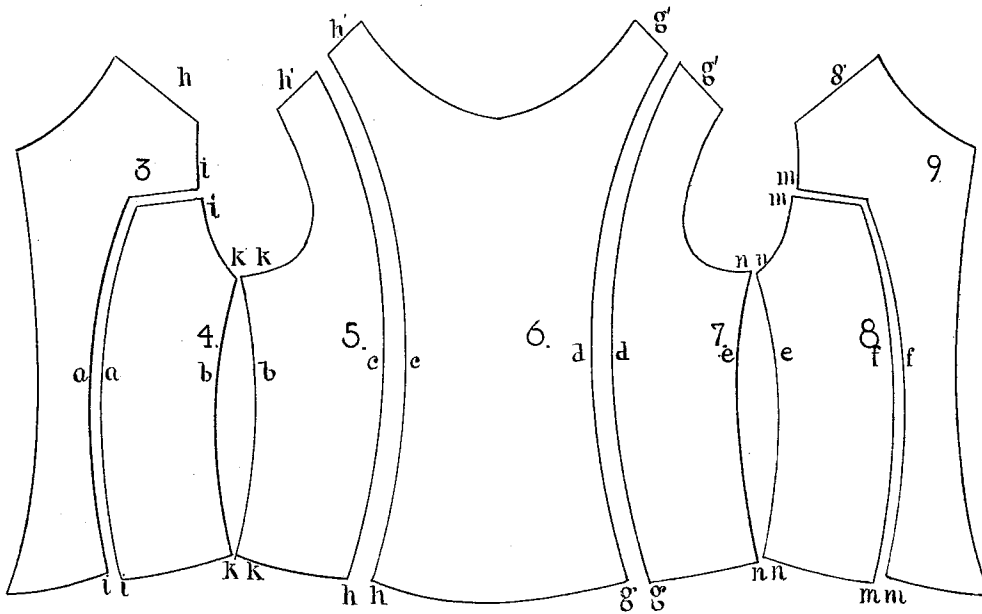
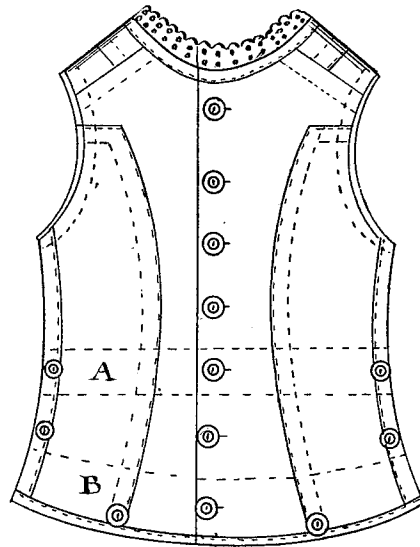
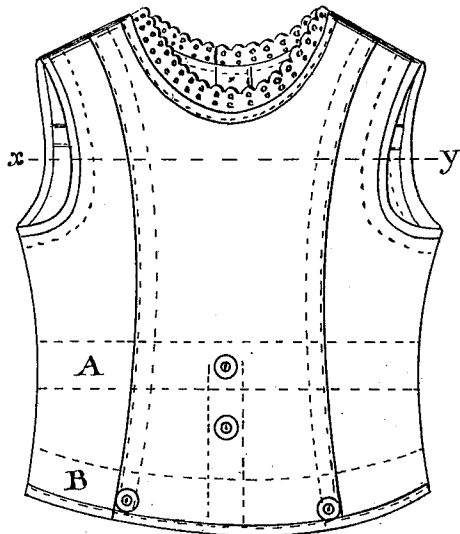


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To all whom it may concern:

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 for Children, of which the following is a specification:

The invention relates to a child's under-waist. The under-waist is composed of seven irregular pieces of cloth united by matched and lapped seams running lengthwise of the garment, and the corresponding matched seams are of uniform length, and the corresponding lapped seams are of equal length, but uniting pieces of different forms.

To explain my invention more fully, I will refer to the accompanying drawing, which is made a part of this specification.

Figure 1 shows the back part of the under-waist, and Fig. 2 shows the front part of the under-waist.

To show the method by which the said pieces are brought together, and are united by seams, I have drawn the several pieces separate with the edges of the pieces, which are to be united adjacent. Thus the pieces 3 and 4 are united by joining the edges *a a*, forming a lapped seam; the pieces 4 and 5, by uniting the edges *b b*, forming a matched seam; the pieces 5 and 6, by uniting the edges *c c*, forming a lapped seam; the pieces 6 and 7, forming a lapped seam; the pieces 7 and 8, forming a matched seam; the pieces 8 and 9, forming a lapped seam.

It will be observed, also, that there is a seam on the top of each shoulder above the arm, formed by uniting the edges *g g' g'* and *h h' h'*, that the union of these edges *g g' g'* and *h h' h'* forms a sort of horn over the top of the shoulder and arm; that the corresponding matched seams directly under the arms form horns under the arms; that the joining of the edges *h h' h' i i k k* on the one side, and the edges *g g' g' m m n n* on the other side, gives a horn-shaped opening for the arm, which, while it gives full play to the muscles of the arm, closely fits the arm and chest adjacent to the arm; and, further, that instead

of the pieces 3 and 4 being one piece going over the shoulder by bringing the edges together, by a seam at *i i*, to the arm-holes, the garment fits closely the arm; also, that the horns of the pieces 5 and 6, instead of being one piece going over the shoulder, are two pieces, thus giving a fullness about the arm while closely fitting.

The union of these several pieces in the above-described manner also gives a fullness to the bust of the garment, as shown at the line *x y*, Fig. 3, and less fullness at the waistband *A*, while the garment is gradually enlarged below the waistband, as far over the hips as may be desirable. The under-waist is also provided with the usual fastenings for under-clothing, stocking-straps, &c., which are common with other under-waists.

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

1. The combination, in a garment, of the seven pieces 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, formed substantially as shown and described.

2. An under-waist, consisting of seven pieces, formed substantially as shown, united by matched seams under the arms of the same length and converse form, and by lapped seams elsewhere, in which the edges of the material are of like length and variant forms, substantially in the manner, and for the purpose described, whereby a better fit and draw is obtained.

3. A garment, consisting of seven pieces, formed substantially as shown, united by eight seams, in which the seams under the arms are matched from edges of the same length and converse form, and the other seams are lapped from edges of the same length and variant form, whereby the fit and draw of the garment are adapted to the shape and conformation of the waist, body, and bust, substantially as shown and described.

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