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UNDERWAISTS.

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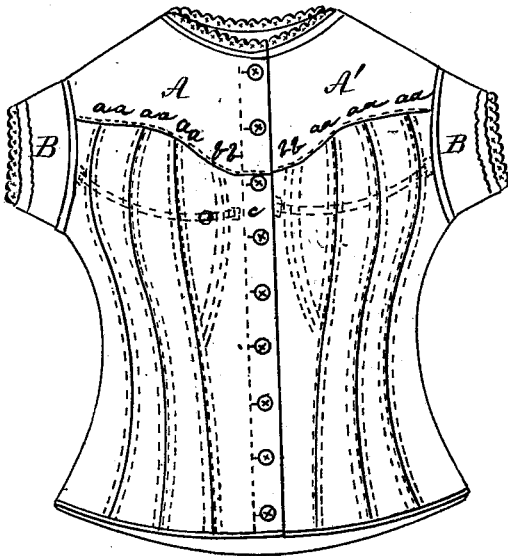


Fig. 1.

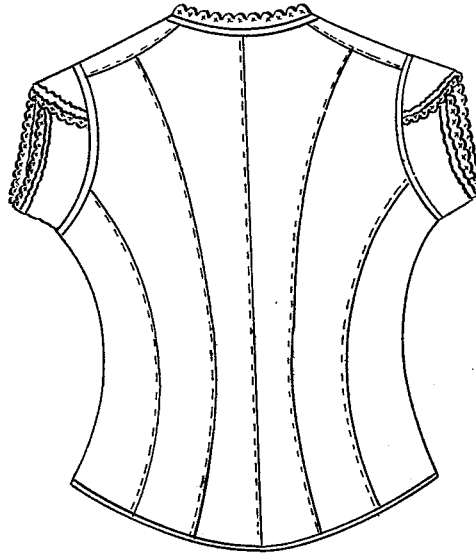


Fig. 2.

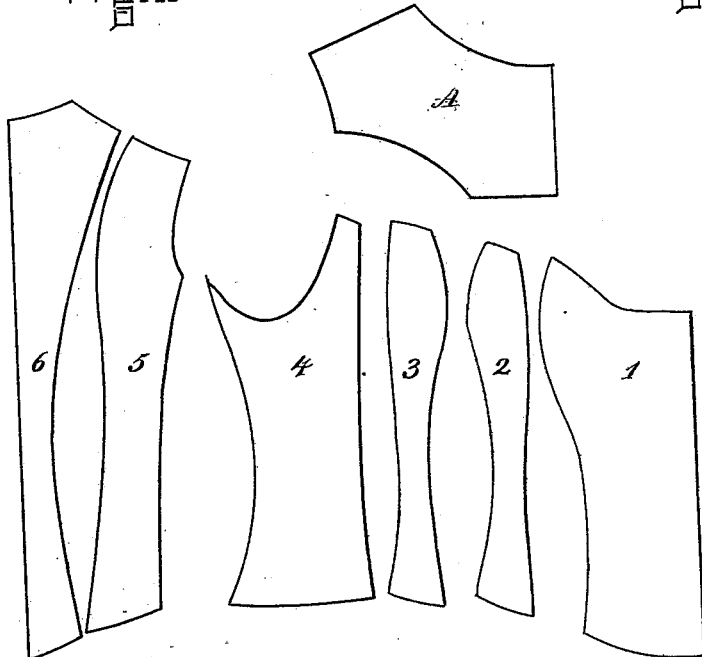


Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN UNDER-WAISTS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, SARAH F. FOLLETTE, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Under-Waist, of which the following is a specification :

The invention is an under-waist and corset combined in one garment. The garment is composed of yoke-pieces and twelve longitudinal pieces, whose adjacent edges are united by ordinary seams, excepting the two front pieces, coming together, are united by buttons or other suitable fastenings. Six of said twelve pieces, constituting one-half the garment, are unlike each other in form, and the other six pieces are converse in form to the six first named. The garment has a yoke, and is close-fitting about the neck. The pieces composing the front part of the garment over the bust are so shaped as to give requisite fullness for the natural swell of the breasts, and in case of deficiency of the natural and desirable fullness of the breasts, stays may be so inserted as to form a graceful and natural-like swell over the breasts, without the use of padding, and the garment may be used to take the place of corsets, thereby avoiding the objections sometimes urged against corsets, and combining a desirable part of the corset with the under-waist.

The accompanying drawing, which is made a part of this specification, fully illustrates my under-waist, in which—

Figure 1 represents the front part of the garment, and Fig. 2 the back part of the garment; and Fig. 3 represents six, or one-half, of the pieces running lengthwise of the garment, and one piece of the yoke.

These several pieces are represented by the numerals 1 2 3 4 5 6, and the letter A represents a part of the yoke, and A' its converse part. B B represent the arm-pieces.

It will be observed that those six pieces represented in Fig. 3 are united by seams, by their adjacent edges running lengthwise of the garment, and their top parts are united to the yoke front and back, and that in like manner the six other pieces of converse forms are united, and the whole together form one garment, buttoned in front, as shown in Fig. 1. The letters *a a a a a* are stays running lengthwise of the garment, one stay on either side of the several seams; *b b*, oblique stays, and *c* a cross-stay. These several stays, arranged and combined with the peculiarly-shaped pieces, form a graceful swell for the breast, while the garment in other parts closely fits the form of the wearer. The under-waist can be made long, as desirable, going over the hips, and buttons or other fastenings can be placed on the under-waist wherever convenient, on which to fasten other under-clothing, and in this garment I have combined the essential advantages of the corset with an under-waist, and have made an under-waist with stays, novel and useful; and

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An under-waist composed of the six pieces 1 2 3 4 5 6, the part A, and their several converse pieces, formed as shown, and arranged and combined in one garment, substantially as shown and described.

2. An under-waist composed of the six pieces 1 2 3 4 5 6, the part A, and their several converse pieces, formed as shown, in combination with the stays *a a a a a*, *b b*, and *c*, and their corresponding stays, the whole being combined and arranged in one garment, substantially as shown and described.

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