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Fig. 1

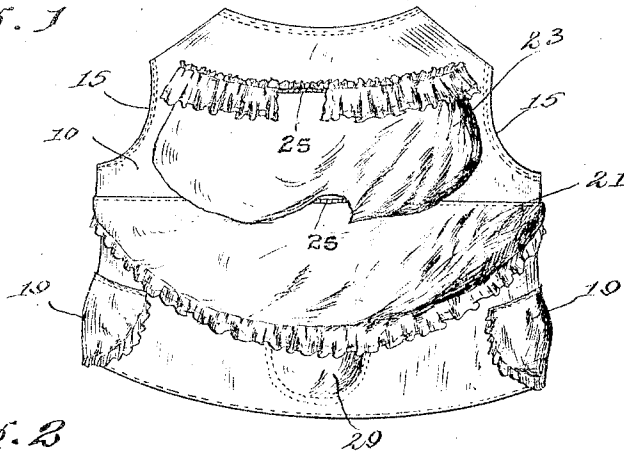


Fig. 2

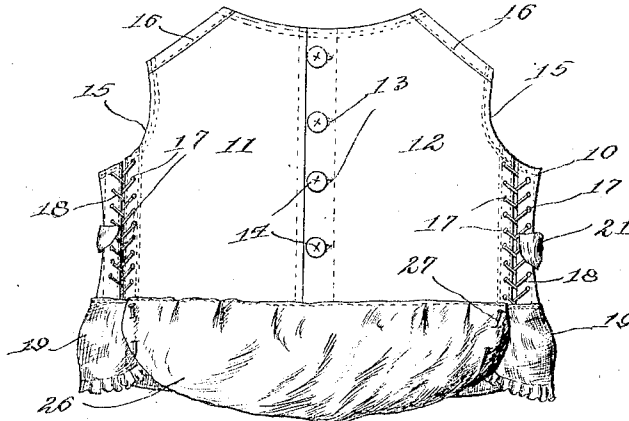
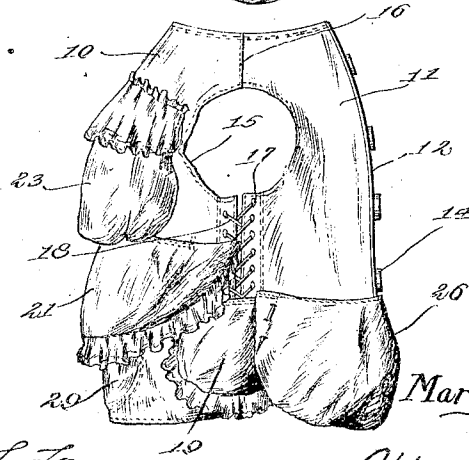


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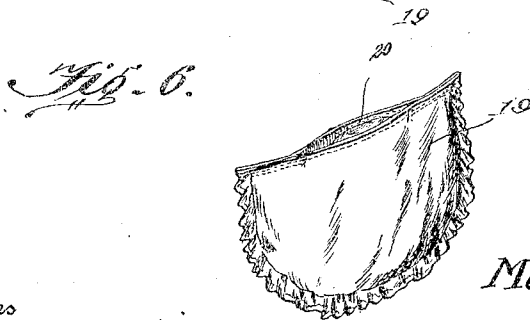
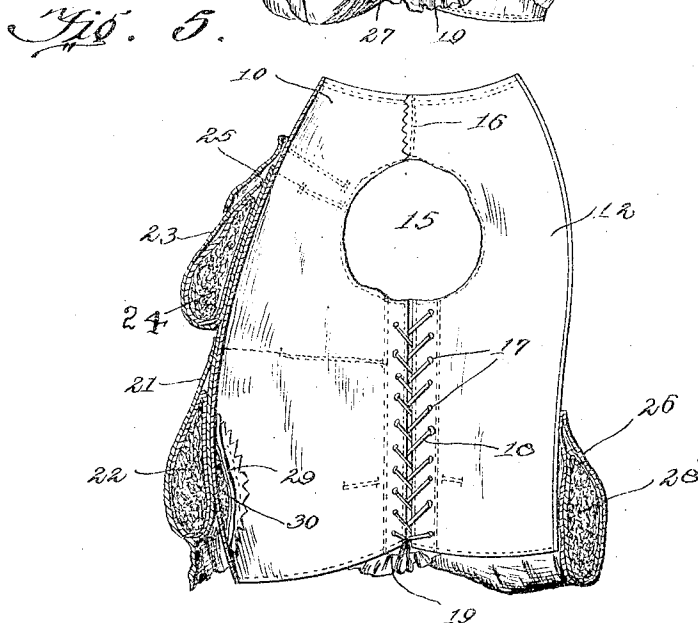
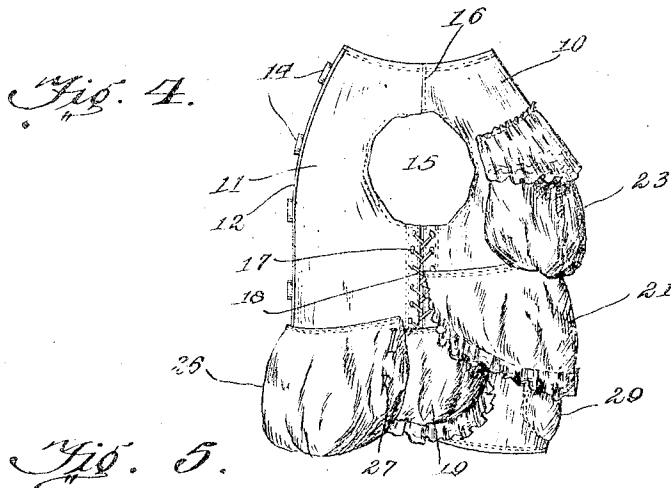
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY A. KNISELEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Checotah, in the county of McIntosh and State of Oklahoma, have invented new and useful Improvements in Maternity-Waists, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to wearing apparel, and more particularly to the class of maternity waists.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a waist of this character in which pockets are arranged thereon for receiving pads, whereby the contour of the body of a person may be altered, so as to shape the figure should it be deformed.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a waist of this character in which the body of a person may be shaped so that the form will be graceful and shapely, whether such person be thin or stout, or deformed to any degree of disfiguration.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a waist that is adjustable to suit the wearer, thereby enabling the alteration of the figure when being worn, the waist being thoroughly comfortable when on the wearer.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a waist which is simple of construction and inexpensive in manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a front view of a waist constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof. Fig. 3 is a side view. Fig. 4 is an opposite side view. Fig. 5 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of one of the hip pockets and pads.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, 10 designates the front section of the waist, and 11 and 12 the back sections, respectively. The back section 12 is provided with the usual button holes 13, in which are engaged ordinary buttons 14 carried by the other back section 11, whereby the waist may be

fastened upon a wearer. The front section 10 and back sections 11 and 12 are cut to provide arm holes 15, and also are joined at the shoulders of the waist by means of ordinary stitching 16, and at the adjacent side edges of the said front and back sections is formed a series of spaced eyelets 17, through which are passed lacing strings 18, whereby the waist may be adjusted to suit the convenience of the wearer.

Secured to the front section 10 of the waist at points to overlie the hips of the wearer are pockets 19, in which are detachably held pads 20 to relieve the wearer from injury caused by the corsets when being worn.

Secured transversely to the front section 10 of the waist at a point above the waist line is an elongated pocket 21, the latter extending entirely across the front of the waist and terminating at opposite sides thereof, and in which is detachably held a correspondingly shaped pad 22, the latter being for the purpose of filling out the figure of the wearer of the waist above the waist line.

Above the pocket 21 and secured to the front section 10 of the waist at the point of the bust is a pocket 23, in which is detachably held a bust pad 24, the pockets 21 and 23 being medially slitted, as at 25, at their edges stitched to the front section to provide entrance for the introduction and removal of the pads therein.

Carried by the back sections 11 and 12, is a pocket 26, the latter being connected with the said sections by means of safety pins or other fasteners 27, at its opposite ends, and in which is detachably held a back pad 28, the pocket 27 being capable of adjustment at any desirable point throughout the length of the back section to suit the convenience of the wearer in shaping the figure.

Provided centrally of the front section 10 near the lower edge thereof is a pocket 29, the latter being stitched to the inner face thereof, and in which is detachably held a pad 30, the same being correspondingly shaped to the pocket and is adapted to prevent injury to the wearer of the waist at the point where the lower ends of the front stays of a pair of corsets are constructed, thus obviating the rubbing of the corsets on the body of the wearer when the same is being worn. Of course, it is to be understood that the waist may be worn with or without the corsets, as may be found desirable.

What is claimed is:

The combination with a bodice having adjustable parts, of a plurality of pad containers fixed to said bodice at the front, 5 sides and rear thereof, the container at the rear of said bodice being detachable therefrom, each of said containers being formed with an opening at the uppermost edge thereof, pads removably fitted within and 10 entirely filling the said containers and adapted to be extracted through the openings therein and skirt-like pieces carried by the bodice at the front thereof and adapted

to overhang the front container, one of said front containers being extended throughout 15 the width of the bodice and terminating at opposite sides thereof, the remaining front containers being of different sizes with respect to each other.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 20 in presence of two witnesses.

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