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Fig. 1.

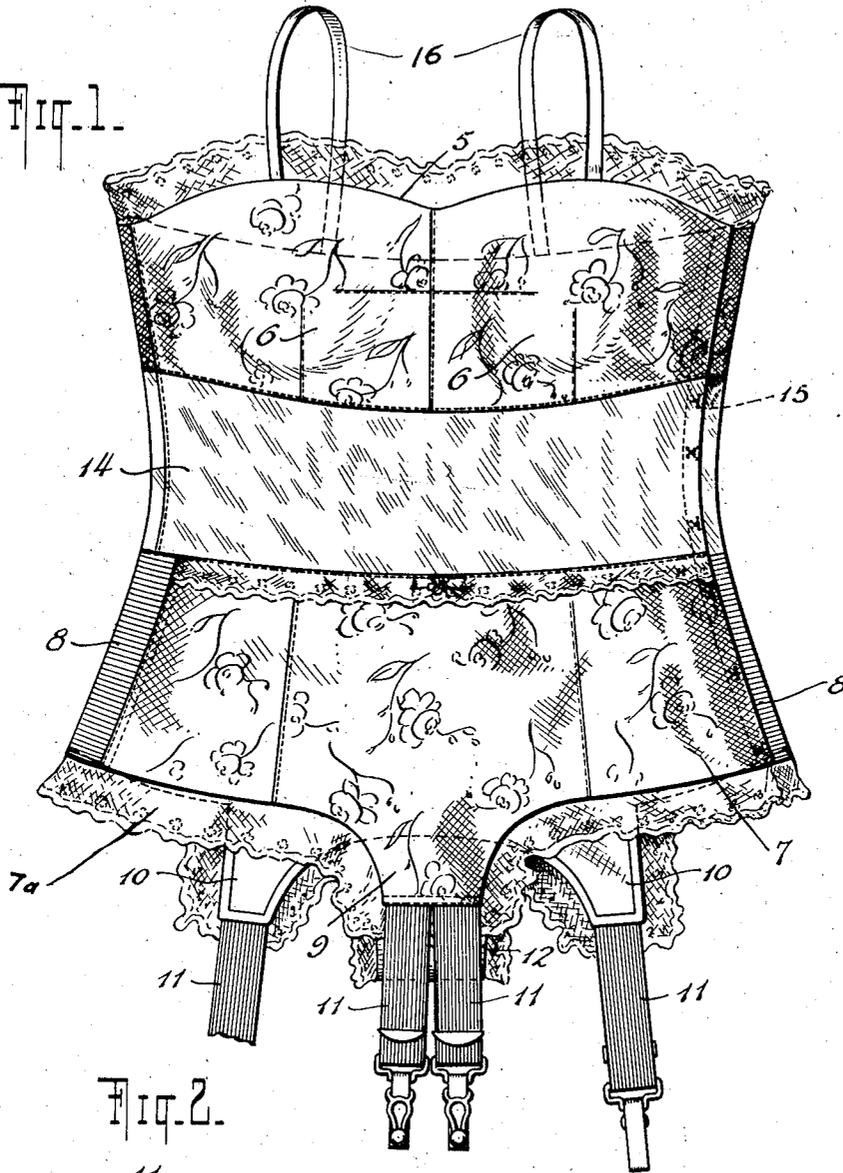
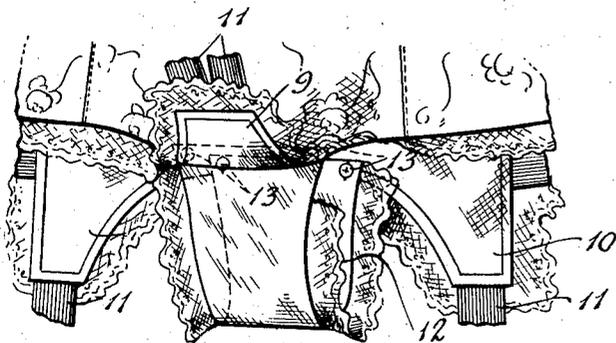


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELVIRA CAMPA McKEEFREY, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Brooklyn, borough and county of Kings, city and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to garments and more particularly to ladies' undergarments and has for its object to provide a combination garment embodying, in a novel manner and in a single structure, the characteristics of all of the undergarments generally worn at the present time by ladies. The invention contemplates the provision of a single combination garment which meets all of the requirements of the plurality of undergarments now considered necessary and which reduces the bodily covering beneath the outer dress to a minimum without sacrificing anything to comfort and conventional requirements. The invention will be fully described hereinafter and the features of novelty will be pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates an example of the invention without defining its limits, Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the novel garment and Fig. 2 is a fragmentary perspective thereof.

The garment comprises an upper section 5 constructed of a material which because of its inherent properties is capable of performing supporting and conforming functions; in the illustrated example the section 5 is made of silk brocade in the form of a bandeau to conform the figure in the region of the busts and at the front is shaped, as indicated at 6, to provide an adequate and efficient support for the busts. The lower section 7 is constructed of a material possessing characteristics similar to those of the section 5 and in addition may include devices, such as elastic inserts 8, adapting this section to particularly perform conforming functions. In the illustrated example the section 7 is constructed of silk brocade, in the form of a girdle adapted to enclose the figure in the region of the hips and abdomen and to impart thereto the slimmness and flatness of figure which is so much desired. The section 7 is provided upon its lower edge with a flexible extension 7<sup>a</sup> adapted to form an abbreviated underskirt or drawers. The section 7 may also be provided with continu-

ing tabs 9 and 10 from which hose supporters 11 of conventional form depend at the front and rear of the garment. To emphasize the efficiency of the section 7 for its intended purposes, the garment may further be provided with a flap 12 adapted to extend between the legs of the wearer and in conjunction with the flexible extension imparts to said garment the character and function of envelope drawers or teddies; the flap 12 may be detachably connected at both of its ends with the front and rear of the section 7, by means of buttons and button-holes 13 or equivalent devices, or it may be detachably connected in the indicated manner at one end and permanently secured in place at its other end.

The intermediate section 14 of the garment is constructed of flimsy and soft material which inherently possesses the properties customarily found in ladies' undervests and is attached to the sections 5 and 7 by sewing or otherwise to connect these two sections and to complete the garment. The intermediate section 14 of the illustrated example is constructed of silk jersey to constitute an undervest so that the completed garment comprises a bandeau or bust supporter, a girdle for confining and conforming the hips and abdomen of the wearer, an underskirt or drawers and an undervest; in other words all of the essential characteristics of the plurality of undergarments customarily worn by the ladies are combined in a single garment. The sections 5, 7 and 14 are divided along a given line and provided with co-operating fastening devices whereby the garment may be removably fixed in place upon the wearer; in the illustrated example the garment is provided with hooks and eyes 15 along the dividing line which is located at one side of said garment as shown in Fig. 1. If desired shoulder straps 16 may be provided upon the section 5 for assisting to maintain the garment in position upon the wearer.

The novel combination garment is all that is required to be worn beneath the dress, in addition to the usual stockings, and thus reduces the undercovering of the body to a minimum without in any way sacrificing any of the functions and comforts of the plurality of independent undergarments which are customarily worn. Because of this minimum undercovering the lines and contour of

the body, either natural or as predetermined by the supporting, conforming and confining characteristics of the garment, are preserved without interference and bulkiness beneath an outer garment and other undesirable features are entirely avoided. As a result the outer dress may be fitted with maximum efficiency and may be draped upon the figure in a most attractive manner and in complete conformity with the style in which it is made. In addition to this the minimum undercovering adds materially to the comfort of the wearer and at the same time responds fully to the requirements of modesty and of the conventions.

The novel garment may be made in a multiplicity of different styles and may include any and all features commonly found in independent undergarments or which comprise individual parts thereof.

Various changes in the specific form shown and described may be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim:

1. A combination undergarment comprising an upper section constituting a bandeau, a lower section constituting a form-shaping

girdle, an intermediate section of stretchable, flexible material interposed between and connected with the upper and lower sections and adapted to constitute an undervest, and a flap extending between the middle portion of the front and rear faces at the lower edge of the garment and adapted to extend between the legs of the wearer.

2. A combination undergarment comprising an upper section constituting a form-shaping bandeau, a lower section constituting a form-shaping girdle, an intermediate section of flexible, stretchable material interposed between and connected to the upper and lower sections and adapted to constitute an undervest, a flexible member secured to the lower edge of the girdle and depending downward therefrom and a flap extending between the middle portion of the front and rear faces of the lower portion of the garment in position to extend between the legs of the wearer, said flap in conjunction with the flexible extension being adapted to impart to said garment the characteristics of teddies.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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