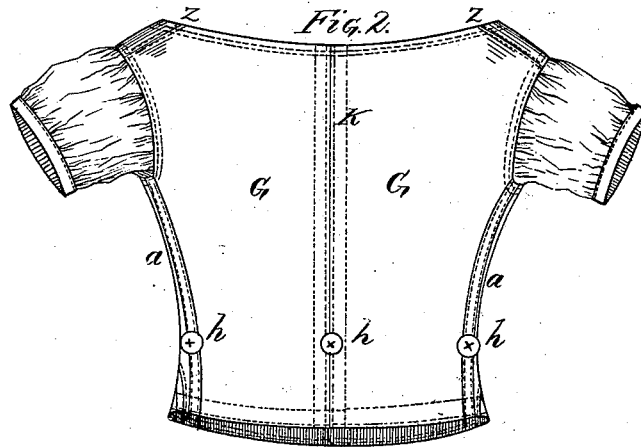
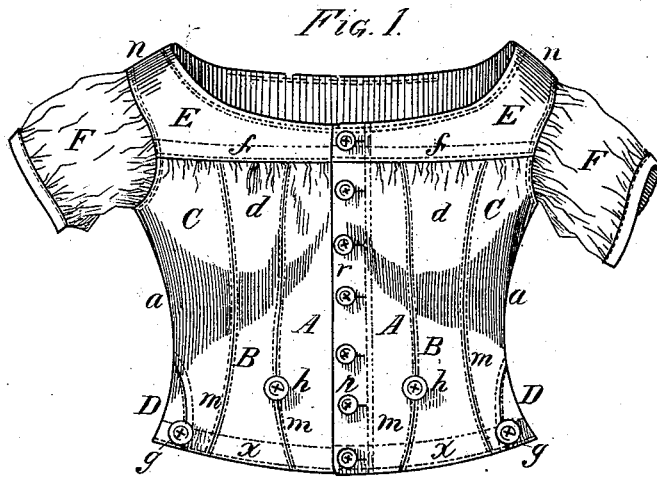


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IMPROVEMENT IN UNDERWAISTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLEMENTINE B. ROBBINS, of South Abington, in the county of Plymouth, State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Underwaists, of which the following is a description sufficiently full, clear, and exact to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation, and Fig. 2 a rear view.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawing.

My invention relates more especially to a class of underwaists for ladies' wear known as the "Dress-Reform Waist;" and consists in a novel construction and arrangement of the parts, as hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed, by which a better-fitting, cheaper, and more effective article of this character is produced than is now in ordinary use.

In the drawings, A A represent the front pieces; B B, the front gores; C C, the side pieces; D D, the side gores; E E, the yoke or neck pieces; F F, the sleeves, and G G the back pieces. The side and back pieces are united by the seams *a a* under the sleeves F F, being cut out or "sprung" to fit the form at this point, as required.

The gore-pieces D D are let into the bottom of the side pieces, as shown, but may be inserted between the side and back pieces, if preferred, or omitted entirely, and short vertical slits be made at that part of the garment in place of the gores. The gores B B are double, the tops *d d* and bottoms *x x* being expanded and the sides curved inwardly, the front pieces A A and side pieces C C being curved outwardly on their adjoining edges to correspond, and united to the same by the seams *m m*, as shown.

The neck-pieces E E, forming the yoke of

the garment, are joined to the back-pieces G G by the seams *z z*, which are preferably located slightly back of the center of the sleeve. They are also united to the sleeves by the seams *n n*, and to the front of the garment by the seams *f f*, the side pieces, C C, gores B B, and front pieces, A A, being gathered at the top in forming the last-named seam.

The back is formed in two pieces, united by the seam *k*, but may, if preferred, be cut in a single piece.

Buttons *h h* are provided for attaching the skirts, drawers, &c., and *g g* for the stocking-supporters. A series of buttons and button-holes, *r r*, properly disposed for that purpose, are also provided for buttoning up the waist when in use.

My improved waist is designed to support the underskirts, drawers, stockings, &c., and relieve the waist and hips of the wearer from the larger part of the burden usually imposed upon them in sustaining the under-garments. Being cut to fit the form, and provided with gores, as shown, it also takes the place, in a large degree, of the ordinary corset, causing the outer garment or dress to sit much better, especially across the bust and over the hips, than is possible with the common waist.

It will be obvious that the sleeves may be omitted, if desired, and that in the ordinary use of the waist no chemise will be required; also, that the gores B B may be made in two sections, or an upper and lower gore used instead, without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus explained my invention, what I claim is—

The improved underwaist described, consisting of the pieces A A C C G G, gores B B D D, yoke E E, and sleeves F F, constructed and arranged to operate substantially as and for the purpose set forth and specified.

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