To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISABEL IRENE ELTERICH, a citizen of the United States, residing in Freeport, in the county of Nassau, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shields for Ladies' Drawers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved shield for ladies' drawers, which shield is intended to be fastened on to the edge of the crotch-part of ladies' open drawers so as to be easily removed when soiled for washing.

The object of the invention is to protect the drawers at the parts most exposed to soiling and wear, and permit thereby the longer use of the same and to keep them in a cleaner condition for wear.

For this purpose the invention consists of a shield for ladies' drawers comprising a main-piece of fabric composed of two approximately triangular portions stitched together, and an overlap extending along the upper curved edge of the main-piece, as will be fully described hereinafter and finally pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front-elevation of a pair of ladies' drawers showing my improved shields applied to the same, Fig. 2 is a rear-elevation of the drawers, Fig. 3 is a detail top-view of a right-hand shield, and Fig. 4 is a top-view of the parts from which my improved shield is made.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several figures.

Referring to the drawings, D represents a pair of ladies' drawers and A, A', a pair of shields, one being a left-hand and the other a right-hand shield, which shields are applied to the crotch part of the drawers, as shown in Fig. 1. The shields are so formed as to fit and cover the crotch-edges of the drawers and cover that portion of the drawers at the crotch that is most exposed to soiling and wear.

The shields are made of ribbed, stockinet, knit, absorbent, or other suitable fabric, and are formed each of three parts, a main-piece which is composed of two approximately triangular pieces a, b, that are stitched together at d, and an overlap-portion c which is made in one piece and stitched to the curved upper edge of the main-piece a, b, as shown clearly in Figs. 1 and 3. The entire outer edge of the shield is finished off by overseam or buttonhole stitches c so as to prevent raveling and to permit the easy basing on of the shield along its edges and along the overlap onto the drawers.

For applying a pair of shields as shown in Fig. 3 to drawers as shown in Fig. 1, place seam d of the right-hand shield on right side of Fig. 1, place the portion a of shield on the outside of Fig. 1, place the portion b of shield on the outside of Fig. 1, back of seam, place overlap c around the entire crotch-part, the overlap being turned over on the inside of the drawers, thus entirely covering the crotch-edge of drawers, the parts a and b being on the outside of the drawers. The entire edge c is then basted or sewed to the drawers as the case may require, perfectly fitting the same and shielding that portion of the drawers most exposed to soil and wear.

The left-hand shield is then fitted to the left-hand drawer-leg in the same manner as described for the right-hand leg. When the shields are soiled they are removed for washing, another clean pair being applied to the drawers in their place.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A shield for ladies' drawers, consisting of a main-piece of fabric composed of two approximately triangular portions stitched together, and an overlap-portion stitched to the upper curved edge of the main-piece.

2. The combination, with a pair of drawers having an open crotch, of shields applied to the edges of the crotch and each comprising a main-piece of fabric composed of two approximately triangular portions stitched together and extending outwardly over the crotch, and an overlapping portion stitched to the edge of the main portion extending inwardly over the edges of the crotch.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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