

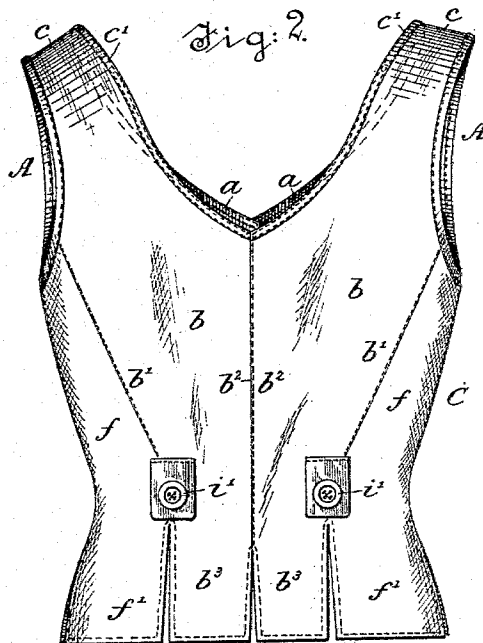
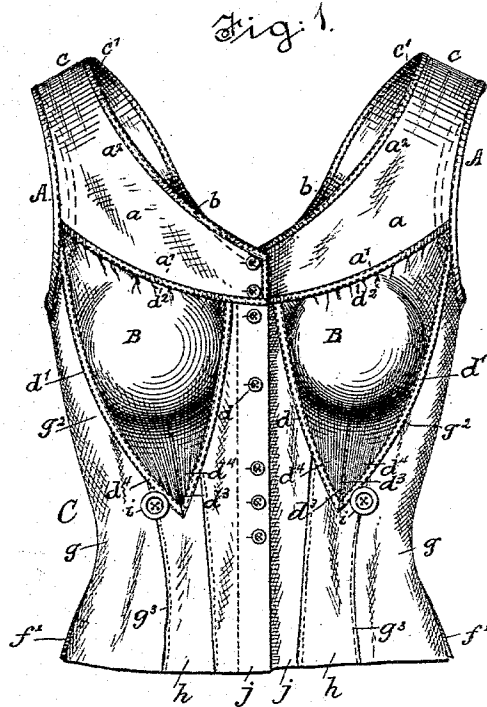
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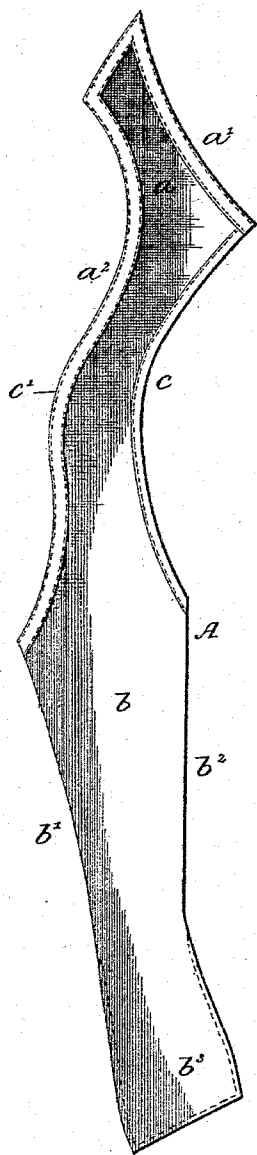
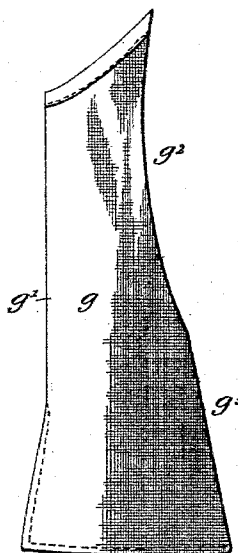


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZA M. MOSHER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to garments for ladies' wear known as under waists; and while in general the object of my invention is to so form a garment of this character that it will answer the laws of health throughout, more specifically my object is to so shape the front that while relieving the wearer of all injurious pressure across the thorax it will, at the same time, afford a constant upward or lifting pressure to the breasts.

Another object is to devise such shape of the yokes that, under the influence of a proper distribution of the weight of the skirts attached to the waist, the shoulder straps, forming a part of the yokes, will have a tendency to draw toward the neck rather than to work down over the shoulders, thus adding to the shapeliness and fit of the garment and to the comfort of the wearer.

The following is a detailed description of my invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters indicate corresponding parts in all the figures, and in which

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my new and improved waist. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a diagram view of one of the yokes, and Figs. 4 and 5 are plan views of the side pieces of the body.

My invention as indicated consists in the general construction of the garment, in the yokes, and in the breast pockets as hereinafter described and claimed.

A A represent the yokes and B, B, the breast pockets. The body C while possessing advantages in the special construction shown, may be of any suitable form or pattern to adapt it to receive the new yokes and pockets. The yokes A are each cut from the fabric to the form or pattern shown in Fig. 3 with the chest piece *a*, back breadth *b* and shoulder strap *c*, which latter is on the bias and formed with an inward curve *c'*. The chest piece *a* of each yoke is narrowed and reaches from

the arm hole to the center of the body and terminates in a button fly to join the point of the opposite yoke. The larger portion of the said chest piece *a* is cut on the bias of the fabric and is cut to form a curved or slightly diagonal lower edge *a'*, while the upper edge is curved as shown at *a''*. The back breadth of each yoke is slightly tapered to fashion the body having the diagonal edge *b'*, and straight back edge *b''* and terminates, by preference, in a flap *b'''*.

The breast pockets B are cut on a bias and are each of triangular form, the two converging edges *d d'* being stitched in the body as shown, while the upper edge *d''* is slightly gathered and stitched to the edge *a'* of the chest piece of the yoke. The fullness at the lower point is taken up and a seam *d'''* formed therein to form the two darts *d'' d'''*, which when drawn downward as far as the chest pieces and shoulder straps will permit, by the weight of the lower garments attached to the waist, draw close to the body, and cause the side edges of the pockets to be drawn toward one another so that the darts and side edges exert an upward and also a lateral gathering pressure on the breasts.

f g represent the side pieces of the body. These are cut in the form shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The side pieces *f* are tapering and form a part of the arm holes and by preference terminate at the bottom of the waist in the flaps *f'*. The side pieces *g* also form a part of the arm holes and reach to the bottom of the waist and have one straight edge *g'*, the other being curved at *g''* and diagonal at *g'''* to join the curved edges *d'* of the breast pockets and the adjacent straight edges of the front darts *h h*, which latter, together with the front edge pieces *j j*, constitute the front of the body of the waist. The said edge pieces *j j* are provided with button holes and buttons, as shown clearly in Fig. 1.

The waist is made to fit snugly around the body, and it is provided at front and back with buttons *i i'* to which the skirts and other garments may be attached, and when so attached the weight of the skirts is borne entirely upon the shoulders by the straps *c c*, and these straps being formed as described, conform to the shoulders of the wearer in all

of the various movements of the body, and tend, if they shift at all, to draw closer to the neck rather than to work down off from the shoulder.

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

1. In a garment of the character described, the combination with the body thereof and
10 the chest-pieces, of breast pockets set in the body and formed with converging side edges terminating at the points in darts d^4 and gathered at the upper edges and stitched to the lower edges of the chest pieces, and fastening
15 points secured to the body adjacent to the

darts of the breast pockets, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. In a garment of the character described the combination with the body and the chest pieces, of breast pockets set in the body and
20 formed with converging side edges terminating at the lower points in the darts d^4 d^4 and gathered at the upper edges and stitched to the lower edges of the chest-pieces, substantially as described.

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