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Fig. 1.



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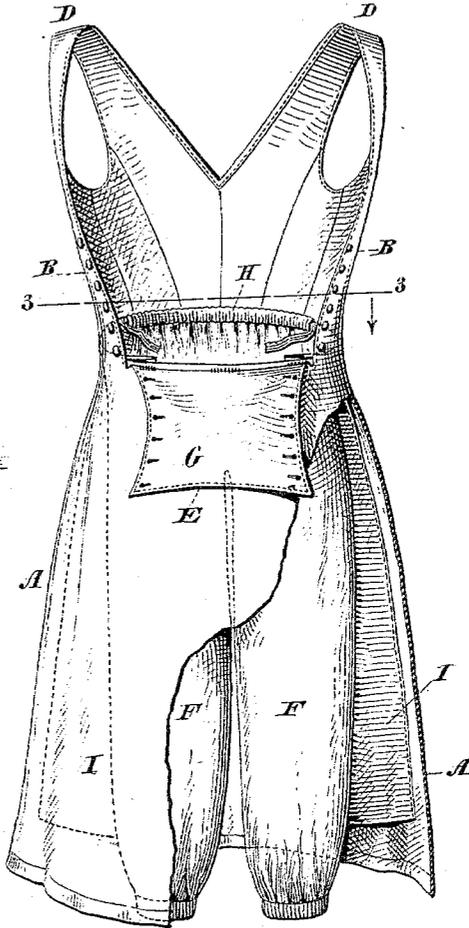


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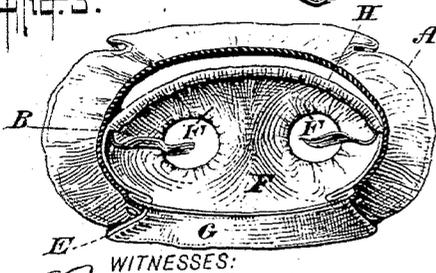
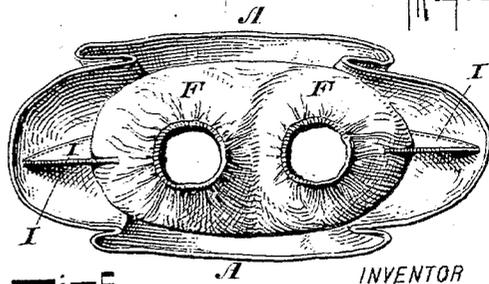


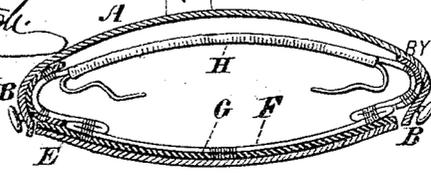
Fig. 4.



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Fig. 5.



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## ATHLETIC SUIT FOR LADIES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, IDA M. REW, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have  
5 invented a new and useful Improvement in Athletic Suits for Ladies, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in athletic suits for ladies; and  
10 it consists particularly in the improved suit hereinafter fully set forth and described.

The objects of my invention are to provide a safe, reliable, and easy lady's suit, graceful in outline, hygienic in construction, light in  
15 weight, and of handsome and modest appearance, and while constructed mainly with reference to producing a perfect garment for lady cyclists it may be, nevertheless, admirably adapted to general athletic use. These objects I accomplish by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved suit as it appears upon the wearer.  
25 Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the garment itself, a portion of the skirt being broken away to reveal the inner construction of the garment. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the garment on the line 3 3, Fig. 2, looking in the direction  
30 of the arrow thereon indicated. Fig. 4 is a view of the under side of the garment, and Fig. 5 is a slightly-enlarged cross-sectional detail view of the garment.

A is a skirt.

35 B is the bodice or waist portion of the garment.

D D are shoulder-straps.

By preference the skirt A and the bodice B are made in one piece, the seams running  
40 from the upper edge of the bodice to the lower edge of the skirt.

E is a waist-flap. The waist-line is substantially parallel and in the same plane with the section-line 3 3 in Fig. 2, and the flap E by  
45 preference extends below this line. The bodice B, being open in front, is cut and fitted so that by drawing in the two front edges of the said bodice the adjacent side edges of the flap E may be buttoned or otherwise attached  
50 thereto, perfecting the fit of the garment and giving graceful and easy lines. The purpose of extending the flap E below the waist-line

is to afford sufficient space, when the said flap is loosened, as shown in Fig. 2, to permit the putting on or taking off of the garment. 55

F is the trousers portion, the upper edge of which is adapted to encircle the wearer at a point preferably below the waist-line, so that the entire weight of the garment F will not bear upon the hips, but be supported largely  
60 by the lining G of the bodice B, to which lining the said trousers portion is by preference attached. This lining G is by preference loosely attached to the inner side of the bodice B and extends, preferably, up over the  
65 shoulders, so that the weight of the said lining G and the trousers portion F is supported thereby. By preference only the front portion of the band or upper edge of the trousers F is attached to the said lining, as shown in  
70 Fig. 5, while the rear upper edge of the trousers portion F is gathered around an elastic band or draw-string H. The outside edges of the trousers portion F are connected, by preference, with the inner sides of the skirt  
75 A, adjacent thereto, by means of strips I I, which may be separate pieces or may be formed by merely extending the material of each trousers-leg or by extending the gore of the skirt. If desirable, each trousers-leg  
80 may be attached to the skirt by one or more of these strips I I, which by preference extend from near the upper edge of the trousers portion to a point near the lower edge of the skirt, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 4. The  
85 width of the strips I I is sufficiently great so that in walking or in the ordinary movement of the leg the skirt is not thrown thereby, yet in an attempt to mount a bicycle it materially aids in perfectly adjusting the skirt, obviating to a large degree hand adjustment.  
90 Furthermore, in riding a bicycle the skirt is prevented from either blowing up or swinging back sufficiently far to catch between the wheel and the rear fork of the bicycle, (a common tendency in the loose skirt,) which not only may soil or tear the garment, but too often is the cause of accidents. The side attachment of the trousers also insures sufficient  
95 fullness of the skirt in front to permit unimpaird kneé action—a particularly desirable feature in cycling. The strips I I are by preference made continuous for the purpose of doing away with any loop or other device  
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which might catch in the pedal or other part of the machine and endanger the safety of the rider. An advantage of attaching the upper edge of the trousers F, as indicated, is that the weight of the trousers portion cannot sag or draw the garment in any way, so as to impair the fit of the same.

It is obvious that the waist-flap E might extend only to the waist-line and the trousers portion F be attached on that line. The connecting strips I I might also consist of short strips attached in the manner above indicated. If desirable, the bodice and the trousers may be made integral and the skirt portion attached on the outside. The rear portion of the trousers-band could also, if desirable, be fastened to the inner lining.

All of these modifications are within the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An athletic suit for ladies, consisting of a bodice or waist portion lined as described, a skirt extending therefrom, means for suspending the skirt and bodice from the shoul-

ders and trousers secured to the lining, each trousers leg being loosely connected with the skirt portion of the garment by means of one or more suitable strips, substantially as described.

2. An athletic suit for ladies consisting of a bodice or waist portion, lined as described, a skirt extending therefrom, means for suspending the bodice and skirt from the shoulders, and trousers secured to the front portion of the bodice lining and a draw string in the rear upper edge of said trousers, each trousers leg being loosely connected to the skirt portion of the garment by means of one or more independent strips.

3. In a bicycle or athletic suit, a skirt and a trouser portion enveloped by said skirt, each leg of the said trouser portion being loosely connected to the said skirt by independent connecting strips between the outside of the trousers and the inside of the skirt, substantially as described.

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