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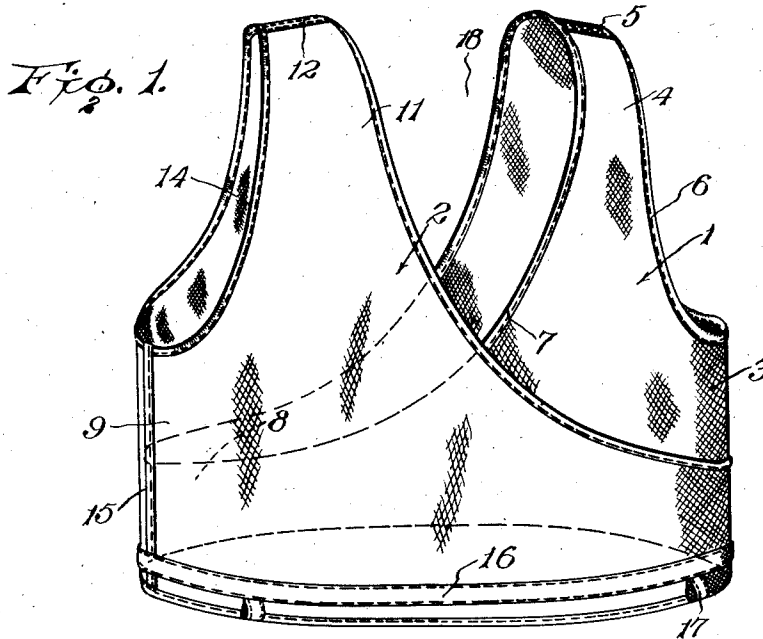
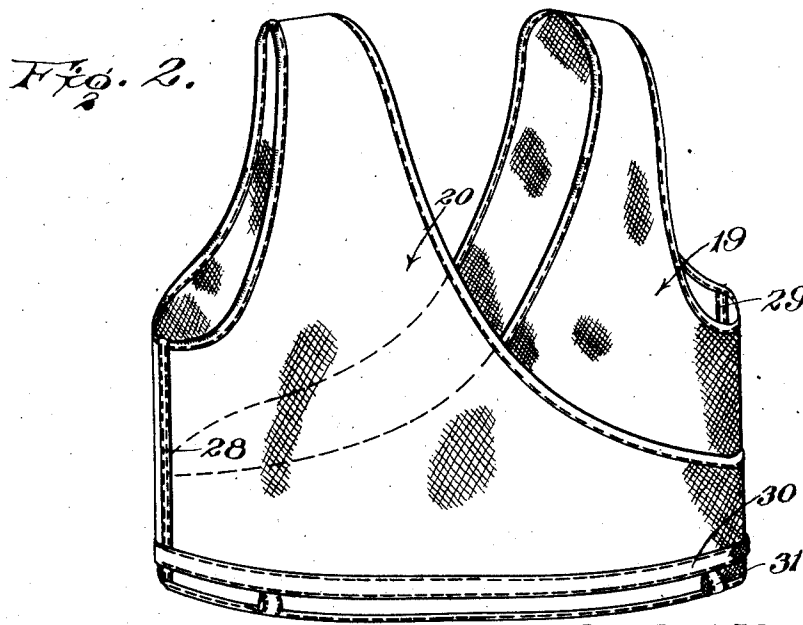
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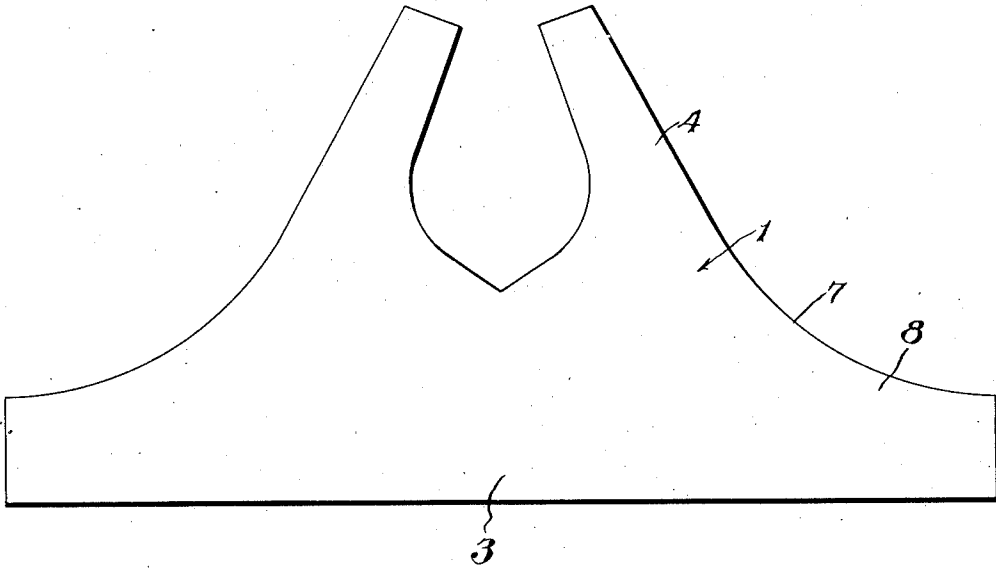
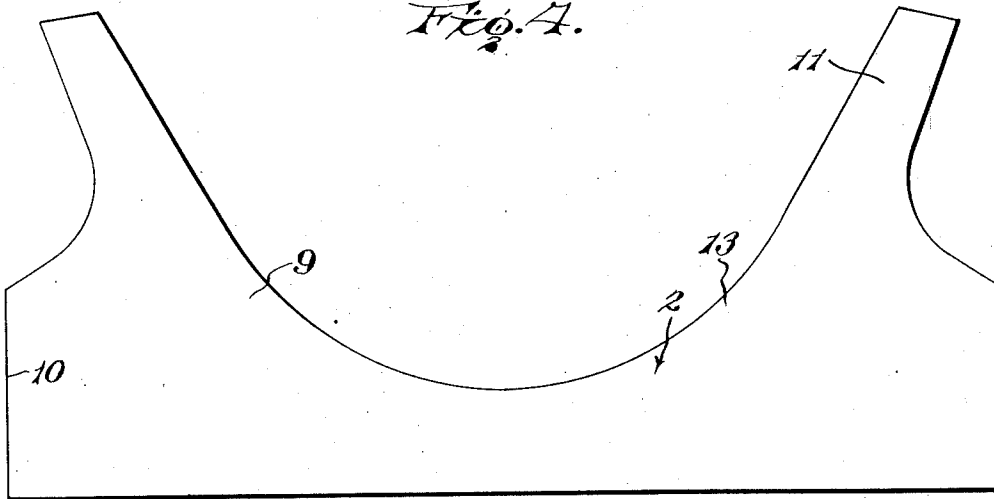


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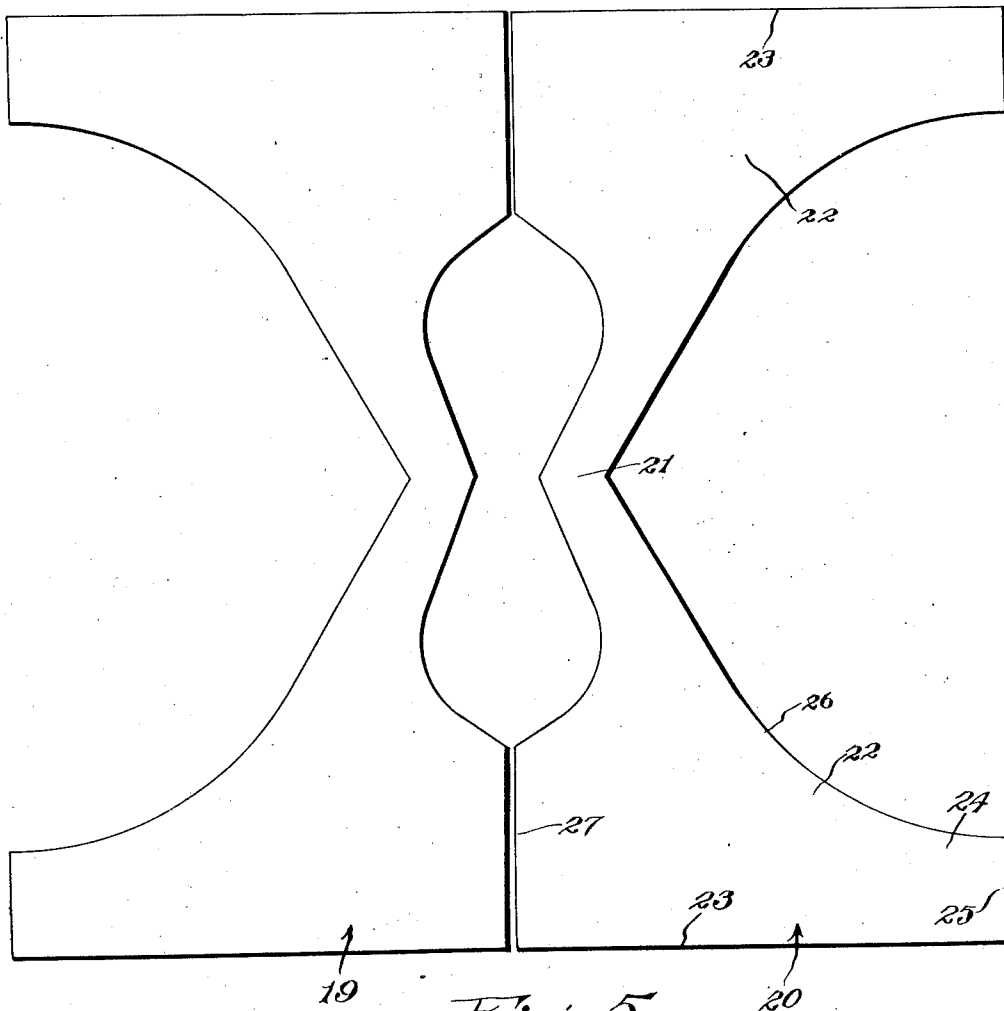
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This invention relates to improvements in undergarments and more particularly to an improved under-waist designed especially for children's wear.

5 One of the objects of the present invention is to provide an under-waist of such construction that the body thereof may be made of but few blanks, the construction, furthermore, being such that the blanks, due
10 to their peculiar formation, are adapted to be assembled and connected together by a minimum number of lines of stitching, so that a great saving in material and labor is effected and there is such simplicity of construction as to highly recommend the garment for use in preference to garments of this class which have heretofore been designed.

Another object of the invention is to provide an under-waist so constructed that it
20 will be entirely devoid of buttons or other fastening devices which are ordinarily employed to permit of the ordinary under-waist being secured about the body of the child,
25 so that the garment embodying the invention may be more readily laundered and may be passed through a wringer, which is something which cannot be done in laundering such garments as are provided with buttons
30 or clasps or buckles, or other similar fastening devices.

Another disadvantage presented by the ordinary under-waist is that due to the presence of extraneous fastening or closing
35 means, a very young child experiences difficulty in putting on the garment and removing the same and, therefore, the present invention has as another object to so construct the garment that the youngest child who
40 would wear the same will be enabled to readily put on the garment and remove the same without any assistance.

Another object of the invention is to so construct the under-waist that it will readily
45 adapt itself to the body of the child and be uniformly suspended from the shoulders and not liable to become disarranged and cause discomfort, and in this connection, the invention also has as its object to so construct the garment that it will effectually
50 perform its function of protecting the body of the wearer and, at the same time support the bloomers which are usually worn in connection with such a garment and will yet
55 permit of perfect freedom of movement of the arms as well as bending and turning

and without any likelihood of disarrangement.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form 60 of the garment embodying the invention, the garment of this form having three seams.

Figure 2 is a similar view illustrating a modification of the garment in which there are only two seams. 65

Figure 3 is a plan view of one of the blanks from which the garment shown in Figure 1 is made.

Figure 4 is a similar view of the other blank. 70

Figure 5 is a plan view of the two blanks from which the garment shown in Figure 2 is made.

In both embodiments of the invention the garment is formed from two body blanks 75 and in the embodiment shown in Figure 1, these blanks are united by three main seams. In the said figure, one of the blanks or sections is indicated in general by the numeral 1 and the other blank or section is indicated 80 by the numeral 2, and the blank from which the section 1 is formed is shown in detail in Figure 3 of the drawings and the blank from which the section 2 is formed is shown in Figure 4. The section 1 comprises a 85 body portion 3 which, intermediate its ends and at its upper side, is provided with relatively narrow extensions 4 which extend upwardly in converging relation to each other and which, when united at their upper ends 90 by a line of stitching 5, as shown in Figure 1, constitute a shoulder strap, the inner margins of the extensions 4 being reversely curved so as to provide an arm opening 6 which is of a size to freely accommodate the 95 arm of the wearer at the shoulder. The outer margins of the extensions 4 are inclined downwardly in opposite directions and merge along curved lines 7 with the upper margins of lateral extensions 8 of the said body portion, which lateral extensions at their ends are of somewhat less height than the distance between the lower side of the arm opening and the lower margin of the section which section is straight through- 105 out its entire length.

The section 2 comprises two body portions, the lateral margins of which, indicated by the numeral 10, are of a height equal substantially to the distance between the lower 110 side of the arm opening 6 and the lower margin of the section 1, and each of these

body portions is provided at its upper side with an upward extension 11, and these extensions, when united by a line of stitching 12, form the other shoulder strap of the garment. The inner lateral margins of the extensions 11 are inclined downwardly toward each other and merge on curved lines 13 with the upper margin of the blank section 2 at the intermediate portion thereof, this intermediate portion of the section being of a height substantially equal to the height of the lateral or end margins of the extension 8 of the section 1. In assembling the sections, the section 1 is separably folded on the vertical median line of its arm opening 6 and the upper ends of its extensions 4 are stitched together to provide the shoulder strap heretofore referred to. The section 2 is then folded along the vertical median line thereof and the upper ends of its extensions united by the line of stitching 12 to form the other shoulder strap and the corresponding arm opening which is indicated by the numeral 14. In thus folding the sections, the lateral or end margins of the extensions 8 of the section 1 are brought together and in arranging or assembling the sections, the section 1 in its folded condition is disposed within the section 2, the lateral margins 10 of the body portions 9 of the section 2 registering with each other and with the said lateral or end margins of the extensions 8 of the section 1. These marginal portions are then united by a line of stitching indicated by the numeral 15, the line of stitching extending the entire height of the margins 10 of the section 2 and being passed likewise through the end margins of the extensions 8 of the section 1 so that, at one side of the body of the garment, the two sections are connected together by the line of stitching 15. A waist-band 16 is disposed about the assembled sections and stitched at its upper and lower margins thereto, and tabs 17 are stitched to the waist-band at opposite sides of the middle front thereof for the attachment of the bloomers which are worn in connection with the garment. The free margins of both sections are, of course, hemmed, as shown in Figure 1, and it will be evident by reference to the said figure that the sections are united by but three lines of stitching, namely the two shoulder lines 5 and 12 and the vertical line 15 at one side of the body of the garment, the lines of stitching which unite the waist-band 16 to the said sections, likewise passing through the sections so that throughout their lower portions, the sections are continuously united to each other.

It will be observed by reference to Figure 1, that the upper margins of the section 2 extend diagonally downwardly across the front and back of the body portion of the section 1, at the outer sides thereof and that,

in a like manner, the upper marginal portions of the section 1 extend diagonally downwardly across the inner sides of the front and back body portions 9 of the section 2, so that the garment possesses an attractive symmetrical appearance and by reason of the peculiar arrangement of the sections and the curvature given the marginal portions 7 and 13 of the sections 1 and 2 respectively, a neck opening 18 of ample size for comfort is provided and one which is of gradually decreasing width in a downward direction both at the front and back of the garment.

A peculiar advantage presented by the garment embodying the invention is that it is wholly devoid of buttons, clasps, buckles, or any other extraneous fastening means for closing the same about the body of the wearer and it will be evident by reference to Figure 1, that in applying the garment, it is only necessary for the child to pass its arms through the arm openings 6 and 14, and permit the garment to drop down over the body, the shoulder straps being of such a flexible character as to readily pass downwardly at the opposite sides of the head. Likewise, in removing the garment, it is only necessary to slip the shoulder straps outwardly from the shoulders and permit the garment to drop to the floor. That this may be accomplished is due chiefly to the fact that the sections may have movement of relatively wide range with respect to each other and, therefore, the neck opening of the garment may be spread open to a considerable distance without imposing any strain on any of the securing lines of stitching or any other portion of the garment.

In the embodiment of the invention shown in Figure 2 of the drawings, the garment is formed of two body sections, as in the previously described form and the arrangement differs from that previously described in that the sections are united by but two seams instead of three. In this embodiment, the garment comprises two sections indicated in general one by the numeral 19 and the other by the numeral 20, and as illustrated in Figure 5 of the drawings, these two sections or, in other words, the blanks from which they are formed, are of counterpart marginal contour. Each of the sections comprises an intermediate portion 21 of substantially V-formation and lateral body portions indicated by the numeral 22, and each of the sections has oppositely located parallel margins 23 defining the lower sides of the body portions 22 when the sections are folded and assembled. The body portions 22 of the sections 19 and 20 are provided with extensions 24 defined by the straight marginal portion 23 and end margin 25, and a curvilinear margin 26 which defines one side of the intermediate

portion 21 of the respective section, so that the sections are of gradually decreasing height in the direction of their margins 25. The intermediate portions 21 of the sections 5 19 and 20 form the shoulder straps of the garment, as will be observed by reference to Figure 2, when the sections are folded transversely medially of said portions. The body portions 22 of each of the sections 19 and 10 20 are likewise bounded by margins 27 parallel to the margins 25 and the former margins are of greater height than the latter. By reference to Figure 2 it will be observed that when the section 19 of 15 the garment is folded midway of the length of its intermediate portion 21 and disposed within the section 20 which has similarly been folded, the ends of the extensions 24 of the section 19 will be brought into registration with the margins 27 of the section 20 and these marginal portions are united by a line of stitching extending vertically of one side of the body of the garment and indicated by the numeral 28, 25 the corresponding margins of the section 20 being brought into registration with the margins of the sections 19 and united thereto by a vertical line of stitching 29 at the other side of the body of the garment. It 30 will be observed that in this embodiment of the invention, the two sections of the garment are arranged in substantially the same manner as the sections of the garment shown in Figure 1, except that the seams 5 and 12 35 at the upper sides of the shoulder straps are dispensed with and two seams corresponding to the seams 15 of the embodiment shown in Figure 1, are provided at the opposite sides of the body of the garment. 40 The numeral 30 indicates a waist-band corresponding to the waist-band 16 which is applied about the outer side of the section 20 of the garment at the lower portion thereof, and the numeral 31 indicates attaching tabs corresponding to the tabs. 17.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. An under-waist comprising assembled sections, one section having an intermediate 50 body portion provided at its upper side with upwardly and inwardly directed extensions united at their upper ends to provide a shoulder strap, the said body portion having lateral extensions and the upper margin of 55 the body portion and the outer margin of the first mentioned extensions and the second mentioned extensions merging on upwardly and outwardly curved lines, the said lateral extensions being of less height than 60 the distance between the lower margin of the body portion of the section and the upper margin thereof between the first mentioned extensions, the second section comprising a relatively shallow intermediate 35 portion and lateral body portions, the inter-

mediate body portion being of a height equal substantially to the height of the ends of the second mentioned extensions of the first mentioned section, each body portion of the second mentioned section having at its up- 70 per side an upwardly directed extension inclined laterally outwardly, the upper ends of the said extensions of the second mentioned section being united to provide a shoulder strap, the first mentioned section 75 being disposed within the second mentioned section with the ends of the lateral extensions of the first mentioned section registering with the lateral margins of the body portions of the second mentioned section, 80 and a seam uniting said edges.

2. An under-waist comprising assembled sections, one section having an intermediate body portion provided at its upper side with upwardly and inwardly directed extensions 85 united at their upper ends to provide a shoulder strap, the said body portion having lateral extensions and the upper margin of the body portion and the outer margins of 90 the first mentioned extensions and the second mentioned extensions merging on upwardly and outwardly curved lines, the said lateral extensions being of less height than 95 the distance between the lower margin of the body portion of the section and the upper margin thereof between the first mentioned extensions, the second section comprising a relatively shallow intermediate portion and lateral body portions, the intermediate body 100 portion being of a height equal substantially to the height of the ends of the second mentioned extensions of the first mentioned section, each body portion of the second mentioned section having at its upper side an upwardly directed extension inclined later- 105 ally outwardly, the upper ends of the said extensions of the second mentioned section being united to provide a shoulder strap, the first mentioned section being disposed within the second mentioned section with the 110 ends of the lateral extensions of the first mentioned section registering with the lateral margins of the body portions of the second mentioned section, a seam uniting said edges, and a seam uniting the lower 115 margins of the body portions of the two sections and their extensions.

3. An underwaist comprising companion sections disposed one within the other and each including an annular waist-encircling 120 portion consisting of a strip of material having its ends secured together, the lower edge portions of said strips being sewed together, one strip having arms extending upwardly intermediate its length and joined 125 at their upper ends to provide a shoulder strap for one side of the underwaist defining an arm opening, and the other strip having arms extending upwardly therefrom adjacent its joined ends and joined at their 130

upper ends to provide a shoulder strap for the other side of the underwaist and define an arm opening, the two shoulder straps cooperating to define a neck opening.

5 4. An underwaist comprising companion sections disposed one within the other and sewed together along their lower edges, each section including an annular waist-encircling body increasing in depth from one side towards the other side of the underwaist and having its deeper side portion disposed against and projecting upwardly from the reduced side of the other section, the deeper side portions of said sections having portions extending upwardly therefrom to provide shoulder straps defining arm openings, and a neck opening, one section consisting of an elongated blank increasing in depth from its ends towards its intermediate portion and having its intermediate portion formed with arms extending upwardly in converging relation to each other and adapted to be secured together to form a shoulder strap.

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and a neck opening, one section consisting of an elongated blank increasing in depth from its intermediate portion towards its ends and having its enlarged end portions formed with arms spaced from its ends and extending upwardly in diverging relation to each other and adapted to have their upper ends secured together and form a shoulder strap and arm opening. 35 40

In testimony whereof I affix my signature. 45

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