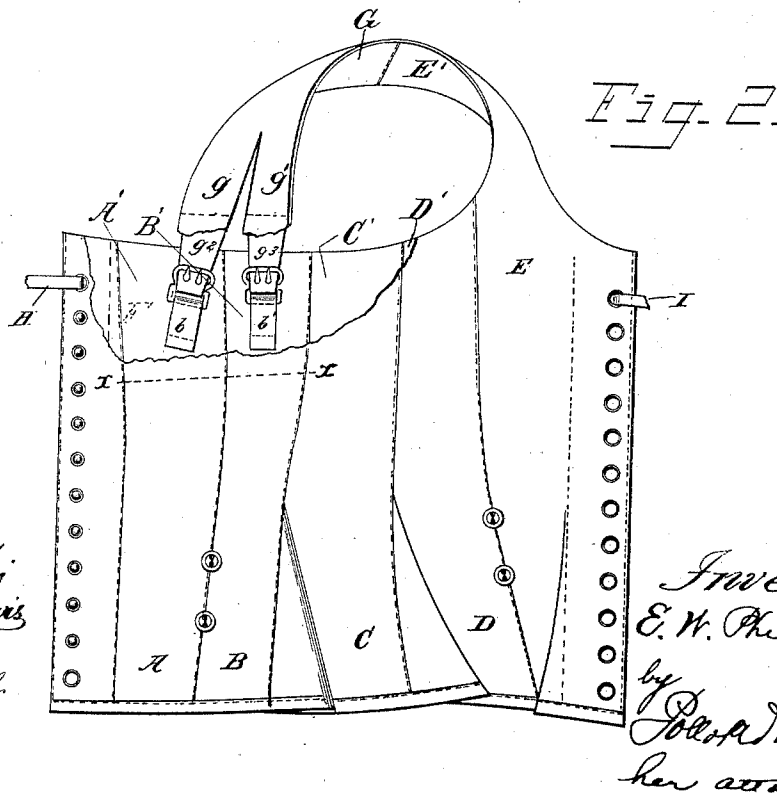
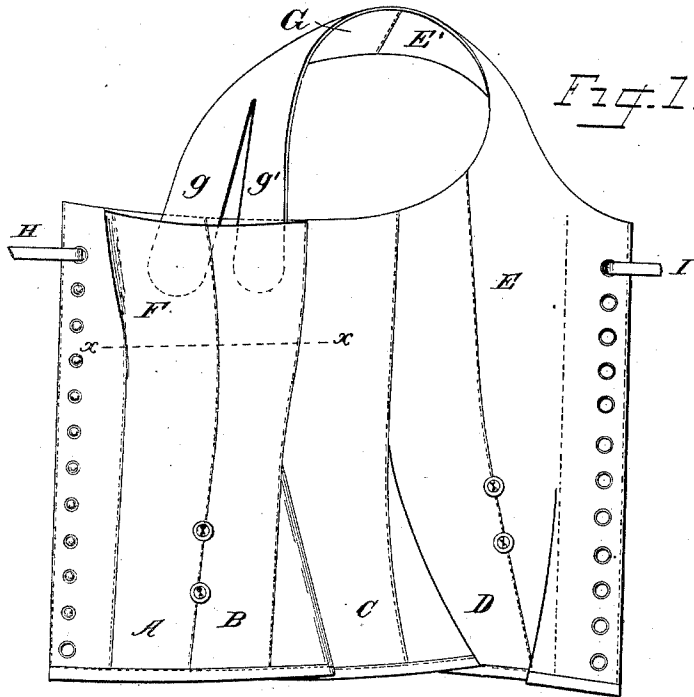


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMMELINE W. PHILBROOK, of Boston, Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Underwaists, &c., which is fully set forth in the following specification.

This invention has reference to the construction of bodices, underwaists or like garments especially designed as substitutes for corsets; and the object of the present improvement is to provide means for the ready adjustment of such garments without detriment to the perfect fit and ease of the same. This class of garments is usually made in certain standard sizes, which are supposed and intended to fit persons of corresponding sizes, but which in most cases could be made much more comfortable by the slight adjustment of certain dimensions, principally the length of the yoke. But in providing for or making such adjustment the ease and appearance of the garment have in most cases been greatly impaired. These difficulties I obviate by forming upwardly opening pockets in the breast portions of the garment, in which pockets are placed buckles or other fastening devices for securing the straps which constitute the front of yoke. The buckles are connected with the garment in such manner that the tension of the shoulder straps will not necessarily confine the form of the wearer and produce discomfort.

Other improvements included in the invention, will be hereinafter pointed out.

In the accompanying drawings wherein I have shown my invention as applied to an underwaist:—Figure I is an outside view showing one-half of a garment constructed in accordance with my invention, and Fig. II is a similar view with a portion of the garment broken away.

In the drawings A, B, C, D, and E represent the outside sections of one-half of the garment, and A', B', &c., the inside sections thereof, which may be of the desired construction and stiffened by steel or whalebone ribs if necessary. The outer sections A and B and the inner sections A' and B' which form the breast portions of each half of the garment are separated from about the line x upward, and are

finished separately instead of being stitched together as are the remaining portions of the sections, thus forming an upwardly opening pocket F. The sections E and E' are extended upwardly to form the rear portion of the yoke (being gradually reduced in width) and over the shoulders and together with the straps G which form extensions of said sections constitute the yoke of the garment. The straps G are divided at their lower ends, preferably by the removal of a V-shaped piece into parts g, g' . To the inner faces of the parts g, g' several inches from their ends are secured auxiliary straps g^2, g^3 which engage buckles with the pocket, carried by loops b, b' , the latter being secured at their lower ends to the inner face of the pocket F. By the use of auxiliary straps and the pockets F all signs of adjusting means are concealed. I provide lacings H and I for connecting the two members of the garment at the back and front and allowing of any desirable adjustment in those portions. Of course, if desirable instead of forming a pocket for the loops g^2 and g^3 the latter can be secured either directly or by straps to the inner face of the garment.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. The combination with a garment of the kind described having upwardly opening pockets formed in the breast portion thereof, of a yoke extending forwardly over the shoulders in the form of straps, and means for connecting the lower ends of the latter to the lower portion of the inner face of said pockets, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination with a garment of the kind described having upwardly opening pockets formed in the breast portion thereof, of a yoke extending forwardly over the shoulders in the form of straps having divided lower ends branching to opposite edges of the pockets, and means for securing said branching ends to the inner faces of said pockets, substantially as described.

3. The combination with a garment of the kind described having upwardly opening pockets in the breast portion thereof of a yoke extending forwardly over the shoulder in the form of straps having divided lower ends

branching to opposite edges of the pockets,
auxiliary straps secured to said branching
ends, straps or loops secured to the inner face
of said pockets near the bottom thereof, and
5 means for adjustably connecting the same
with the auxiliary straps, substantially as de-
scribed.

In testimony whereof I have signed this
specification in the presence of two subscrib-
ing witnesses.

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