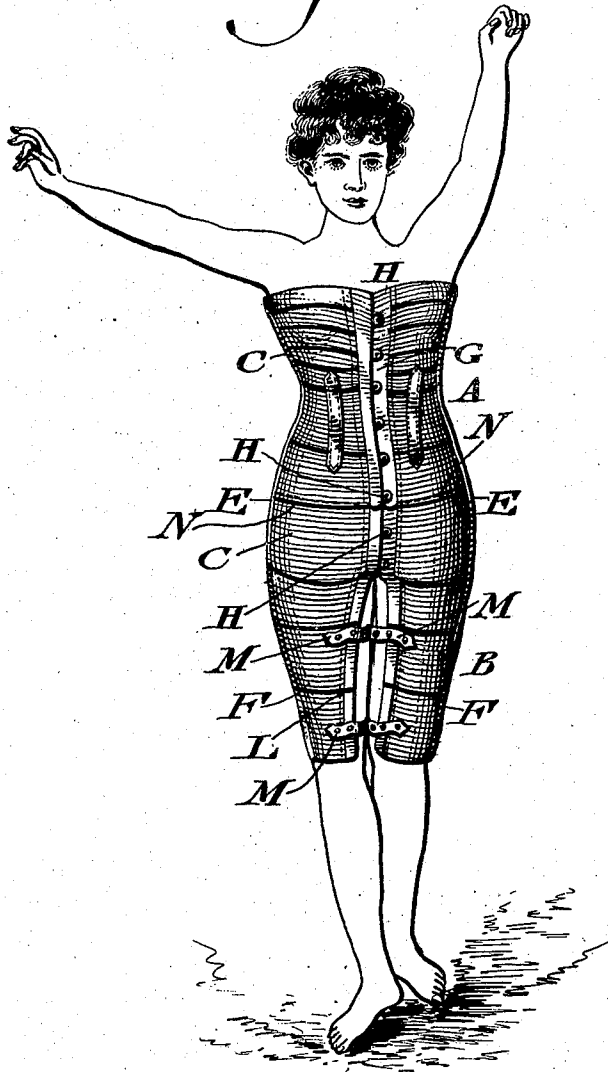


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Fig. 1.



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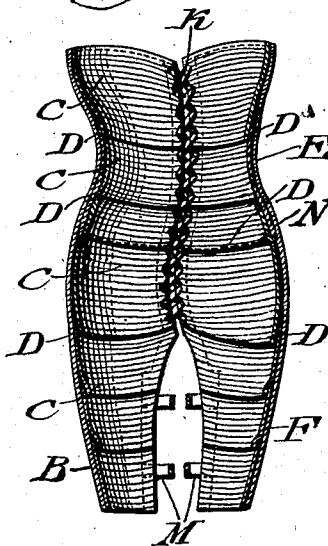


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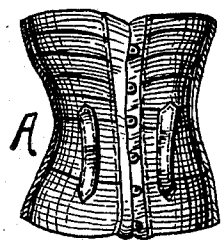
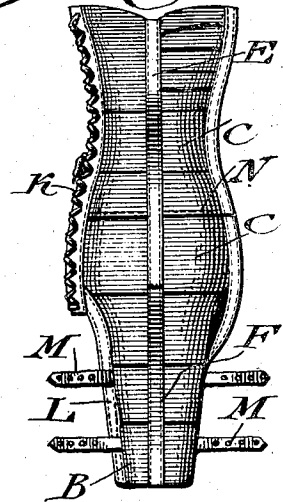
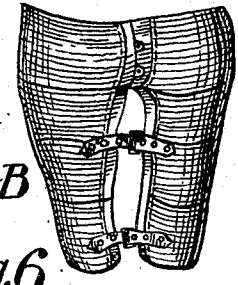


Fig. 5

Fig. 6



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JEANNE WALTER APPLETON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Inner Garment, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a garment adapted to be worn directly on the body, so as to compress the latter and reduce the lateral contour thereof, while it may be worn with ease and comfort, it also imparting shapeliness to the form and possessing all of the advantages of a corset and drawers without the employment of the same.

For the purpose of explaining the invention, the accompanying drawing illustrates a satisfactory reduction of the same to practice, but the important instrumentalities thereof may be varied, and so it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the specific arrangement and organization shown and described.

Figure 1 represents a front view of a garment embodying my invention, the same being shown in wearing position. Fig. 2 represents a rear view thereof. Fig. 3 represents a vertical section thereof. Fig. 4 represents a side elevation thereof. Fig. 5 represents a front view of the body or upper member of a garment embodying my invention. Fig. 6 represents a front view of the legs or lower member of a garment embodying my invention.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings:—A designates the body of the garment, and B designates the legs thereof, said body and legs being formed of horizontally-arranged separate pieces C of woven rubber elastic webbing overlapping at D, so as to close the joints between the pieces and connected by the stays E, F on the sides thereof to prevent separation thereof and opening of said joints without interfering with the expansion and contraction of the material of which the garment is composed, it being understood that the overlapping sections need not be connected throughout the length of their overlapped parts, but only at the points where they are connected by the stays. The body A has a vertical opening, preferably in front, for convenience of application to and removal from the body of the wearer, and the legs B are vertically di-

vided, so as to render them easy of being put on and taken off.

The body A and legs B are normally of less width than the portion of the body of the wearer which they are intended to cover, so that they are necessarily expanded or stretched while being placed in position and then contract when so placed, whereby they conform closely to the form of the wearer and compress the body and limbs thereof, this being for therapeutic purposes, for reducing the lateral contour of said body and limbs and for imparting shapeliness to the form. Furthermore, the body A serves as a corset and the legs B as drawers, thus avoiding the employment of a corset and drawers as such.

While the garment is made of separate horizontally-extending pieces and their joints remain closed, as has been stated, said pieces yield with the greatest freedom with the motions of the body, and thus the garment may be worn with ease and comfort.

The front of the body A is provided with stays G and fastening devices H and the rear thereof with eyelets J and lacings K, for closing and adjusting purposes.

The legs B have vertical stays L on the inner sides thereof and straps M, the latter being adapted to pass around the limbs of the wearer, being provided with suitable fastenings so as to adjustably and securely close said legs when in position on the wearer.

When it is desired to wear the body A and legs B independent of each other, the garment is divided on the line N, said body and legs then being separate of each other, as shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A garment of the character stated formed of separate pieces of rubber elastic material overlapped with the joints free to expand and contract, and means for suitably uniting the same.

2. A garment of the character stated comprising a body and legs continuous thereof, said members being formed of separate pieces of rubber elastic webbing, said pieces being adapted to overlap at their joints, means for connecting said pieces without interference with their ability to expand and contract, and means for respectively adjusting and closing said body and legs.

3. A garment of the character stated
composed of an upper and a lower garment
separable from each other and their adja-
cent portions overlapped, each garment com-
5 posed of separate rubber elastic pieces with
their adjacent edges overlapped, and ver-
tical stays for connecting said pieces, leav-
ing the joints and said pieces free to expand
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