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Fig. 1.

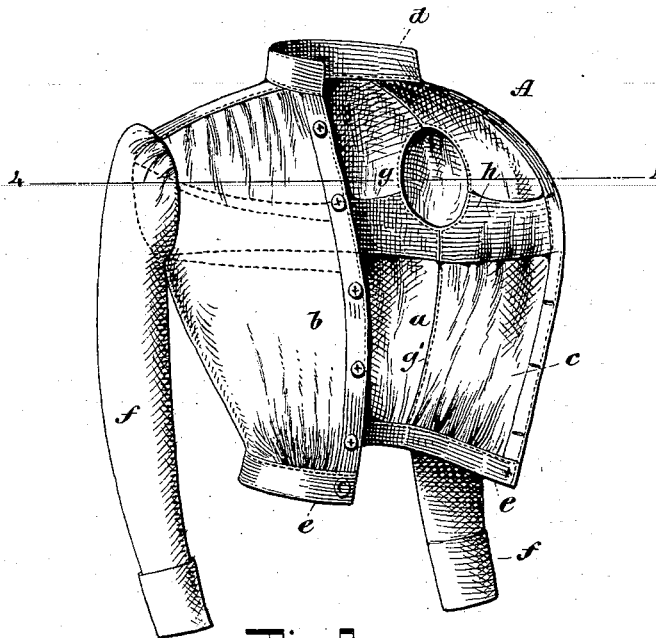


Fig. 2.

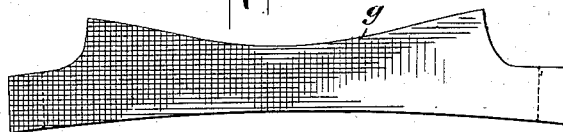


Fig. 3.

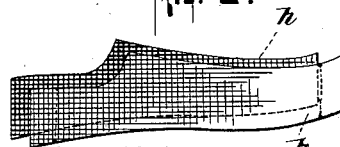
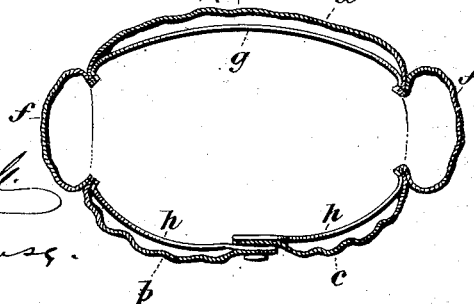


Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRIETTA F. DUKE, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Waists and Patterns Therefor, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in 10 waists and patterns therefor. By "waists" I mean garments to be worn on the upper part of the body, the said term including also outer garments.

The invention consists in a waist or pattern therefor within the definition hereinbefore given provided with a bust-stay, substantially as described, which dispenses with the necessity for using a body-lining extending from the neck to the waist-line in any 20 body-garment where a body-lining might be desirable solely for the purpose of keeping in place the front or front and back of the body-garment.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown 25 a garment embodying my invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of the garment partly opened to show the interior thereof. Fig. 2 is a front or face view of the back section or division of the bust-stay. Fig. 3 is a similar view of each of two 30 front sections or divisions of the bust-stay; and Fig. 4 is a section on line 4 4 of Fig. 1, showing the front of the garment buttoned together.

In the drawings, A represents the waist provided with a back portion *a* and front portions *b c*. The front portions *b c* are provided with means for securing them together by their edges. The garment may be provided 40 with any desired collar *d*, waistband *e*, and sleeves *f*. It will be observed that the front and back of the garment shown in the drawings have a plaited or loose-fitting effect, and to hold the waist entirely in the desired position I provide in the interior thereof a bust-stay which is adapted to surround the bust of the wearer, being secured to the garment in any desired manner. In the present in-

stance this bust-stay is shown as a back section *g*, extending across the interior of the 50 back *a* of the garment and secured to the garment at or near the armholes and in the said seams *g'* of the garment. Secured to the ends of the back section *g* and in the said seams *g'* and armhole-seams are front sections *h*, 55 whose forward ends are secured at or near the meeting edges of the garment. By observing Fig. 4 it will be noted that the bust-stay is adapted to totally surround the bust of the wearer and to contribute to the attainment of the proper loose-fitting effect of the 60 waist F and at the same time act as a support for and to confine the portion of the figure which the said stay surrounds, thus making the garment specially desirable for the use 65 of women having portly figures. It will also be observed that this bust-stay is a narrow band located at or near the bust of the wearer only, which requires much less material than a body-lining, is less heating to the body in 70 summer than a body-lining would be, and at the same time holds the waist-front or front and back in proper position. In outline and effect the bust-stay differs from a body-lining, inasmuch as it is shaped to and fits that portion 75 of the body which it envelops in a manner different from the manner in which the body-lining would be shaped and fitted and in that it is fitted to its own special depth instead of from neck to waist-line and in other 80 valuable particulars unnecessary to herein describe.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, 85 is—

1. A waist A, substantially as described, comprising a body portion of more or less loosely-plaited material giving a draped effect and having the narrow bust-stay in the interior of the waist adapted to tightly fit the 90 body of the wearer at or about the bust-line only, the said bust-stay consisting of the back section *g*, secured to the waist at the armholes, and the front section *h* secured at the armholes of the waist and to the meeting edges 95 of the waist.

2. A waist A, substantially as described,  
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and having the narrow bust-stay in the in-  
5 terior of the waist adapted to tightly fit the  
body of the wearer at or about the bust-line  
only, said bust-stay extending around the in-

terior of the waist and secured to the interior  
of said waist at the armholes thereof and at  
or near the meeting edges of the waist.

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