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Fig. 1.

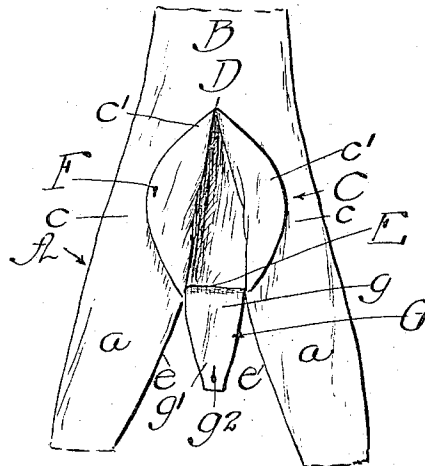


Fig. 2.

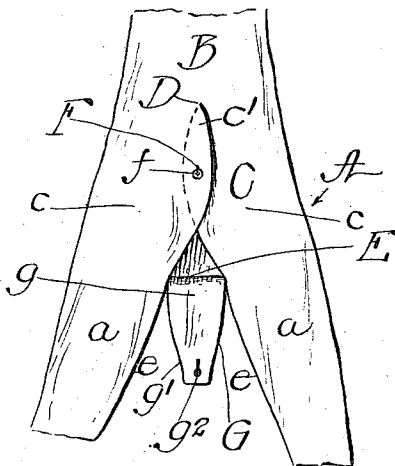
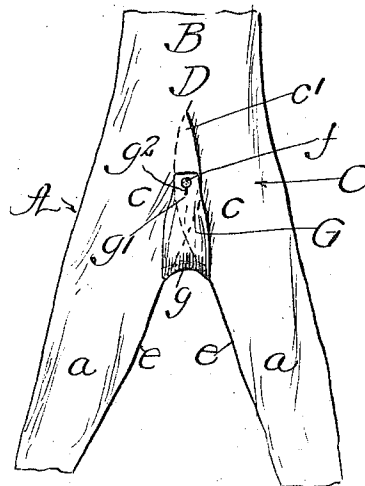


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. LEWY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Drawers for Women; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to underdrawers for women and consists of the matters herein- after described and more particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

Women's drawers as now commonly made are slit at the crotch and are normally open for the wearer's convenience in performing the natural excretal functions. This slit runs up the seat of the drawers toward the waist line and while overlapping flaps are provided at the slit to normally close the slit opening in the seat, the result is far from satisfactory, the most delicate parts of the body being left exposed. Efforts have been made to provide under-drawers which are normally closed and which may be unfastened to open them for the purpose mentioned but these have been unsuccessful, largely owing to the fact that the under-drawers lie next to the body with the waist band underneath the corset and the usual provisions to that end are not readily reached for detachment.

The object of the present invention is to provide practicable underdrawers for women which are normally closed so that all parts of the body are protected but which may be easily and fully opened when required for any purpose without disarranging the clothing any more than is necessary in lifting the skirts.

In the drawings Figure 1 is a view representing my improved drawers in rear elevation as they appear when fully open. Fig. 2 is a like view showing them partially closed. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation showing the drawers as they appear when entirely closed.

Referring now to that embodiment of the invention illustrated in the drawings, A indicates the drawers, *a, a*, the legs of the same and B the waist part of the drawers. As will be readily understood, the drawers may be of any kind, may be made of any suitable material, may be long or short and may be

separate from and distinct from the shirt or may be made in one piece with the shirt as in the familiar "union suit."

C, indicates the seat of the drawers which is made in two parts *c, c*, which are joined together at D, a point at or near the waist line. Said seat parts have marginal flaps *c¹ c¹* which overlap above the crotch E of the drawers but diverge toward the inside leg lines *e, e*, of the drawers at the crotch so as to leave a gap or opening at that point. The overlapping marginal flaps of the seat members are provided with any suitable or convenient means for detachably connecting them together and as shown one has a button hole F and the other a correspondingly placed button *f*. These are preferably so located above the crotch that they will not interfere with the wearer's comfort when seated. In the crotch E, which is preferably made wide for the purpose, there is attached to or made integral with the front of the drawers a third flap G which is adapted to fold backwardly between the drawer legs and upwardly against the overlapping flaps of the seat. Said flap G is sufficiently broad at its base *g* to fully protect the parts of the body which it covers and preferably tapers in breadth toward its end *g¹*. The flap G when detached, hangs down between the drawer-legs as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 and when in closed position is detachably connected to the seat, preferably by means of the same button *f* that attaches the seat flaps *c¹ c¹* together, a button hole *g²* being formed near the end *g¹* of the flap G.

My improved drawers are normally as shown in Fig. 3 with the seat flaps overlapped and buttoned together and the third flap buttoned to them. All parts of the body are apparently fully protected when the flaps are buttoned. When necessary for any purpose to open the drawers the flap G is unbuttoned and allowed to drop down as shown in Fig. 2 when it may be easily grasped and drawn forward from between the legs, thereby fully opening the drawers at the crotch. When a larger opening is desired the overlapping seat flaps *c¹ c¹* may be likewise unfastened and laid or folded back as shown in Fig. 1.

The advantages of my improved drawers for women will be at once apparent to those familiar with the art. The place where the flaps are fastened and the flaps themselves are easily gotten at to be unfastened and

opened with no more inconvenience to the wearer than that attendant upon the use of the common split drawers hereinbefore referred to.

5 I claim—

A closed front under garment for women provided with a slit extending from the crotch up the back of the garment, means for closing said slit, consisting of two later-
10 ally overlapping flaps and of a third flap attached to the crotch portion of the garment, and extending rearwardly and up-

wardly, the same being adapted to overlie said overlapping flaps, and means for detachably connecting said three flaps together. 15

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses, this 24th day of September A. D. 1912.

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