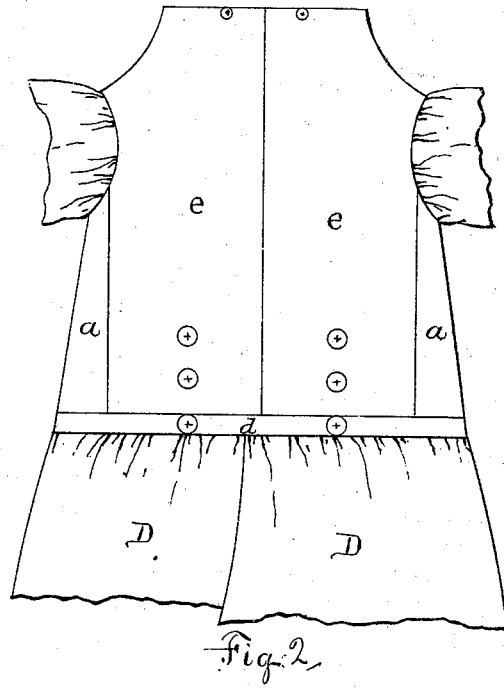
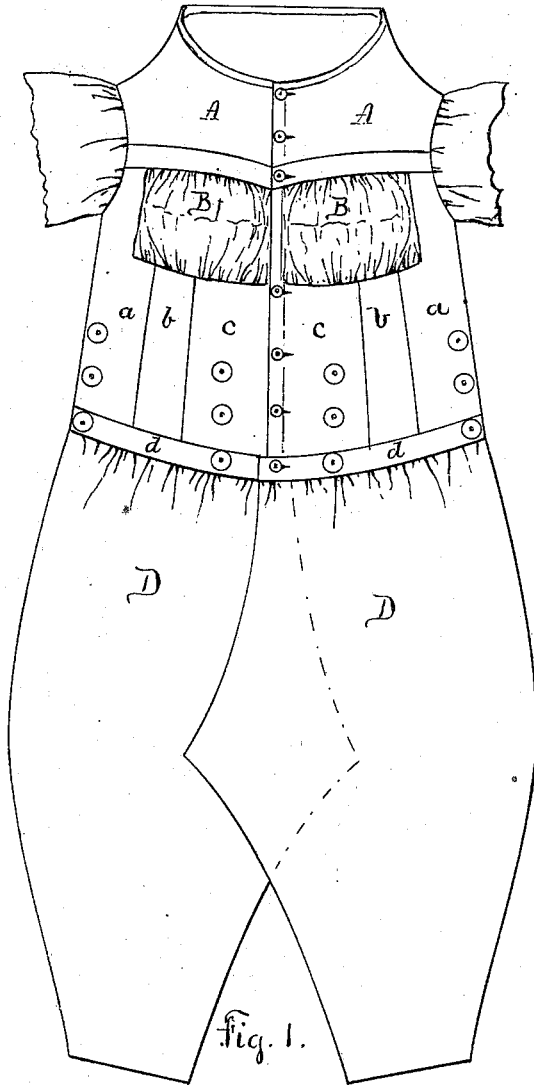


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SUSAN TAYLOR CONVERSE, of Woburn, Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Under-Clothing for Women, of which the following is a specification:

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation, and Fig. 2 a partial rear elevation, of a garment embodying my invention.

The main feature of my invention consists of a garment formed of a body or waist open in front, high or low necked, long or short sleeved, cut and made in such a manner as to fit the figure closely, and to support the breast in its natural position, provided with breast-pieces B B, and two independent leg-pieces, each attached to the lower part of the body, the whole forming a garment such as is shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, in which—

D D are the leg-pieces, and the remainder what I have termed a "body." I form the body of the garment of the neck-pieces A A, waist-pieces *a b c*, band *d*, and back-pieces *e*, and insert in the opening thus left the breast-pieces B B. These breast-pieces are gathered at top and bottom to give the necessary fullness in one direction, and are cut curved either at top or bottom, or both, to give the necessary fullness in the other direction, and the front end is cut shorter than the rear end to hold the breast-pieces in such position as to form a receptacle, thereby allowing the breast to lie undisturbed by other clothing, and free from irritation by the movements of the body while in exercise. I secure to the body of the garment two or more rows of buttons. Each button is sewed through several thicknesses of cloth, placed opposite the button upon the

under side of the garment. This prevents the buttons being torn off in wear or washing. The upper row of buttons is at the waist-line, the others below the first, each row being at such a distance from the other as not to obstruct the buttoning on of other garments. By this arrangement the waistband of the under-skirt is below the waistband of the skirt next above it, and so of all of the waistbands, each is below that of the skirt outside of it, instead of having the waistband of all the under-clothing on the same level, and one overlapping the other, which overlapping makes an unhealthful thickness of material around the waist, and also taxes one part of the human form with the weight of nearly all the clothing.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. The garment above described, consisting of the body A, the breast-pieces B B, and leg-pieces D D, constructed and arranged together as described.
2. In combination with a body-garment, the breast-pieces B B, curved and gathered at top or bottom, or both, and having the front end cut shorter than the rear end, all as and for the purpose specified.
3. The body composed of the waist-pieces *a b c*, back-pieces *e*, band *d*, and suitable neck-pieces A, and breast-pieces B, the band extending below the abdomen, and the whole fitted closely to the form, and acting as an abdominal supporter.

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