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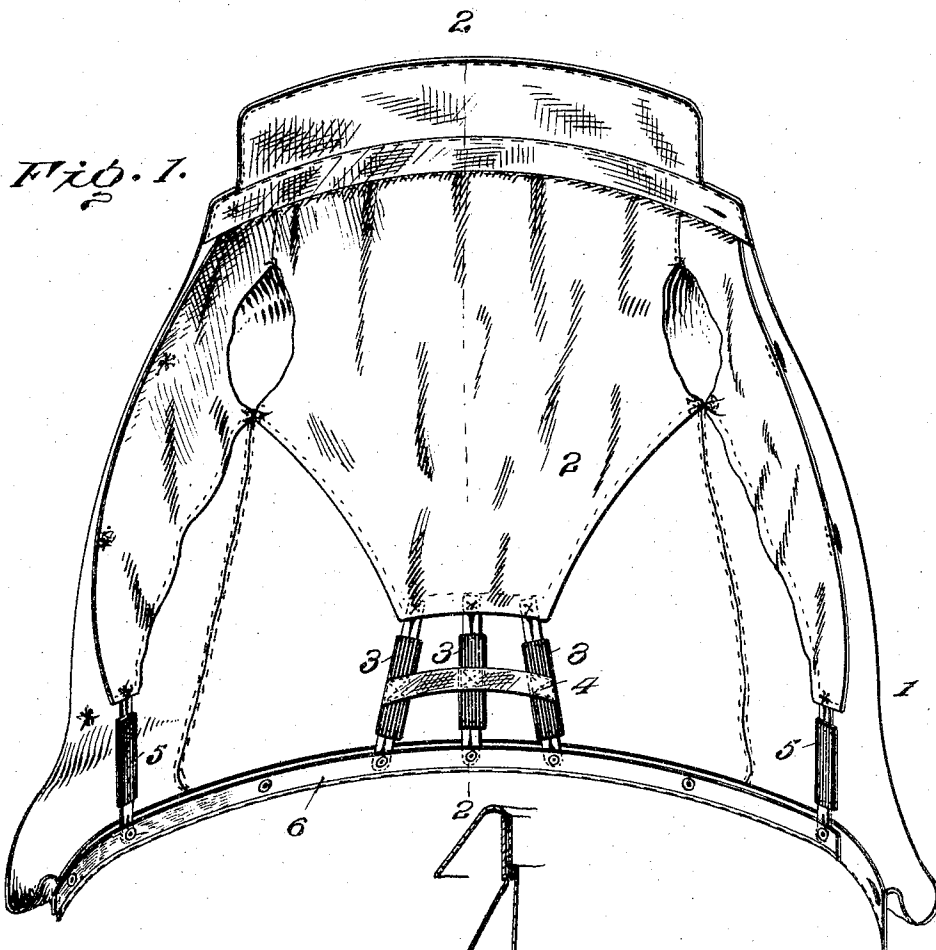
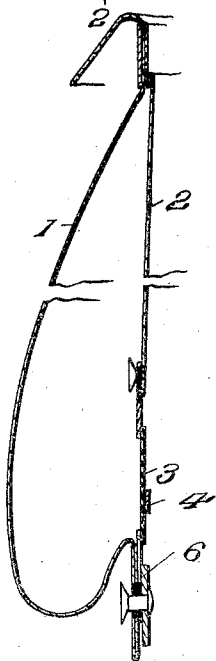


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY L. CARR, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirt-Waists; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to that class of blouses or shirt-waists equipped with means for preserving the blouse or loop-shape at the waist, while obviating the necessity of undergarments or of suspenders for supporting the trousers.

The primary object of the invention is to provide improved means for supporting the trousers and effecting and maintaining the blouse appearance, which may readily be removed for laundering and other purposes.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation showing a waist opened and equipped with my improvements. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on line 2 2, Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, the waist or blouse 1 is of the style generally worn by children and may be of any preferred material. The waist is provided with an interior lining or yoke 2 of substantially the same size as the blouse, but designed to fit more closely to the body of the wearer. This yoke is shown as permanently secured, as by sewing, to the neck and side edges of the waist and extending down to a little below the center of the length of the waist. The yoke hangs freely within the waist, and to promote the comfort of the wearer it is shown as cut away beneath the armholes, thus forming substantially three depending inner pieces, one for the back and two for the sides or front.

The yoke is designed to be connected with the trousers and the waistband of the blouse by means which while providing the necessary elasticity to perform the office of suspenders for supporting the trousers and retaining the looped appearance of the blouse will yet be removable to enable the blouse to be conveniently laundered when the device is applied to wash material.

At 3 I have shown a plurality of elastic strips removably secured, as by buttons, to

the free edge of the back section of the yoke. To enhance their durability and efficiency, these elastic strips may be provided with an elastic strip 4, arranged transversely of the strips 3 and sewed to the latter.

5 designates elastic strips removably secured to the side or front sections of the yoke similarly to the elastic strips 3. The strips 3 and 5 are designed to be removably secured to the means for attaching the trousers to the waist. I have shown the well-known band or belt 6, of heavy durable material, equipped with buttons designed to accommodate the buttonholes in the waistbands of the body-garment and the trousers. The strips 3 and 5 may be buttoned to this band.

In use the yoke forms the support for the trousers and the elastic bands yield sufficiently when the wearer is stooping or bending, while the blouse is simply held in position without strain. When the garment is to be laundered, the elastic strips are removed. This permits the garment to be laid flat and ironed without inconvenience.

While I am aware that it is old in the art to provide a waist with removable elastic strips, yet so far as known to me such strips have been secured directly to the blouse. This causes a pull or strain on the blouse to the consequent discomfort of the wearer, besides affecting the blouse appearance by the buttons or other means for holding the elastics being visible from the exterior.

By my invention there is no pull or strain at any one point or plurality of points. The yoke being secured along the edges of the neckband and front of the waist, the pull is evenly distributed and is not inconveniencing to the wearer nor visible to others. The appearance of the blouse is not affected. Furthermore, the length of the yoke or lining causes the elastic action to take place at the most convenient point near the waistband, while the described shape of the yoke—that is, its having back and side or front sections—causes it to sit easily and provide practically separate supports, so that when the wearer leans or bends sidewise or backward the supporting action effects the desired purpose without pulling or straining the other sections of the yoke.

I claim as my invention—

In a body-garment having a blouse or looped
appearance at the waist and designed to have
its waistband held to that of the trousers, an
5 inner back lining permanently attached to the
neck of the waist, and side or front linings
also permanently attached to the neck and to
the side edges of the waist, said linings hang-
ing freely from such points of attachment,
10 and extending beyond the center of the length
of the waist, and elastic strips detachably se-

cured to the free edges of said linings and
designed to be removably attached to the
waistbands of the garment and trousers.

In testimony whereof I have signed this 15
specification in the presence of two subscrib-
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