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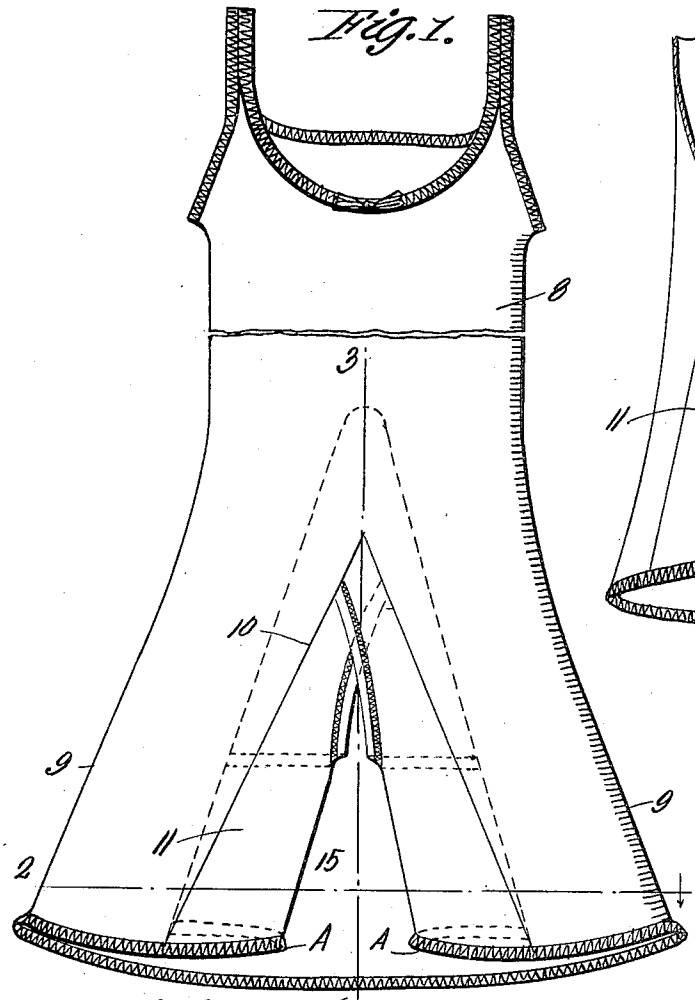


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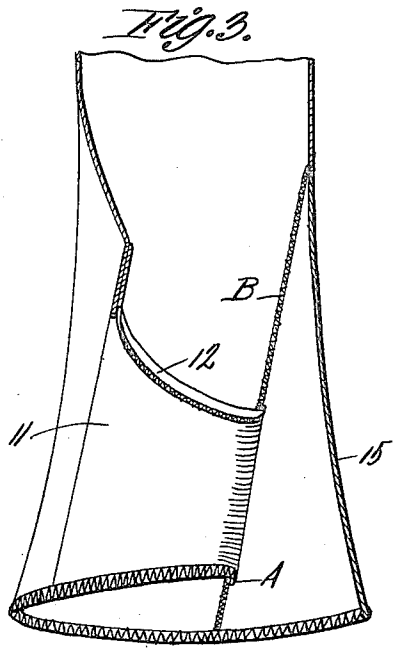


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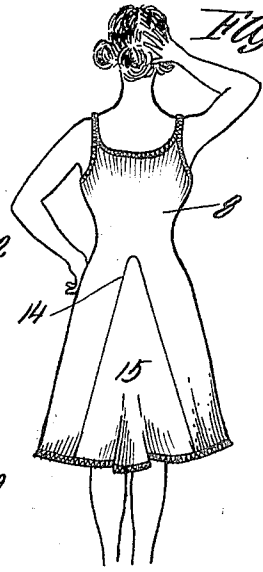
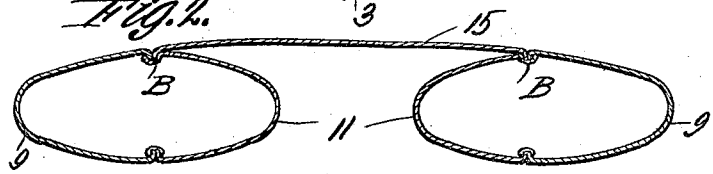


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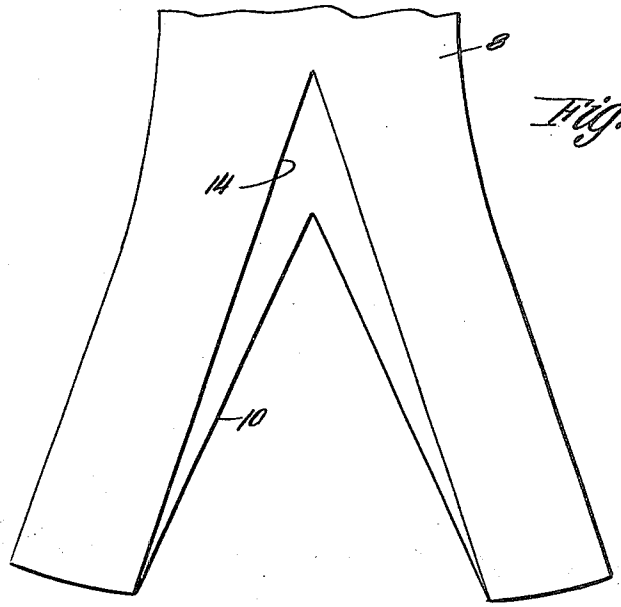


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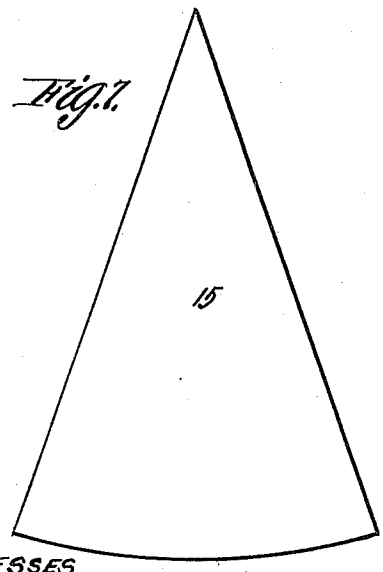
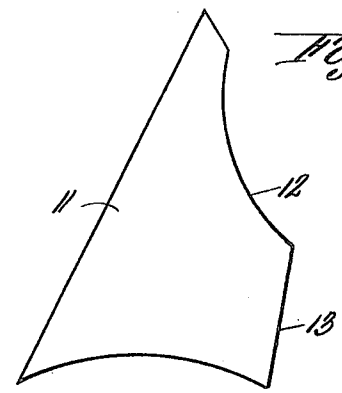


Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, SOLON D. BAUSHER and JACOB D. REED, citizens of the United States, residing at Reading and Schuylkill Haven, respectively, in the counties of Berks and Schuylkill, respectively, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Undergarments, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention consists of an improvement in ladies' undergarments and aims to provide a neatly constructed garment which will be incumbersome to the wearer and which will be conveniently accessible for vent purposes.

Further objects of the invention are to provide a garment of the open crotch type which will be characterized by all the advantages of this style of garment and which is equipped with suitable positive closure means at the rear to prevent accidental opening of the rear of the garment; to provide a garment which may be manufactured at a low cost; and to provide a garment which will assume the configuration of a skirt at the rear.

Other objects of this invention will be apparent from the following description of the present preferred embodiment of the invention taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1, is a front elevational view of a garment constructed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2, is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3, is a sectional view of the invention taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4, is a rear elevational view of the garment illustrating its application.

Fig. 5, is a fragmentary elevational view of the rear of the garment showing the insert or gore removed therefrom.

Fig. 6, is an elevational view showing the leg insert in blank, and

Fig. 7, is an elevational view of the gore used in the rear of the garment.

The device of this invention consists of a body 8 of any desired design, but being preferably adapted for suspension from the shoulders and conforming somewhat, in its general outline, to the so-called union suits. The garment consists of a one-piece skirt which is wider at the bottom as indicated at 9 and is incised from the lower terminal thereof upwardly to approximately one-third of the length of the garment. This incision is formed in the front of the garment and is of an inverted V-shape configuration 10. The free marginal edge of the skirt at each side of the incision is sewed or otherwise secured to one margin of a leg insert 11, the said insert being secured from the apex of the opening down to the bottom of the skirt, as shown to advantage in Fig. 1. Each insert has a portion of its upper margin removed as shown at 12 in Fig. 6 to prevent binding of the insert in the crotch and likewise affording a more expansive vent. The other lateral margin 13 of the insert is secured to the inner face of the skirt by stitching or otherwise. It will be noted upon reference to Fig. 3 of the drawings that the lower end of the insert falls short of the lower terminal of said skirt as indicated at A in Fig. 3. Upon reference to Fig. 1 of the drawings, it will be noted that the leg inserts 11 are arranged in overlapping relation at the apex of the opening 10, thereby permitting the inserts to freely pass each other as the leg portions of the garment are moved laterally.

The rear of the body 8 is likewise provided with an inverted V-shaped opening, the said opening extending upwardly appreciably beyond the upper end of the opening 10 and terminating at approximately the waist line of the garment. This opening is indicated at 14 and has mounted therein a gore 15, which in the present instance consists of a blank which conforms to the shape of the opening, as indicated in Fig. 7, and is sewed or otherwise fixedly secured to the margins of the opening 14. The lower end of the gore terminates at the lower end of the body or skirt and is equipped with any desired style of ornamental border in harmony with the style of the body or skirt. In this way the rear of the garment will give the appearance of a skirt of conventional design as illustrated in Fig. 4. It will be noted, especially upon reference to Fig. 3 of the drawings, that the marginal edges of the leg inserts and the marginal edges of the gore 15 are secured on one seam

as indicated at B in Figs. 2 and 3. As will be appreciated, this reduces work to a minimum in the manufacture of the garment.

It will be plain upon reference to Fig. 2 of the drawings that when the leg inserts 11 are secured to the body 8, substantially ovoidal or circular leg portions will be provided. These leg portions will be appreciably spaced from each other at the lower end of the garment but converged to provide the crotch of the garment. By spacing the lower ends of the leg portions from the lower margin of the garment it will be seen that possibility of the leg portions pending below the body will be prevented. Consequently, the skirt effect of the garment will be at all times maintained. Moreover, by arranging the leg inserts and gore in the manner specified it will be appreciated that venting of the garment will be facilitated and by making the leg portions separable in the front, napkins or other bandages worn by the occupant of the garment may be attached or detached without inconvenience.

Although we have above described what now seems to us to be the preferred embodiment of our invention it is nevertheless to be understood that various changes may be made by us within the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A ladies' undergarment including a one-piece body, inserts, one edge of each of which is secured to the front of said body, and a gore one margin of which, together with the rear edge of one of said inserts, is secured to said body by a single seam.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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