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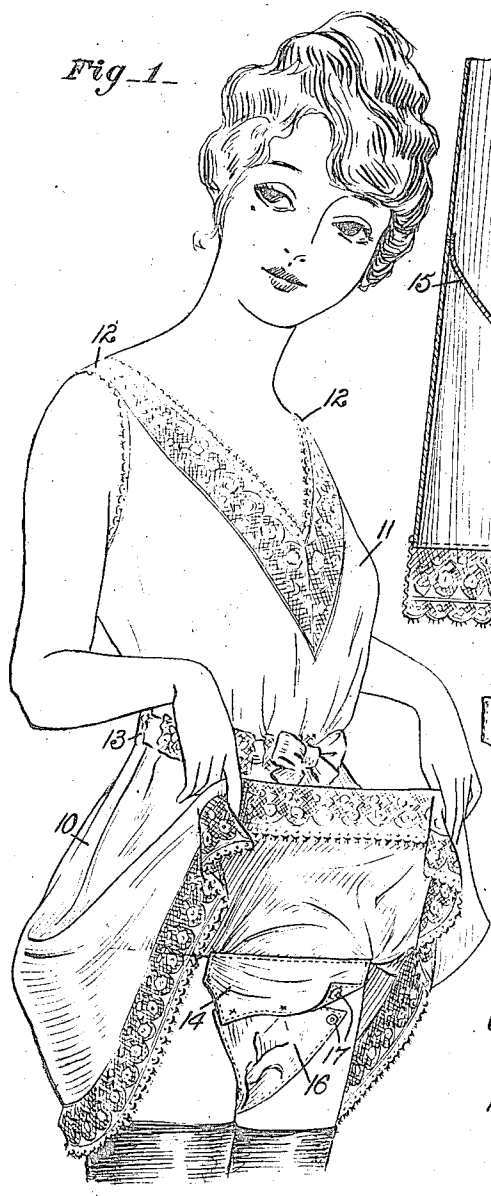

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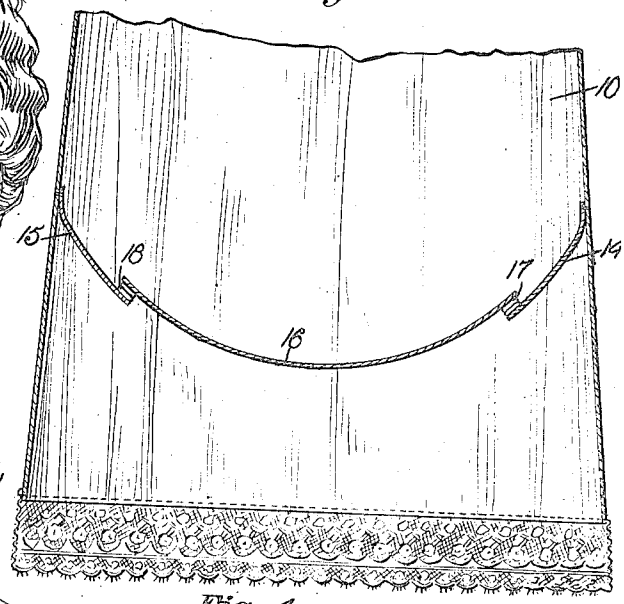

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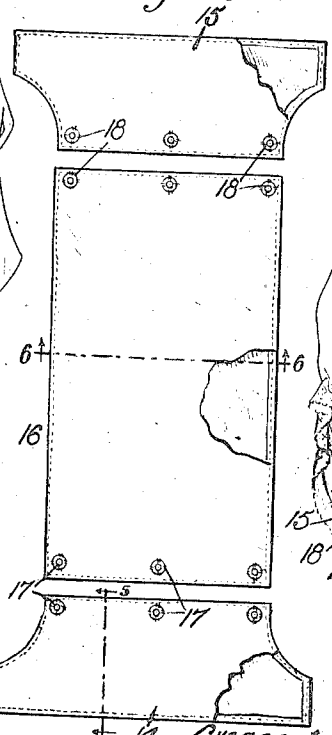

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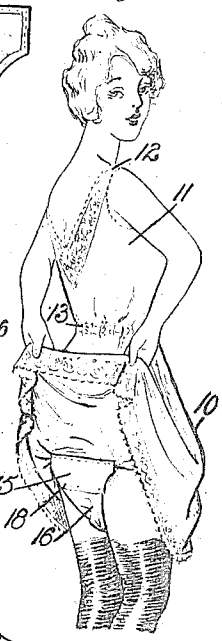

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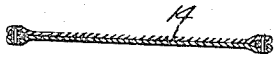

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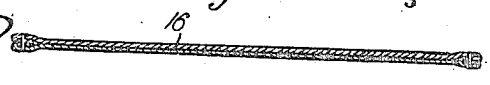

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GRACE M. KIMBALL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Garment, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved garment such as a chemise, skirt or petticoat, and arranged to provide leg portions or drawers with a full skirt or petticoat effect and without marring the appearance of the lace or other trimming at the lower edge of the skirt or petticoat.

In order to accomplish the desired result, use is made of a band adapted tc pass between the legs of the wearer and connecting the back with the front of the garment at the inside thereof to provide leg or drawer portions with full skirt effect, the said connecting band extending wholly within the garment and being invisible and not extending below the lower edge of the garment.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of the garment as applied and with the front portion of the skirt or petticoat raised;

Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view of the same as applied and with the rear of the skirt or petticoat raised;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross section of the lower portion of the garment;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged plan view of the connecting band and the attaching flaps in detached position one relative to the other and with parts broken out;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged cross section of one of the flaps on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4; and

Fig. 6 is an enlarged sectional side elevation of the connecting band on the line 6—6 of Fig. 4.

The improved garment is preferably in the form of a chemise with a skirt or petticoat integrally attached thereto, and, as shown in the drawing, the numeral 10 represents the petticoat from which extends the upper body portion 11 provided with shoulder straps 12 for supporting the garment from the shoulders of the wearer. The waistband 13 connects the skirt or petticoat 10 with the upper garment portion 11. To the inside of the skirt or petticoat 10 and at the front and rear thereof are sewed or otherwise secured depending flaps 14 and 15 and a connecting band 16 is detachably connected at its ends with the free ends of the said flaps 14 and 15 by suitable fastening devices 17 and 18 such as fasteners of the stud and socket type. The connecting band 16 extends between the legs of the wearer. The flaps 14 and 15 are attached to the skirt or petticoat 10 a distance below the waistband 13, and the said flaps and connecting band 16 are of a sufficient width so that the connecting band provides leg or drawer portions with the corresponding lower portions of the skirt or petticoat 10 without, however, interfering with the full skirt effect of the skirt or petticoat 10. The connecting band 16 extends wholly within the garment and is hence not visible and does not extend below the lower edge of the garment, which lower edge is usually formed by lace or other trimming, the appearance of which is not marred in the least by the connecting band 16. In practice, the band 16 as well as the flaps 14 and 15 are preferably made of double layers of fabric material, as plainly indicated in Figs. 5 and 6, the layers being fastened together by stitches along their margins to hold the layers together and to increase the strength and durability of the flaps and the band. By making the band 16 detachable at both flaps 14 and 15 it can be readily removed for washing purposes whenever it is desired to do so. The band 16 is also primarily intended for producing a drawer effect without marring the appearance of the full skirt or petticoat. It may also be used for sanitary devices if so desired.

Having thus described my invention, I

claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

In a garment, the combination of a chemise having a skirt or petticoat, depending front and back flaps permanently attached to the inside of the skirt of the garment a short distance below the waist portion thereof, a band adapted to be passed between the legs of the wearer, and fastening means detachably connecting the ends of the said band with the free ends of the said flaps, the said band forming with the skirt leg or drawer portions wholly within the skirt a considerable distance above the lower edge of the same so that a full skirt or petticoat effect is maintained.

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