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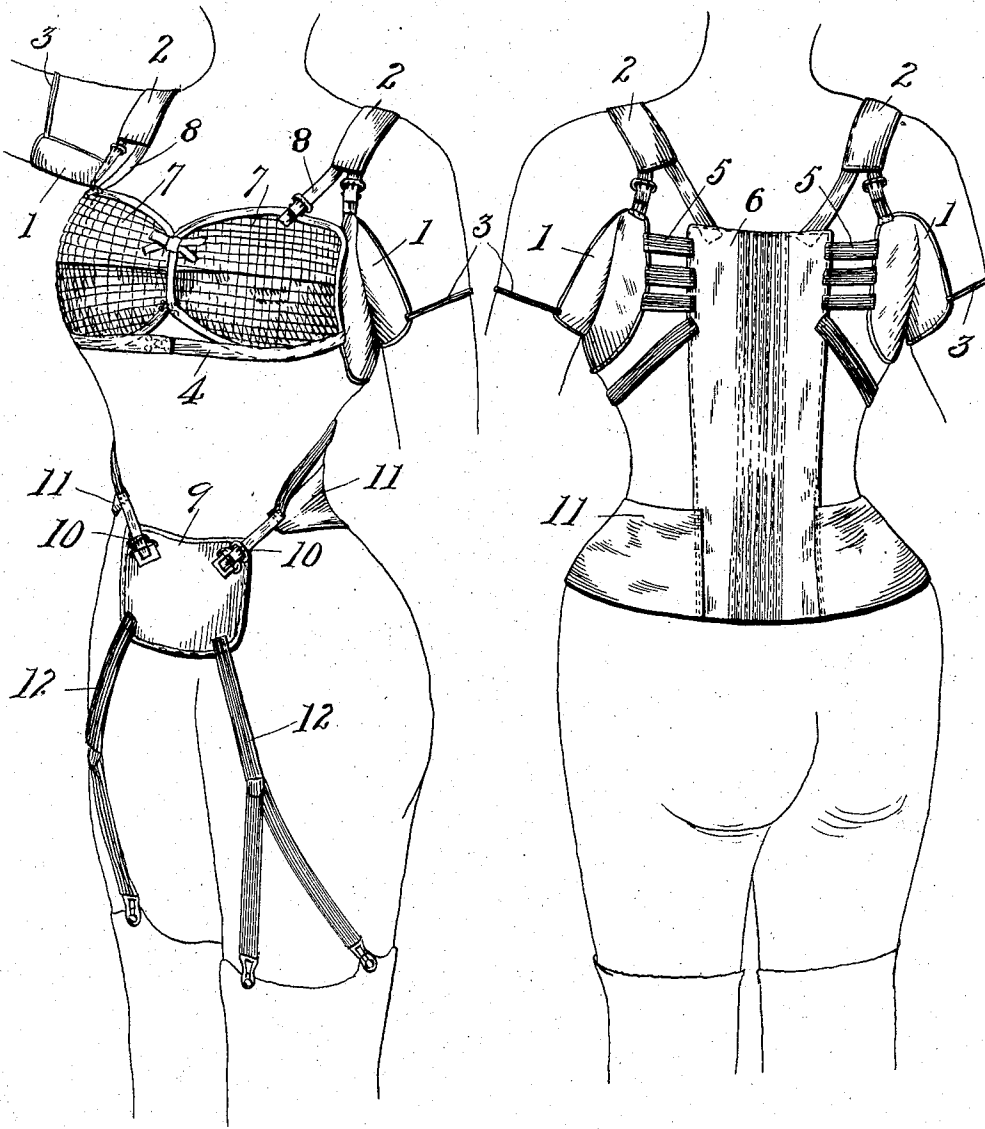
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FIG. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAURA REED, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fremont, in the county of Dodge and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to garments, and especially to that class of garments particularly adapted for women's wear.

The object of my invention is to provide a garment adapted for supporting various other garments and various parts of the person.

With this and other objects in view the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, it being understood that changes in the form, proportion, size, and minor details may be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front perspective view of my improved garment. Fig. 2 shows my improved garment in perspective as seen from the rear.

Like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout both the views.

In its preferred embodiment my improved garment consists of a pair of armpit-shields 1, suspended by straps 2, passing over the shoulder of the wearer and secured by straps 3, passing about the arm. The armpit-shields 1 are secured to the body by means of a separable strap 4, passing about the front, and straps 5, preferably composed of elastic, passing across the back toward the middle and connected to a back-support 6 and adapted to serve as shoulder-braces. The back-support 6 is composed of several thicknesses of fabric and between which are disposed "bones" or stiffening devices. To the front edges of that section of the armpit-shield 1 which rests against the body are secured bust-supporters 7, preferably composed of a fabric and detachably joined at their inner ends. To make the garment more firm, brace-straps 8 are secured to the shoulder-straps 2 and to the upper edges of the bust-supporters 7.

An abdominal supporter 9 is provided with buckles 10, adapted to be removably secured to a belt 11. The belt 11 is secured to the lower end and forms a continuation of back-supporter 6 and is so formed as to set down over the hips and serve as a skirt-supporter. To the lower edges of abdominal supporter 9 are secured hose-supporters 12.

From the foregoing description the operation of my garment will be clearly and easily understood without a more extended description in relation thereto, and it will be readily understood that this garment will serve the purpose accomplished by a corset, especially in supporting the skirts and busts. The abdominal supporter, with its attached hose-supporters, is adapted to give the desired "erect form."

It is obvious that numerous changes may be made in the form and construction of my improved garment without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the claims.

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

1. A garment comprising a stiffened back-supporting member, shoulder-braces secured to the upper portion thereof, armpit-shields secured at the front and back portions thereof to the said shoulder-braces, elastic bands connecting the lower back portion of the armpit-shields to the stiffened back portion, bust-supporters secured at either side thereof to the said armpit-shields, a belt member secured to the lower end portion of the back-supporting member, an abdominal supporter secured to the said belt member and hose-supporters secured to the said abdominal supporter.

2. A garment comprising a stiffened back-supporting member, means for supporting said member about the body, armpit-shields connected to the upper portion thereof, shoulder-straps connected therewith and adapted to secure the same in position, and bust-supporters secured to the front edges of the armpit-shields.

3. A garment comprising a stiffened back-supporting member, shoulder-straps connected therewith at the upper portion thereof, armpit-shields secured at their front and rear portions to the said shoulder-straps,

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tion of the back-supporting member and an
abdominal supporter secured to the said belt.

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