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FIG. 1.

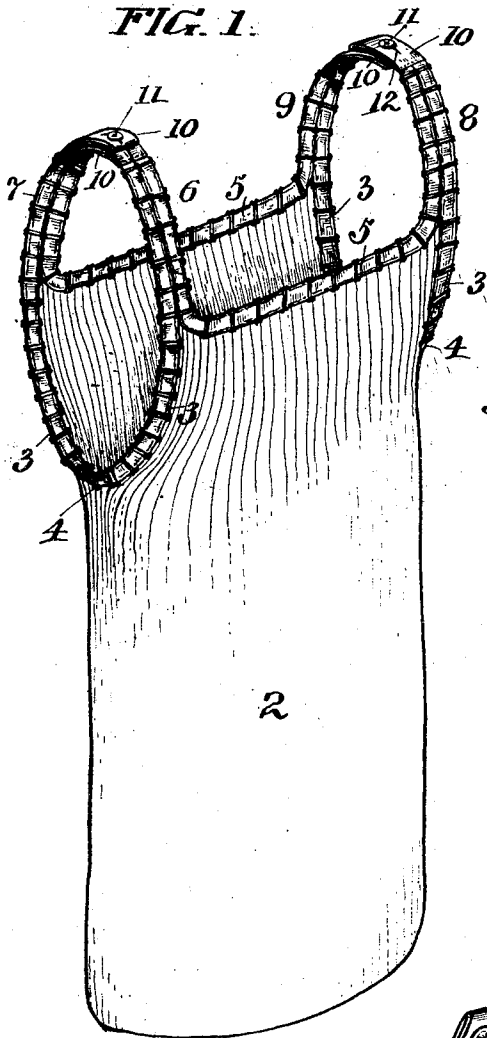


FIG. 2.

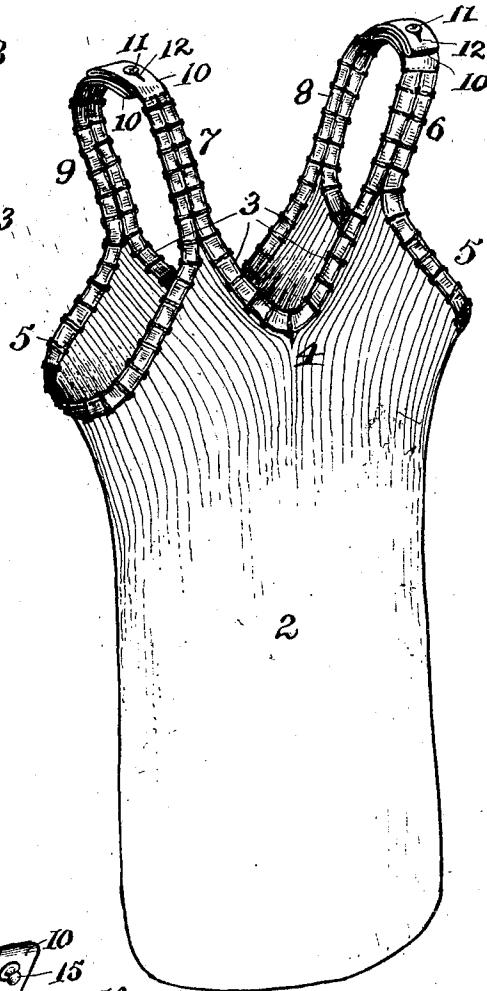
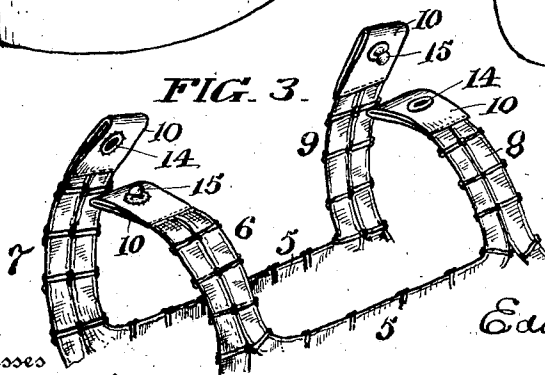


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD EMMERS, citizen of the United States, and resident of Royersford, county of Montgomery, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Women's Undergarments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has reference to women's undergarments and consists of certain improvements which are fully set forth in the following specification and shown in the accompanying drawings which form a part thereof.

The object of my invention is to provide a construction of under-vest for women which, by simple adjustment of the shoulder straps, will provide either of two shapes of bust, namely a low V cut or a high straight front as may be desired; and furthermore, will provide a broad or relatively narrower garment at the shoulders to suit persons of different stature.

In embodying my invention in practical form, I employ a knitted fabric in tubular form, in which the bust portion is cut off transversely to the length of the tubular fabric and said fabric further cut in the direction of the length of the same to provide four corners each formed by the juncture of a part of the transverse upper or bust edge of the tubular fabric and one of the longitudinal edges formed by the longitudinal cuts, and to each of these corners I provide independent shoulder straps, the free ends of which may be detachably coupled in pairs in one way to provide a garment with straight bust and back, and coupled in pairs in another way to form, of the arm portions, a V cut bust and back, and provide from the straight front and back portions, laterally extending arm sockets below the shoulder straps.

More generically, my invention comprehends an undervest having its bust and arm portions divided into four parts by shoulder straps, the alternate or opposite parts being substantially similar in outline, and the shoulder straps being four in number and terminating in free ends, preferably provided with detachable means for coupling the free ends of the adjacent straps in pairs in two ways, whereby the arm portions may be converted into the bust and back portions when desired to change the bust line from one shape to another.

My invention also comprehends details

of construction which, together with the features above specified, will be better understood by reference to the drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved undervest when the shoulder straps are so coupled as to provide a high straight bust and back; Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same garment when the shoulder straps are coupled in a different way to lower the cut of the bust and give it a V shape; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view corresponding to the upper portion of Fig. 1, but with the arm straps uncoupled.

2 is the body of the garment and, ordinarily, is made of tubular ribbed knitted fabric formed upon a circular knitting machine. A section of this knitted tube is cut transversely to form the straight bust edges 5 and is split on diametrically opposite sides to form the edges 3 constituting the lower parts of the arm holes, the said edges 3 meeting at the lower parts 4, namely those portions at the bottom of the slits above mentioned. Extending upward from the juncture of the edges 3 and 5, I provide shoulder straps 6, 7, 8 and 9, these being four in number and preferably formed of open or lace work which may be continued as a border edge along the edges 3 and 5 as shown, and in which tapes or ribbons may be threaded. The free ends of the shoulder straps may be formed of plain fabric, and these ends may be overlapped and detachably united by buttons, fasteners or other devices. As shown, in Figs. 1 and 2, the free ends of the straps are alternately provided with buttons 11 and button holes 12. In Fig. 1, the straps 6 and 7 are buttoned together to form a closed shoulder strap over one of the arm portions and similarly, the straps 8 and 9 are buttoned together to form the other closed shoulder strap over the other arm portion. It will also be seen that, while the straps 6 and 9 are provided with buttons, the straps 7 and 8 are provided with button holes, so that not only may the straps 6 and 7 be coupled as a pair and the straps 8 and 9 likewise coupled as a pair (Fig. 1), but straps 6 and 8 may be coupled as a pair and likewise straps 7 and 9 coupled as a pair; as shown in Fig. 2, to form arm holes of the bust parts 5 and V bust portions of the arm hole portions 3, 4, 3.

It will be seen, by comparing Figs. 1 and

2, that the general shape of the bust and arm portion of the undervest has been completely changed by the simple act of coupling the shoulder strap portions in different combinations. Not only does the high straight bust become changed to a low V cut bust, but where the material of the former provided for a full bust, the latter will give a somewhat tighter bust structure but with more fullness under the arms. In those cases where no shoulder straps are desired, or when using the vest as a corset-cover, the straps 6, 7, 8 and 9 are not coupled, but instead, are turned down so as to be invisible and leave the shoulders entirely free, and this too, without having undesirable material under the arms as has heretofore been necessary.

In place of using buttons and button-holes, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, I may employ any other suitable fasteners, such as those used upon gloves, etc. This latter is shown in Fig. 3, in which 15 are the male or button portions and 14 the female or socket portions. In this case, as in those above described, the parts 15 are on alternate straps 6 and 9, and the parts 14 on the remaining alternate straps 7 and 8, so that strap 6 may be coupled with either straps 7 or 8, and similarly, strap 9 may be coupled with straps 8 or 7, as desired. While it is preferable to provide the straps with fasteners of some kind, such fasteners may be omitted and fancy pins of artistic or other nature may be employed instead, if so preferred.

I have shown my improved undervests in the form I prefer, for general use, but I do not restrict myself to the details, as these may be modified without departing from the spirit of the invention.

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

1. As an article of manufacture, an undervest for women made of a knitted fabric in tubular form having its upper or bust end cut transversely across the length of the tubular fabric and having said end also cut longitudinally on diametrically opposite sides to provide arm portions and four corner portions constituting the junctures of the arm portions with the bust and back portions, and having said junctures or corner portions provided with independent shoulder straps having free ends to enable said straps to be coupled up in pairs in either of two ways whereby what were arm portions may be made to provide low bust and back portions and the former high bust

and back portions be made to become the arm portions.

2. As an article of manufacture, an undervest for women made of a knitted fabric in tubular form having its upper or bust end cut transversely across the length of the tubular fabric and having said end also cut longitudinally on diametrically opposite sides to provide arm portions and four corner portions constituting the junctures of the arm portions with the bust and back portions, and having said junctures or corner portions provided with independent shoulder straps having free ends to enable said straps to be coupled up in pairs in either of two ways whereby what were arm portions may be made to provide low bust and back portions and the former high bust and back portions be made to become the arm portions and said free ends of the straps provided with fasteners for uniting them in pairs.

3. As an article of manufacture, an undervest for women having the juncture of the arm portions with the bust and back portions provided with independent shoulder straps having free ends to enable said straps to be coupled up in pairs in two ways whereby the arm portions may be made to provide bust and back portions of different shape and the former bust and back portions made to become the arm portions and said free ends of the straps alternately provided with corresponding portions of two part fasteners whereby any strap may be detachably coupled with either of the next adjacent straps.

4. As an article of manufacture, an undervest for women formed of a tubular knitted fabric having its bust and back portions cut on a transverse line to the length of the tube and its arm portions provided by diametrically opposite longitudinal slits, and the juncture of the side edges of the slits and the transverse bust and back portions provided with independent shoulder straps having free edges, said straps adapted to be coupled in pairs in two ways, to provide a straight high bust and back or a low V bust and back as desired, and said free ends of the straps alternately provided with corresponding portions of two part fasteners whereby any strap may be detachably coupled with either of the next adjacent straps.

In testimony of which invention, I hereunto set my hand.

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