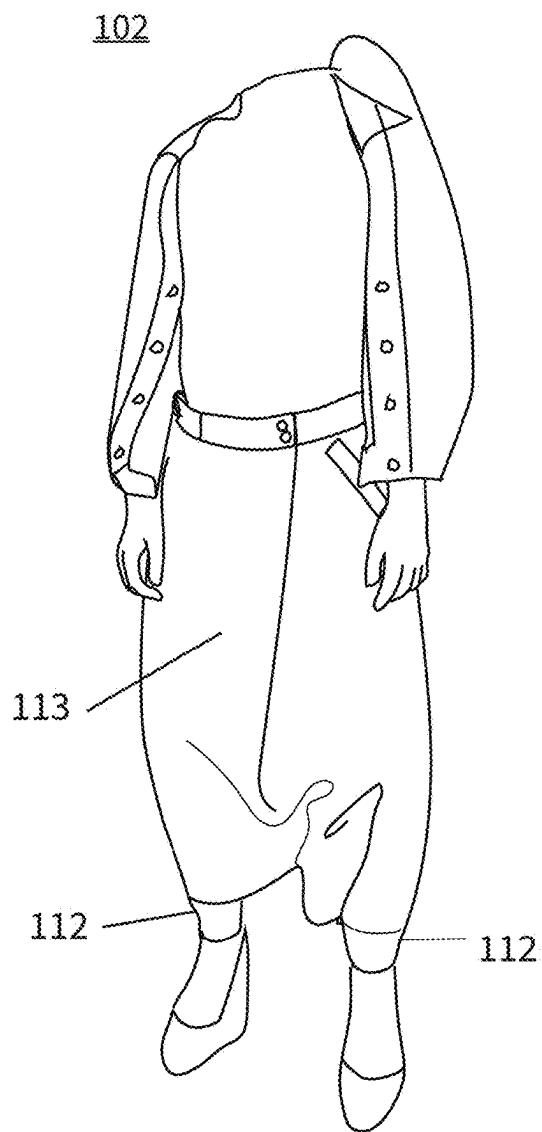


FIG. 6A

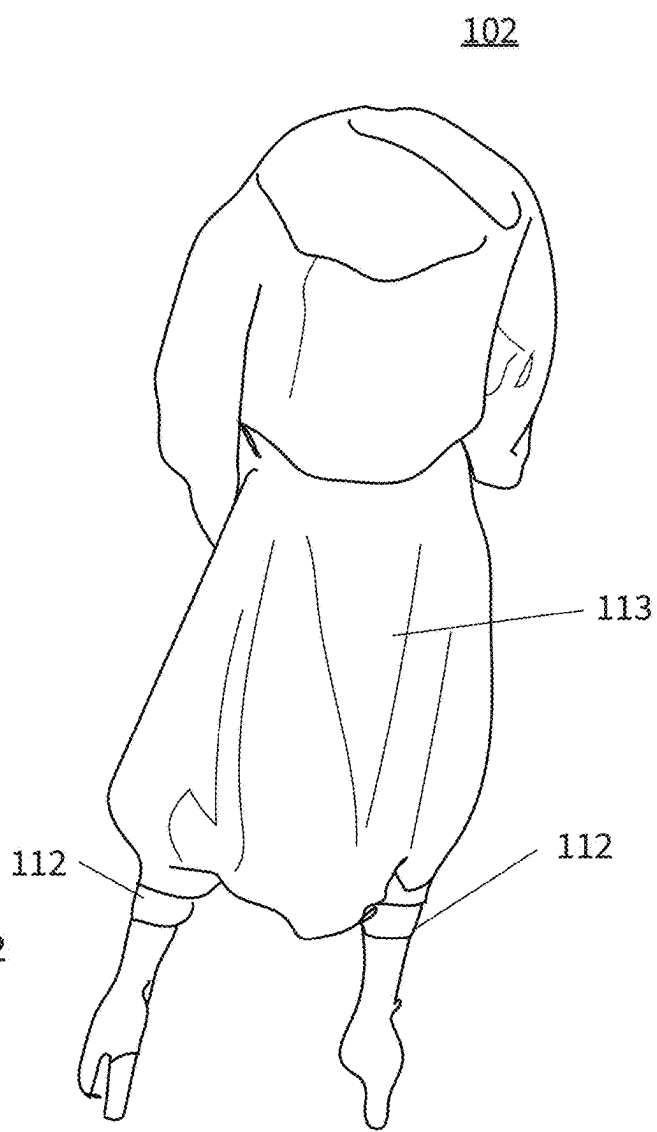


FIG. 6B

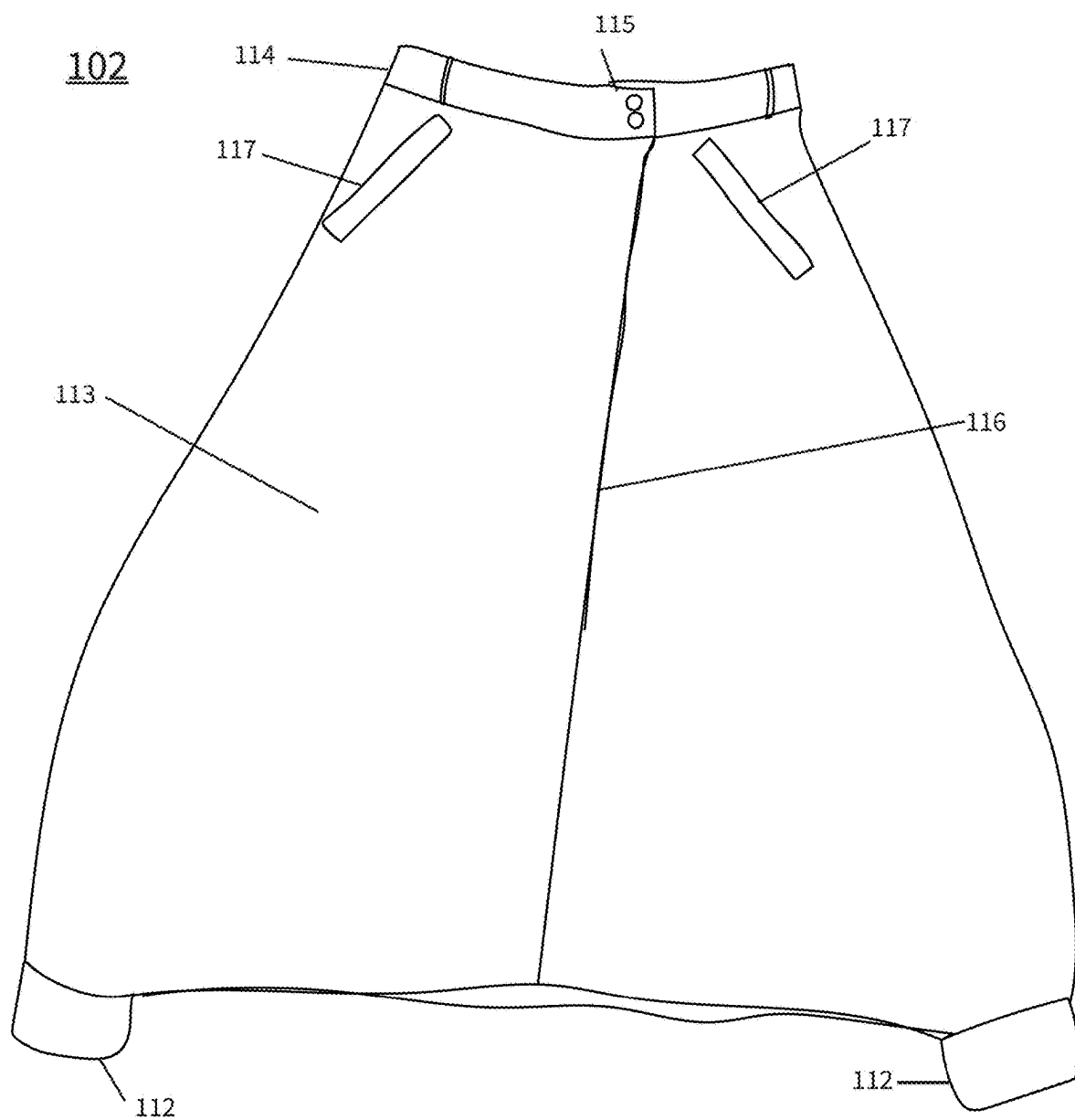


FIG. 7A

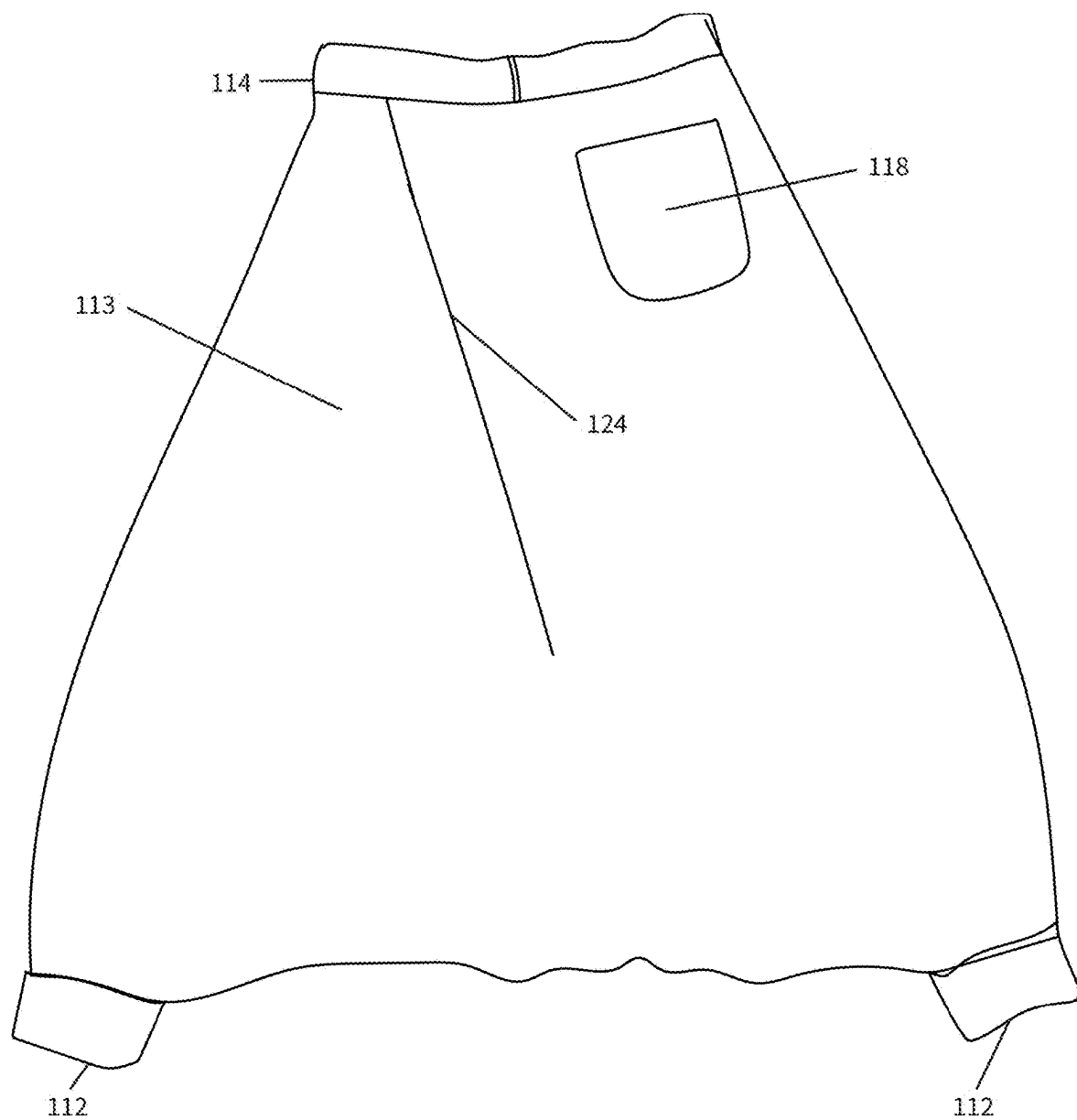


FIG. 7B

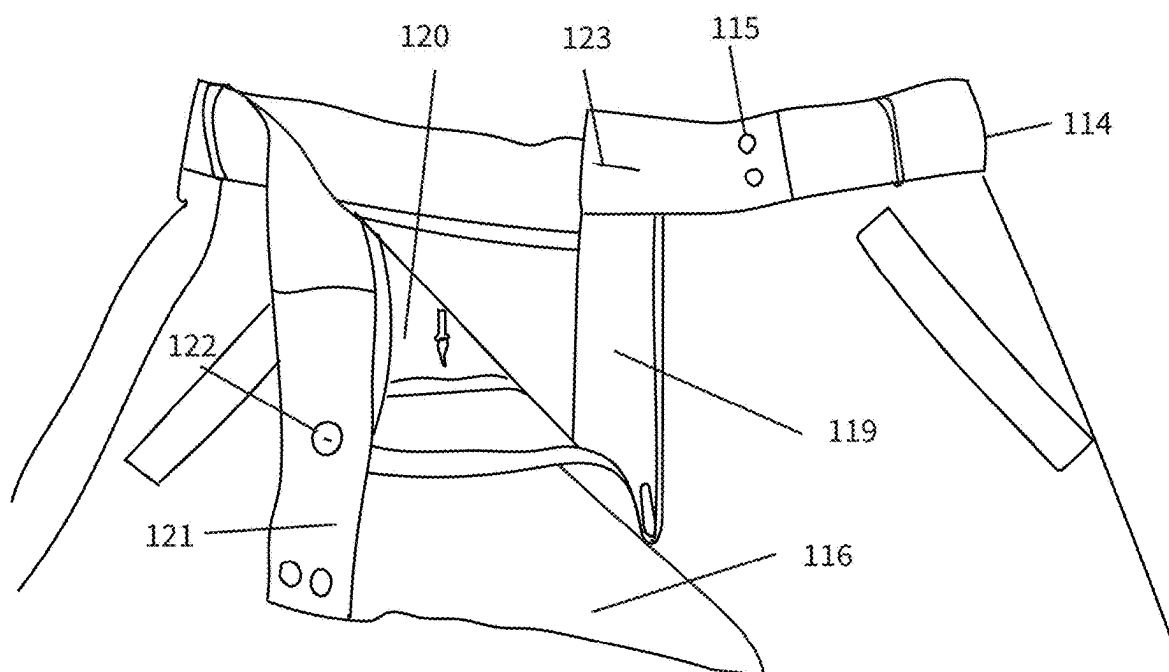


FIG. 8A

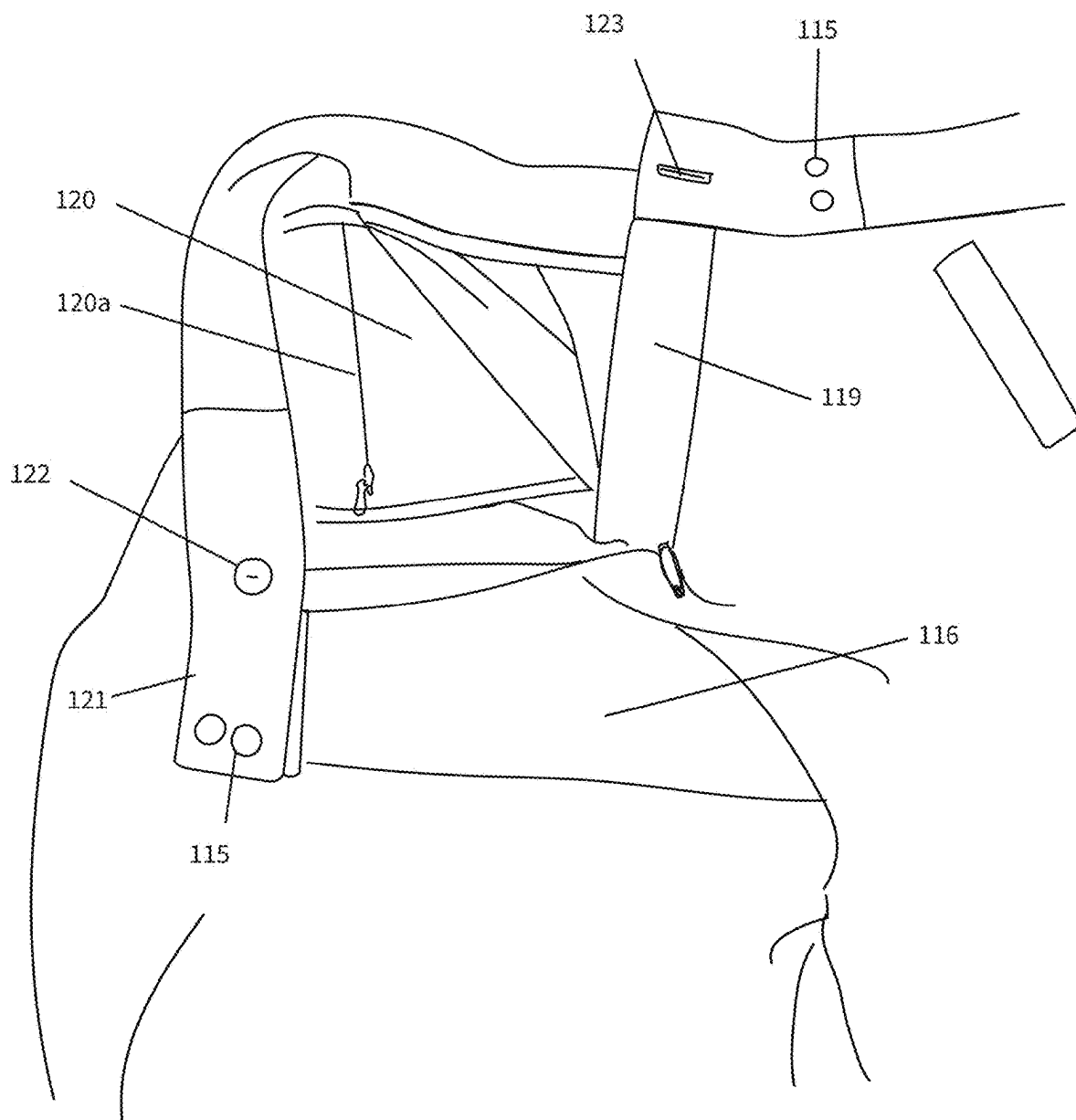


FIG. 8B

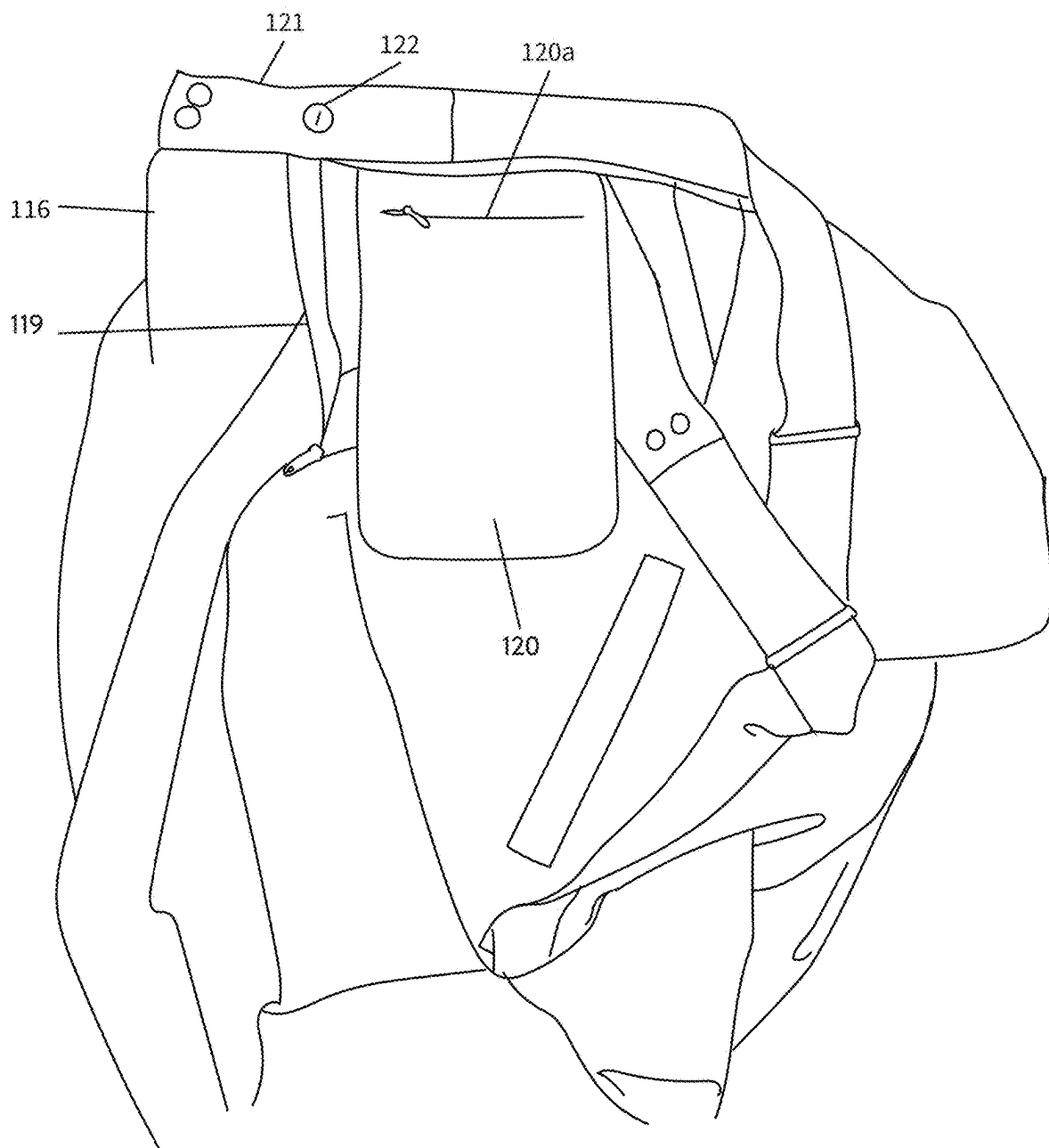


FIG. 8C

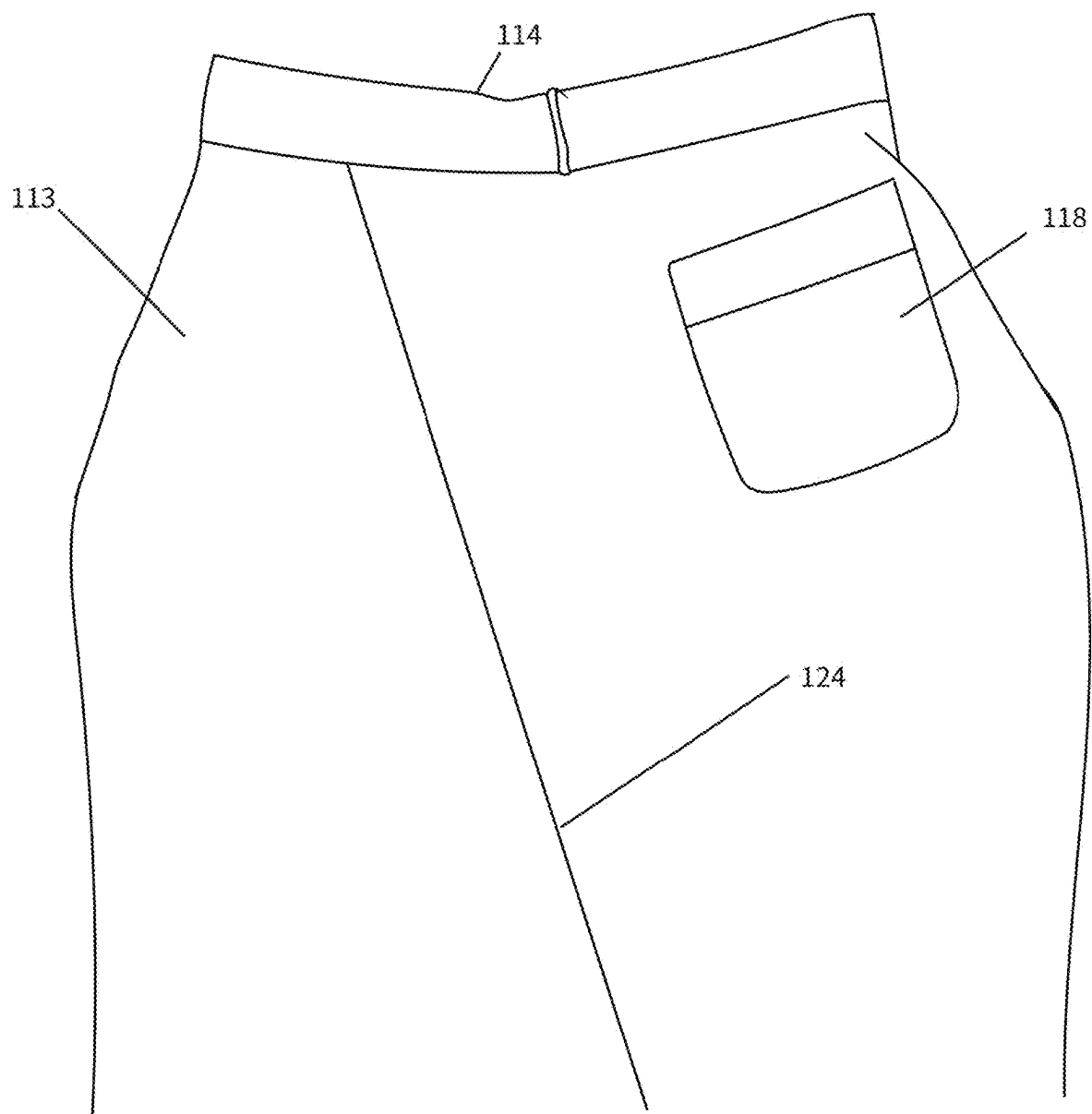


FIG. 9

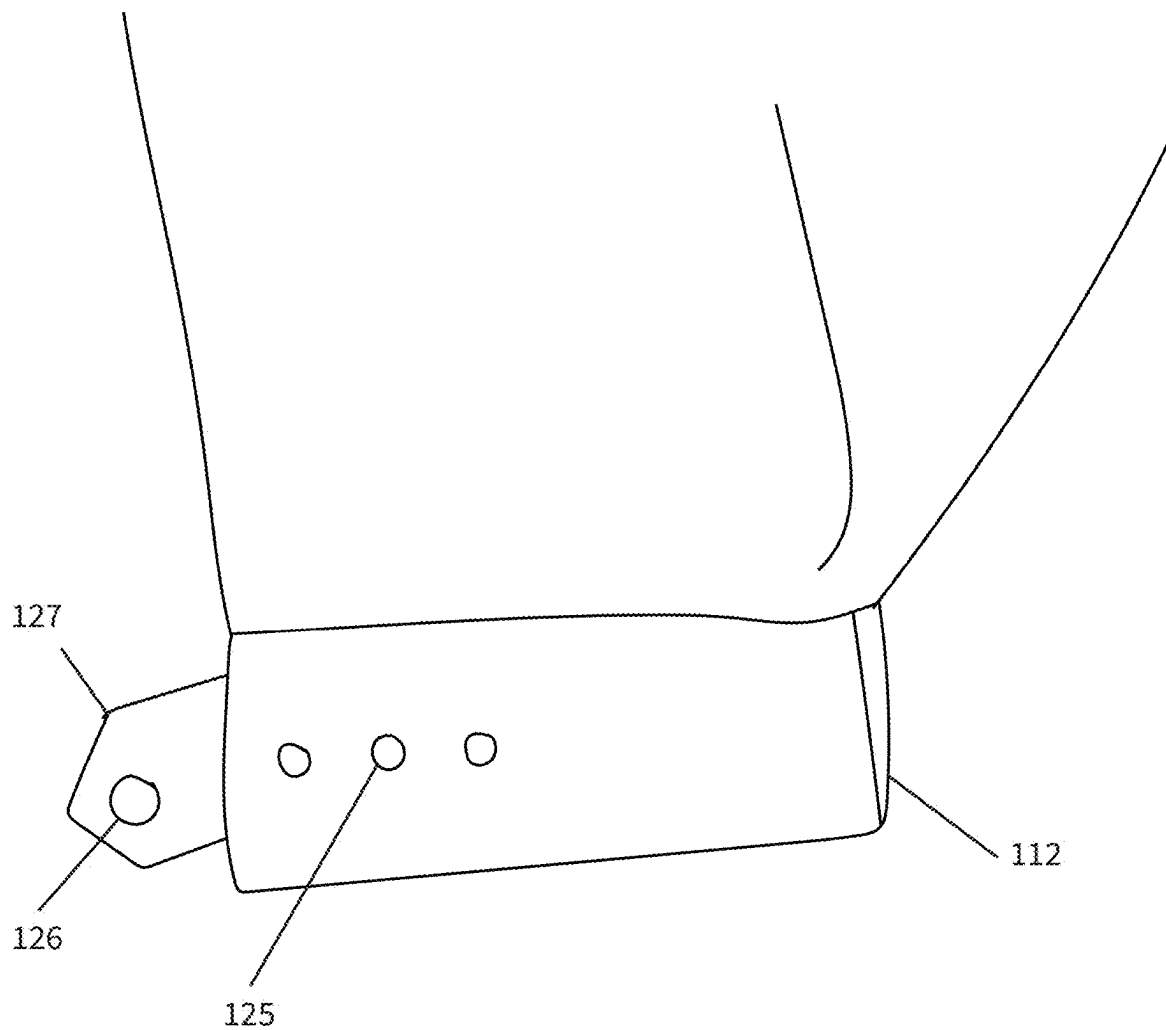


FIG. 10A

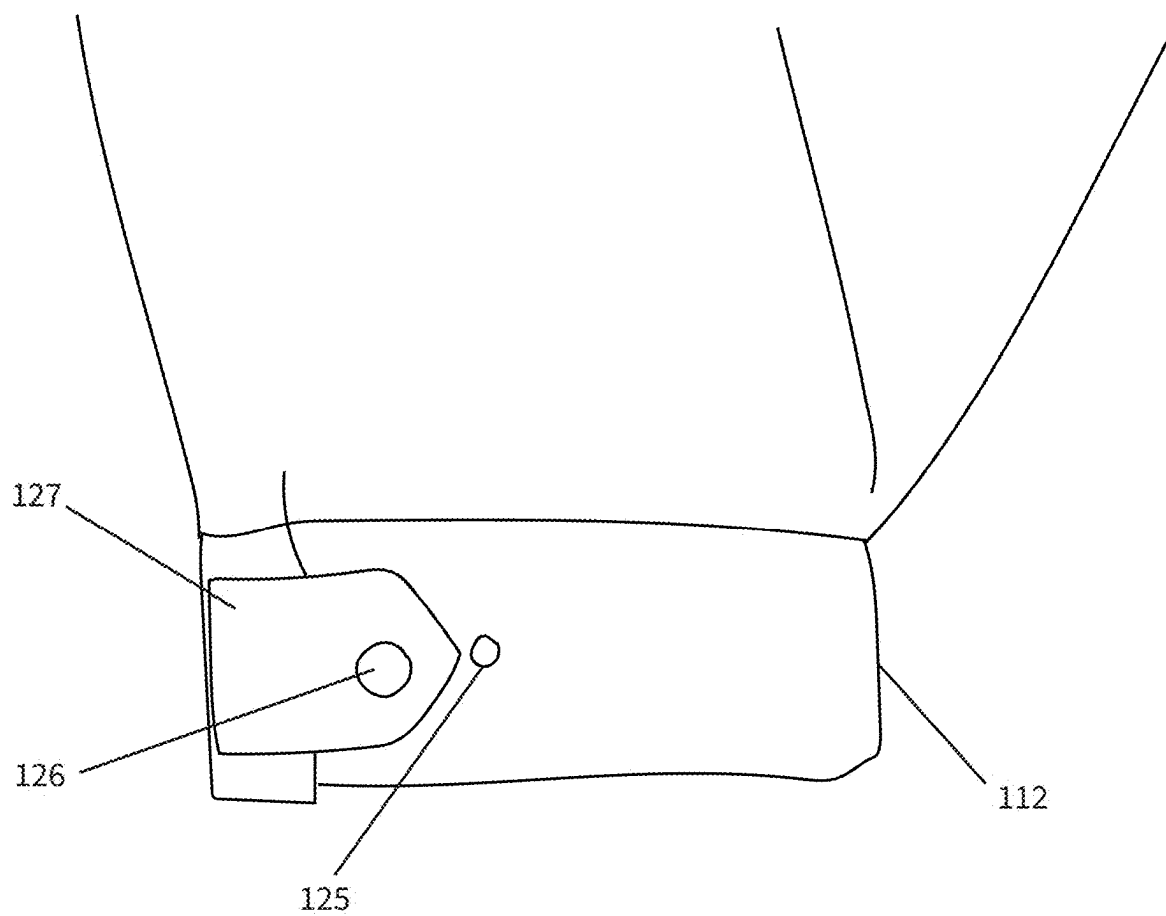


FIG. 10B

CONVERTIBLE OUTFIT

CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This patent application claims the benefit of provisional Application No. 63/551,436, filed Feb. 8, 2024, which is incorporated into the present disclosure by this reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] This disclosure is directed to a convertible outfit, and, more particularly, to a convertible outfit comprising a convertible top portion and a convertible bottom portion.

BACKGROUND

[0003] Outfits comprising a top and a bottom are generally known. Such outfits may generally comprise a known style of top, such as a shirt, blouse, sweater, jacket, or similar such known top. They may generally also comprise a known style of bottom, such as jeans, slacks, a skirt, or similar such known bottom. Such traditional outfits are generally static, in that a shirt is a shirt and a pair of pants are a pair of pants. To change up such outfits, the wearer must remove and replace one or both of the top and the bottom, a time-consuming process that is not possible once the wearer has left her home and thus no longer has access to clothing pieces other than the ones she is wearing.

[0004] Traditional outfits and garments may also be burdensome to transport while not in use. For example, to bring a traditional top like a jacket with oneself, the wearer either must fold the top and carry it, carry it wadded up, or have a separate container, such as a bag or a purse, to carry the top in. Traditional garments are also bulky and difficult to pack in luggage, where space is at a premium, particularly as travelers turn to using only carry-on luggage to avoid checked bag fees imposed by most airlines.

[0005] Convertible garments exist to permit the wearer to change up the garment while on the go. For instance, convertible pants consisting of an upper shorts-style portion to which lower leg portions are removably connected are known. The wearer may disconnect the lower leg portions from the upper shorts-style portion, thereby converting the pants to shorts, providing the wearer with greater flexibility and more options while on the go. However, such convertible garments are often quite utilitarian in nature and not very fashionable as a result. Further, the removable lower leg portions typically must be fully removed to convert the garment, requiring the wearer to keep track of the disconnected lower leg portions while on the go, a burdensome process that can result in the wearer inadvertently losing the lower leg portions, rendering the garment no longer convertible.

[0006] Embodiments of the invention address these and other limitations of present convertible garments.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0007] FIGS. 1A-1D are different views of a convertible outfit according to embodiments of the invention, as shown on a wearer.

[0008] FIGS. 2A-2B are different views of a convertible top garment according to embodiments of the invention, as shown off of a wearer in a first state.

[0009] FIGS. 3A-3C are different views of a convertible top garment according to embodiments of the invention, as shown off of a wearer in a second state.

[0010] FIGS. 4A-4C are different views of particular features of a convertible top garment according to embodiments of the invention, as shown off of a wearer.

[0011] FIG. 5 is a view of a convertible top garment according to embodiments of the invention when the convertible top garment is received within an inner pocket of the convertible top garment.

[0012] FIGS. 6A-6B are different views of a convertible bottom garment according to embodiments of the invention, as shown on a wearer.

[0013] FIGS. 7A-7B are different views of a convertible bottom garment according to embodiments of the invention, as shown off of a wearer.

[0014] FIGS. 8A-8C are different views of a portion of a convertible bottom garment according to embodiments of the invention, depicting inner features of the convertible bottom garment hidden from view when the garment is worn by a wearer.

[0015] FIG. 9 is a backside view of a portion of a convertible bottom garment according to embodiments of the invention.

[0016] FIGS. 10A-10B are different views of an embodiment adjustable cuff of an embodiment convertible garment, in an open status (FIG. 11A) and a closed status (FIG. 11B).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

[0017] The embodiments described herein provide a convertible outfit comprising a convertible top garment and a convertible bottom garment, the convertible top garment and the convertible bottom garment each having their own convertible features, as discussed further below.

[0018] FIGS. 1A-1D are different views of a convertible outfit 100 according to embodiments of the invention, as shown on a wearer. As shown in these figures, convertible outfit 100 comprises a convertible top garment 101 and a convertible bottom garment 102. The features and functionality of convertible top garment 101 and convertible bottom garment 102 will be better understood with respect to the further disclosures below.

[0019] Turning to FIGS. 2A-2B, different views of a convertible top garment 101 according to embodiments of the invention are shown, as shown off of a wearer, the convertible top garment 101 in a first state. Similarly, FIGS. 3A-3C show different views of a convertible top garment 101 according to embodiments of the invention, as shown off of a wearer, the convertible top garment 101 in a second state.

[0020] FIG. 3A is a planar view of the inside surface of an embodiment convertible top garment 101 in a first, substantially flat state. FIG. 3B is a planar view of the outside surface of an embodiment top garment 101 in a first, substantially flat state. In both instances, the garment is off of the wearer in the first, substantially flat state, and is ready to be converted as desired by the wearer, as described further below.

[0021] Convertible top garment 101 includes a body 103 that is substantially rectangular in shape. In an embodiment, the body 103 of the convertible top garment 101 is approximately 24.75 inches tall by 51.5 inches wide. Other sizes and shapes of body 103 may be used. The body 103 includes one

or more connecting features **106** located along the top and bottom edges of the body **103** and along the right and left sides of both edges of the body **103**. The one or more connecting features **106** may be, for example, one or more snaps, one or more buttons-and-button-holes, one or more hook-and-eye closures, or one or more other connecting features suitable for a garment. In an embodiment, the connecting features **106** of the top edge of the body **103** are configured to connect with or couple with the connecting features **106** of the bottom edge of the body **103**, such that a substantially tubular portion **107** is formed when the connecting features **106** are connected or coupled, such as shown in FIGS. 3A and 3B. Tubular portions **107**, one on either side of the convertible top garment **101**, may be worn as sleeves when the garment **101** is worn by a wearer, such as shown in FIGS. 1A-1D. When the top garment **101** is converted into this second, wearable state, the inside surface of the top garment **101** is facing inward such that it is toward the wearer when the wearer is wearing the top garment **101**, while the outside surface of the top garment **101** is facing outward such that it is away from the wearer when the wearer is wearing the top garment **101**.

[0022] In an embodiment, the body **103** of the convertible top garment **101** includes one or more additional connecting features **106** located along the side edges of the body **103**, allowing for further adjustability and customization of convertible top garment **101** to suit the wearer's needs or desires. The wearer can adjust the circumference of the tubular portions **107** at their distal end using these additional connecting features **106**. The wearer can also adjust the length of the tubular portions **107** (and, hence, the converted top garment's sleeve length) by utilizing more or less of the connecting features **106** along the top and bottom edges of the body **103**. For example, in the embodiment top garment **101** shown in FIGS. 3A-3B, there are four connecting features **106** along the top right edge of the body **103**, another four connecting features **106** along the top left edge of the body **103**, and corresponding sets of connecting features **106** located along the bottom right and left edges of the body, respectively **103**. As shown in FIG. 3B, by using only three of the four connecting features **106** on each side, the tubular portions **107** are shorter than if all four connecting features **106** on each side were used. There is also additional fabric available for pulling the top edge of the body **103** upward and the bottom edge of the body **103** downward in the middle portion of the body **103**, as shown in FIG. 3B, thereby allowing increased flexibility in the style and fit of the top garment **101**.

[0023] In an embodiment, convertible top garment **101** further includes a hood portion **105**. In an embodiment, hood portion **105** is detachable from the body **103**, as discussed further below. In this manner, convertible top garment **101** may be used with or without hood portion **105**, increasing the flexibility and customizability of convertible top garment **101**. In another embodiment, hood portion **105** is integral with or is permanently connected to the body **103**, i.e., is not detachable from body **103**. In yet another embodiment, convertible top garment **101** does not include a hood portion **105**.

[0024] With further reference to FIGS. 2A and 3B, in an embodiment, convertible top garment **101** further includes a pocket **104** formed on the inner surface of the body **103**. Pocket **104** may be formed substantially in the middle and along the bottom edge of body **103**. In an embodiment,

pocket **104** includes a reversible zipper **104a** running substantially along the width of the pocket **104** near a top edge of the pocket **104**. By including pocket **104** in embodiment top garments **101** having a detachable hood portion **105**, pocket **104** may be utilized to hold hood portion **105** when it is detached from body **103**, such that the hood portion **105** does not become lost. By including the pocket **104** on the inner surface of body **103**, rather than the outer surface of body **103** (see FIG. 2B), the pocket **104** is hidden while the convertible top garment **101** is worn by a wearer, improving the overall appearance of convertible top garment **101**. In another embodiment, pocket **104** may instead be formed on the outer surface of body **103**. In still another embodiment, convertible top garment **101** may not include a pocket **104**.

[0025] In FIGS. 3A-3C, an embodiment convertible top garment **101** is shown in its second, converted state, ready to be worn by a wearer (not pictured). The top garment **101** is converted by connecting, on the right and left sides of the body **103**, at least one of the one or more connecting features **106** located along the upper edge of the body **103** to its corresponding connecting feature **106** located along the lower edge of the body **103**. As shown in the embodiment in FIGS. 3A-3B, for example, three of four connecting features **106** located along the top edge of the body **103** on each of the right and lefthand sides of body **103** are connected to their corresponding connecting features **106** located along the lower edge of body **103**. As a result, tubular portions **107** are formed on each side of the top garment **101**, which may be worn as sleeves when the top garment **101** is worn by a wearer (such as in FIGS. 1A-1D).

[0026] As best seen in FIG. 3B, because the upper edge of body **103** is connected to the lower edge of body **103** on either side of body **103**, but not along the entirety of the upper and lower edges of the body **103**, the center portion of body **103** may be pulled downward and upward to expose more of the inner face of body **103**, thereby forming a back side to the garment **101** covering some or all of the back of the wearer when the garment **101** is worn, such as shown in FIGS. 1A-1B and 1D.

[0027] A close-up of the distal end of a tubular portion **107** formed by connecting the one or more connecting features **106** as described is shown in FIG. 3C. The wearer's wrist projects through the opening formed at the distal end of tubular portion **107** when the top garment **101** is worn. In an embodiment, the circumference of the opening may be adjusted by employing one or more of the additional connecting features **106** located along the edges of the body **103**, to make the opening smaller or larger as desired by the wearer. In this manner, the convertible top garment **101** may be customized to a particular wearer and worn with whatever fit the particular wearer desires at a given time.

[0028] Turning to FIGS. 4A-4C, the details of an embodiment detachable hood portion **105** are shown. FIG. 4A is a planar view of the top garment **101** with the outside of body **103** exposed, and hood portion **105** detached and lying on the body **103**. FIG. 4B is a close-up view of the top middle edge of the body **103**, the garment **101** in planar view with the inside of the body **103** exposed, and hood portion **105** detached and lying on the body of **103**. FIG. 4C is a close-up view of the top middle edge of the body **103**, the garment in planar view with the inside of the body **103** exposed, and hood portion **105** attached to the body **103** at a collar portion **109**, as further discussed below.

[0029] In an embodiment, convertible top garment 101 includes along the top edge of the body 103 a collar portion 109 spanning between the one or more connecting features 106 located on the lefthand and righthand sides of the top edge of the garment 101, i.e., collar portion 109 is substantially in the middle section of the body 103. Collar portion 109 may be selectively openable and closeable through a feature 108, such as a zipper, running at least part of the length of collar portion 109, on the inside surface of the body 103. Within collar portion 109 are one or more connecting features 110, which may be, for example, one or more snaps, one or more buttons-and-button-holes, one or more hook-and-eye closures, or one or more other connecting features suitable for a garment. The one or more connecting features 110 are configured to connect with or couple with one or more connecting features 105a located along a bottom edge of hood portion 105 (see FIG. 4B). When connecting features 110 and 105a are connected or coupled, hood portion 105 is thus connected, detachably, to body 103, as shown in FIG. 4C. In an embodiment, hood portion 105 is sized and shaped to accommodate a wearer with a head covering such as a turban or a hairstyle such as a bun. Hood portion 105 may alternatively have other sizes and shapes.

[0030] Turning to FIG. 5, an embodiment convertible top garment 101 is shown in a “packed” state. That is, in an embodiment top garment 101 having a pocket 104 (see FIGS. 3A and 3B), pocket 104 may be utilized to substantially receive garment 101 by folding or otherwise working garment 101 into the pocket 104 and using the reversible zipper 104a of the pocket to thereafter close pocket 104. In this manner, convertible top garment 101 may be formed into its own “packing cube” 111, making it easier to pack or otherwise transport top garment 101. Alternatively, pocket 104 may be used to “pack” the hood portion 105 only, such as when the wearer wants to wear the top garment 101 without the hood portion 105, but does not want to lose or misplace hood portion 105.

[0031] In an embodiment, convertible top garment 101 is made from material that is quick drying, similar to material used for hiking or exercise clothing. In another embodiment, convertible top garment 101 is made out of any other type of material suitable for clothing.

[0032] In an embodiment, convertible top garment 101 is a rectangular shrug/jacket that comes together with strategically placed snaps 106 and a detachable hood 105. Convertible top garment 101 fits just above the wrist on the sleeve to mid-waist. When un-snapped, the garment 101 is a rectangle 103 of approximately 24.75 inches tall×51.5 inches wide. Snaps 106 run in rows alongside each side of the garment 101. When each snap 106 is closed with its pair, the material between creates sleeves 107 and the border material creates a collar 109 on the garment. The sleeve/cuff width is also adjustable with the snaps 106. Within the collar 109 is a small zipper 108 that when unzipped reveals a hidden area where the removable hood 105 attaches. The hood 105 shape is designed to accommodate a wearer with a head covering such as a turban or a hairstyle such as a bun. In the center of the rectangle 103 at the bottom edge is a back pocket 104 with reversible zipper 104a that can act as hood storage if the wearer chooses to remove the hood 105 and for tucking the garment 101 into itself as its own packing cube 111. The back pocket 104 is formed on the inner surface of

the rectangle 103, such that the back pocket 104 is substantially inside of the top garment 101 when it is converted to a wearable state.

[0033] Turning to FIGS. 6A-6b and 7A-7B, different views of a convertible bottom garment 102 according to embodiments of the invention are shown, both on a wearer (FIGS. 6A-6B) and shown off of a wearer (FIGS. 7A-7B). FIGS. 7A and 7B are front and back views, respectively, of a convertible bottom garment 102 according to embodiments of the invention, as shown off of a wearer.

[0034] As shown in these figures, in an embodiment, convertible bottom garment 102 includes a body portion 113 formed of material that tapers from a substantially skirt-shaped garment to a pant by the leg openings. Each leg opening terminates in a cuff 112 configured to form to the ankle or leg of the wearer, depending on where the cuff 112 is positioned by the wearer. As shown in FIG. 6A (as well as FIGS. 1B-1D), when cuffs 112 are pulled down toward the ankles of the wearer, convertible bottom garment 102 has a substantially pants-shaped nature, appearing akin to harem pants having a dropped crotch. However, as shown in FIG. 6B (and FIG. 1A), when cuffs 112 are pushed upward on the wearer's leg, such as toward the wearer's calves or knees, convertible bottom garment 102 has a substantially skirt-shaped nature. In this manner, the wearer can convert bottom garment 102 between a pants-type form and a skirt-type form, depending on the wearer's needs and desires, increasing the flexibility and customizability of bottom garment 102. In an embodiment, cuff 112 is configured to be formed to the ankle or leg of the wearer by being made of a stretchy fabric, such as a knit fabric, that readily adjusts size when stretched or released. In another embodiment, cuff 112 is configured to be formed to the ankle or leg of the wearer by being adjustable between a first and a second position, as described further below with reference to FIGS. 10A-10B.

[0035] Turning to FIG. 8A, a front side view of convertible bottom garment 102 according to an embodiment is shown. Bottom garment 102 further includes a waistband 114. In an embodiment, bottom garment 102 is configured to be worn at approximately mid-waist on the wearer, such that waistband 114 is sized to hit the wearer at approximately the mid-waist. In other embodiments, waistband 114 may instead be sized to provide a low-rise, a high-rise, or any other desired rise. Waistband 114 may further include one or more belt loops. Bottom garment 102 further includes closure 115 which, in an embodiment, may be a pair of snap closures. In an embodiment, bottom garment 102 further includes overlay portion 116, a crossover of material which furthers the skirt-like effect of bottom garment 102. In another embodiment, bottom garment 102 does not include overlay portion 116. As shown in FIG. 7B, in an embodiment, the back side of bottom garment 102 further includes a pleated portion 124, furthering the loose fit of the bottom garment 102. In another embodiment, bottom garment 102 does not include pleated portion 124.

[0036] As shown in FIG. 7A, in an embodiment, on its front side bottom garment 102 further includes two front pockets 117, one on the right side and one on the left side of the bottom garment 102. Front pockets 117 may be slit-style pockets and may have zipper closures. In another embodiment, bottom garment 102 may only include one front pocket 117, or may include no front pockets 117. Any other pocket configuration and number is possible. As shown in FIG. 7B, in an embodiment, on its back side bottom garment

102 further includes one back pocket **118**, located on one side of the garment **102**. Back pocket **118** may be an open-top pocket. In another embodiment, bottom garment may include two or more back pockets **118**. In still another embodiment, bottom garment **102** may not include any back pockets **118**. Any other pocket configuration and number is possible.

[0037] Turning to FIGS. 8A-8C, the inner features of convertible bottom garment **102** according to an embodiment are shown. Particularly, in an embodiment, the waistband **114** further includes a tab portion **121** having one half of connecting features **115** which mate with the corresponding other half of connecting features **115** on the waistband **114**. Waistband **114** may further include a button **122** and corresponding buttonhole **123**. In this manner, waistband **114** can be selectively disengaged to permit opening and selectively reengaged to permit closing of waistband **114**.

[0038] In an embodiment, convertible bottom garment **102** further includes a fly opening **119** hidden under the overlay portion **116**. By hiding the fly opening **119** under overlay portion **116**, the bottom garment **102** has more of a skirt-like appearance, and in general may be of a more desirable appearance than a garment in which the fly opening **119** is exposed.

[0039] In an embodiment, convertible bottom garment **102** further includes inner pocket **120**, which may be formed inside the bottom garment **102** behind the fly opening **119**. Inner pocket **120** may further include a zipper **120a**, permitting inner pocket **120** to be selectively opened and closed. In an embodiment, inner pocket **120** may be used as a hidden “money pocket,” thin but long and tall enough to fit a passport or other items, such as cash money, comfortably. In this manner, convertible bottom garment **102** may be used as a travel garment, comfortable and convertible, and practical as well.

[0040] FIG. 9 shows further details of a back side of convertible bottom garment **102** according to an embodiment. The back side includes back pocket **118**, located on one side of the garment **102**. Back pocket **118** may be an open-top pocket. In another embodiment, bottom garment may include two or more back pockets **118**. In still another embodiment, bottom garment **102** may not include any back pockets **118**. The back side further includes a pleated portion **124**, furthering the loose fit of the bottom garment **102**. In another embodiment, bottom garment **102** does not include pleated portion **124**.

[0041] Turning to FIGS. 10A-10B, an embodiment adjustable leg cuff **112** is shown. Adjustable leg cuff **112** is configured to be adjusted between at least a first position and a second position. To do so, leg cuff **112** includes a tab **127** formed from a piece of material extending laterally from the cuff **112**. One or more connecting features **126** are included on tab **127**; as shown in the embodiment in FIGS. 10A-10B, one connecting feature **126** is included on tab **127**, but other numbers of connecting features **126** may be used. Cuff **112** further includes one or more corresponding connecting features **125**, designed to be selectively engaged or disengaged with the one or more connecting features **126** on the tab **127**; in the embodiment shown in FIGS. 10A-10B, three corresponding connecting features **125** are included along the cuff **112**, in a line substantially horizontal to the edge of the cuff **112**, but other numbers of connecting features **125** may be used. The one or more connecting feature **126** on the tab **127** and the one or more connecting features **125** on the

cuff **112** may be any elements capable of being selectively engaged with one another, such as, for example, snaps, buttons-and-button-holes, or hook-and-eye closures. As shown in the embodiment in FIGS. 10A-10B, connecting feature **126** on the tab **127** is a single female snap connector, whereas connecting features **125** on the cuff **112** are three male snap connectors. Other types of connecting features, configurations, and numbers may be used.

[0042] Utilizing the one or more connecting features **126** on tab **127** and the corresponding one or more connecting features **125** on the cuff **112**, the circumference of the cuff **112** may be selectively changed, depending on the needs or desires of the wearer. For example, where the wearer wishes to have a larger circumference cuff **112**, such as when the wearer wishes to wear the cuff **112** toward her knee (thereby resulting in a substantially skirt-shaped bottom garment **102**, such as shown in FIG. 6B), connecting feature **126** on the tab may be connected to the connecting feature **125** on the cuff **112** that is closest to the tab **127** (in FIG. 10A, the connecting feature **125** that is furthest to the left), thereby resulting in a larger circumference cuff **112**. Alternatively, in the instance that the wearer wishes to have a smaller circumference cuff **112**, such as when the wearer wishes to wear the cuff **112** toward her ankle (thereby resulting in a substantially pants-shaped bottom garment **102**, such as shown in FIG. 6A), connecting feature **126** on the tab may be connected to the connecting feature **125** on the cuff **112** that is furthest from the tab **127** (in FIG. 11A, the connecting feature **125** that is furthest to the right), thereby resulting in a smaller circumference cuff **112**. Other circumferences may be possible by connecting the connecting feature **126** on the tab **127** to other connecting features **125** along the cuff **112**. For example, as shown in FIG. 10B, a midsize circumference cuff **112** is achieved in an embodiment having three connecting features **125** along the cuff **112** by connecting the connecting feature **126** on tab **127** to the middle of the three connecting features **125** along the cuff **112**. Yet more circumferences may be achieved by including more connecting features **125** along the cuff **112**, or by leaving the tab **127** unconnected to the cuff **112**.

[0043] In an embodiment, convertible bottom garment **102** is made from material that is quick drying, similar to material used for hiking or exercise clothing. In another embodiment, convertible bottom garment **102** is made out of any other type of material suitable for clothing.

[0044] In an embodiment, convertible bottom garment **102** is a drop-crotch “harem pant” that tapers from a skirt to a pant by the leg openings. Bottom garment **102** sits mid-waist with two snap closures **115** stacked on the waistband **114**. The leg cuffs **112** sit close to the ankles when down for a loose pant effect. When worn with the leg cuffs **112** up, the outfit appears like a skirt. Inside the front is a zipper fly **119** enclosed under a crossover **116** of the material to further the skirt like effect. Next to the zipper on the inside of the bottom garment **102** is a hidden “money belt,” a pocket **120** thin but long and tall enough to fit a passport comfortably. The bottom garment **102** has two front pockets **117** with zippers and an open back pocket **118**. The bottom garment **102** may be made of quick drying nylon for the main material and a stretchy knit for the cuffs and waistband.

[0045] In an embodiment, convertible top garment **101** and convertible bottom garment **102** are utilized together to form convertible outfit **100**. Alternatively convertible top

garment **101** may be used by itself; or convertible bottom garment **102** may be used by itself.

[0046] The previously described versions of the disclosed subject matter have many advantages that were either described or would be apparent to a person of ordinary skill familiar with the disclosure herein. Even so, all of these advantages or features are not required in all versions of the disclosed apparatus, systems, or methods. All features disclosed in the specification, and all the steps in any method or process disclosed, may be combined in any combination, except combinations where at least some of such features and/or steps are mutually exclusive. Each feature disclosed can be replaced by alternative features serving the same, equivalent, or similar purpose, unless expressly stated otherwise.

[0047] Additionally, this written description makes reference to particular features. It is to be understood that the disclosure in this specification includes all possible combinations of those particular features. For example, where a particular feature is disclosed in the context of a particular aspect or embodiment, that feature can also be used, to the extent possible, in the context of other aspects and embodiments.

[0048] Also, when reference is made in this specification to a method having two or more defined steps or operations, the defined steps or operations can be carried out in any order or simultaneously, unless context excludes those possibilities.

[0049] Further, the term “comprises” and its grammatical equivalents are used in this specification to mean that other components, features, steps, processes, operations, etc. are optionally present. For example, an article “comprising” or “which comprises” components A, B, and C can contain only components A, B, and C, or it can contain components A, B, and C along with one or more other components.

[0050] It will be appreciated that variants of the above-disclosed and other features and functions, or alternatives thereof, may be combined into many other different systems or applications. Various presently unforeseen or unanticipated alternatives, modifications, variations, or improvements therein may be subsequently made by those skilled in the art which are also intended to be encompassed by the embodiments.

What is claimed is:

1. A convertible outfit comprising:

a convertible top garment including a substantially rectangular body, the body including one or more connecting features located along a top edge of the body and along a bottom edge of the body, the one or more connecting features located along the top edge of the body configured to join with the one or more connecting features located along the bottom edge of the body, forming two substantially tubular portions when the one or more connecting features located along the top edge of the body are joined with the one or more connecting features located along the bottom edge of the body, one tubular portion located at a right side of the body and one tubular portion located at a left side of the body; and

a convertible bottom garment, the convertible bottom garment including one top opening at the top of the bottom garment sized to fit substantially on a wearer's waist, and two bottom openings at the bottom of the bottom garment, each bottom opening sized to substan-

tially receive a leg of the wearer, wherein each bottom opening terminates in a cuff configured to form to an ankle or leg of the wearer, depending on where the wearer positions the cuff.

2. The convertible outfit of claim 1, wherein the convertible top garment further comprises a hood portion along the top edge of the body.

3. The convertible outfit of claim 2, wherein the hood portion is selectively detachable from the top edge of the body.

4. The convertible outfit of claim 3, wherein the convertible top garment further includes along the top edge of the body a collar portion spanning a middle section of the top edge, the collar portion being selectively openable and closeable through an accessibility feature, and wherein within the collar portion are one or more connecting features configured to connect with one or more connecting features located along a bottom edge of the hood portion such that the hood portion may be selectively attached or detached from the body.

5. The convertible outfit of claim 3, wherein the convertible top garment further comprises a pocket formed on an inner surface of the body substantially in the middle of the body and substantially along the bottom edge of the body.

6. The convertible outfit of claim 5, wherein the pocket includes a zipper located near a top edge of the pocket, the zipper running substantially along a width of the pocket.

7. The convertible outfit of claim 6, wherein the pocket is sized to substantially receive the hood portion when the hood portion is detached from the top edge of the body.

8. The convertible outfit of claim 6, wherein the pocket is sized to substantially receive the entirety of the top garment when the top garment is worked into the pocket.

9. The convertible outfit of claim 1, wherein the body further includes one or more connective features located along a right edge of the body and one or more connective features located along a left edge of the body.

10. The convertible outfit of claim 1, wherein the convertible bottom garment is formed of a material having a substantially skirt shape toward the upper edge of the bottom garment and a substantially pant shape toward the bottom edges of the bottom garment.

11. The convertible outfit of claim 10, wherein the convertible bottom garment further comprises an overlay portion formed on a front side of the bottom garment, the overlay portion consisting of a crossover of material, and a pleated portion formed on a back side of the bottom garment, the pleated portion consisting of a pleated material section, the crossover of material and the pleated portion configured to further a loose fit of the bottom garment.

12. The convertible outfit of claim 11, wherein the convertible bottom garment is selectively convertible between a substantially skirt-shaped garment by positioning the cuffs of each bottom opening toward the knees of the wearer, and a substantially pants-shaped garment by positioning the cuffs of each bottom opening toward the ankles of the wearer.

13. The convertible outfit of claim 1, wherein the convertible bottom garment further comprises an inner pocket formed inside the bottom garment toward a middle upper front edge of the garment, the inner pocket sized to hold one or more of a passport and cash money.

14. A method of converting a convertible top garment from a first state to a second state, the method comprising:

connecting one or more connecting features located along an upper right edge of a body of the top garment to corresponding one or more connecting features located along a bottom right edge of the body of the top garment, thereby forming a first tubular portion on a right side of the top garment, wherein said first tubular portion is thereby wearable as a first sleeve when the top garment is worn by a wearer; and

connecting one or more connecting features located along an upper left edge of the body of the top garment to corresponding one or more connecting features located along a bottom left edge of the body of the top garment, thereby forming a second tubular portion on a left side of the top garment, wherein said second tubular portion is thereby wearable as a second sleeve when the top garment is worn by a wearer.

15. The method of claim **14**, wherein fewer than all of the one or more connecting features located along the upper right edge of the body are connected to fewer than all of the corresponding one or more connecting features located along the lower right edge of the body, and fewer than all of the one or more connecting features located along the upper left edge of the body are connected to fewer than all of the corresponding one or more connecting features located along the lower left edge of the body, thereby shortening the first and second tubular portions and enabling the middle lower edge of the body to be adjustable downward and the middle upper edge of the body to be adjustable upward.

16. The method of claim **14**, further comprising connecting one or more connecting features located along a distal end of the first tubular portion to a corresponding one or more connecting features located along the distal end of the first tubular portion to decrease the circumference of the first tubular portion at its distal end, and connecting one or more connecting features located along a distal end of the second tubular portion to a corresponding one or more connecting features located along the distal end of the second tubular portion to decrease the circumference of the second tubular portion at its distal end.

17. The method of claim **16**, further comprising disconnecting the one or more connecting features located along the distal end of the first tubular portion from the corresponding one or more connecting features located along the

distal end of the first tubular portion to increase the circumference of the first tubular portion at its distal end, and disconnecting the one or more connecting features located along the distal end of the second tubular portion from the corresponding one or more connecting features located along the distal end of the second tubular portion to increase the circumference of the second tubular portion at its distal end.

18. The method of claim **14**, further comprising disconnecting one or more connecting features located along a bottom edge of a hood portion of the top garment from corresponding one or more connecting features located within a collar portion of the top garment, the collar portion formed substantially in a middle section of the upper edge of the body of the top garment, thereby detaching the hood portion from the top garment.

19. A method of converting a convertible bottom garment from a substantially pants-shaped garment to a substantially skirt-shaped garment while the bottom garment is worn by a wearer, the garment having a first leg opening through which a first leg of the wearer is placed and a second leg opening through which a second leg of the wearer is placed, the method comprising:

positioning a first cuff formed at a bottom edge of the first leg opening toward a knee of the wearer on the wearer's first leg; and

positioning a second cuff formed at a bottom edge of the second leg opening toward a knee of the wearer's second leg,

such that a material forming the bottom garment is substantially pushed upward on the wearer's body, forming a substantially skirt-shaped garment.

20. The method of claim **19**, wherein the substantially skirt-shaped bottom garment is converted to a substantially pants-shaped garment by positioning the first cuff of the first leg opening toward an ankle of the wearer on the wearer's first leg, and positioning the second cuff of the second leg opening toward an ankle of the wearer on the wearer's second leg, such that the material forming the bottom garment is substantially pulled downward on the wearer's body, forming a substantially pants-shaped garment.

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