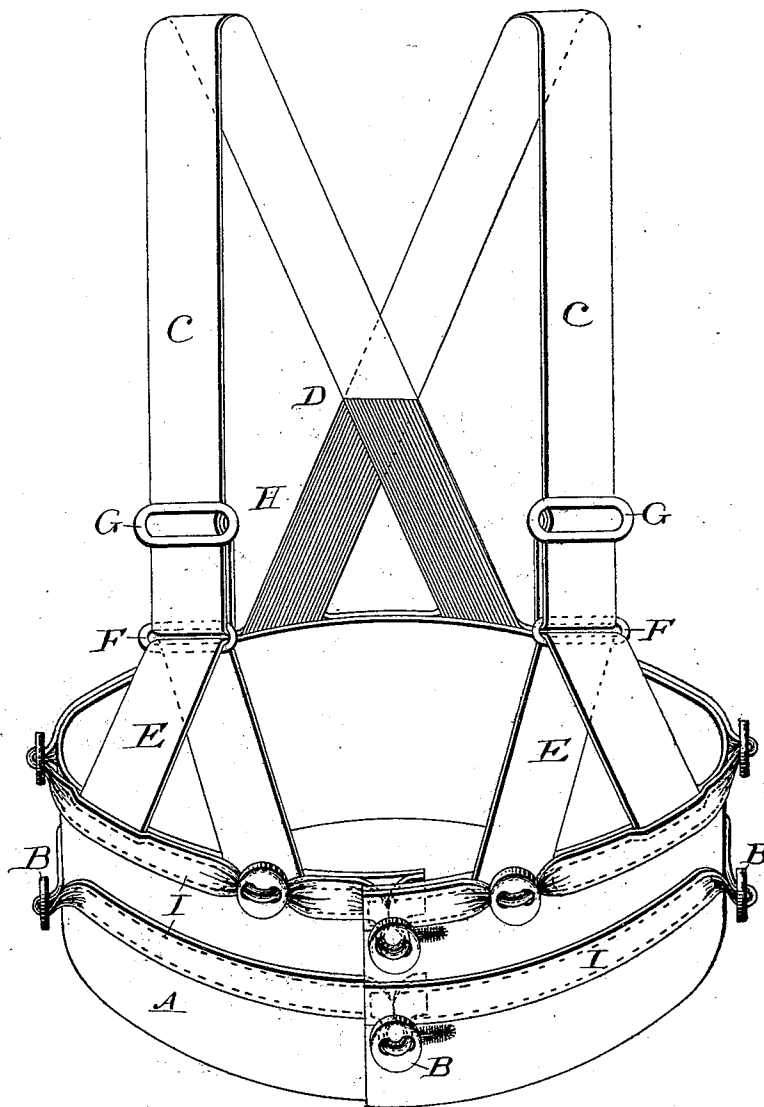


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. HOYT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Underwaists, of which the following is a full and exact specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and reference-letters marked thereon, 10 which form a part of this specification.

The drawing represents a perspective view of an underwaist embodying my invention.

The object of my improvements is to provide an easy-fitting and comfortable under- 15 waist, readily adjustable as to size, at the same time having the advantages of adjustability and adaptability to the movements of the body, and facility for the attachment of skirts, drawers, and stockings thereto.

20 The invention consists in the following construction and combination of parts, the features of which will first be fully described in detail and the points of novelty therein then set forth and claimed.

25 In the drawing, A represents the waistband, which in order to fit nicely is preferably cut slightly curved, and is of unusual breadth in order to provide a comfortable fit and substantial support when the stocking-supporters, drawers, skirts, &c., are attached thereto. B are the buttons which mainly support such 30 garments.

C are the shoulder-straps converging at a point D in the back, from which diverging elastic straps are connected, which in turn 35 are secured to the waistband in the rear, as shown.

E are converging adjustable straps, secured to the front of the waistband on either side, 40 and pass freely through loop-slots F, the latter being also secured to the straps C. These latter straps C are adjustable by means of the sliding locking-clasps G, the straps also passing through the loop-slots F.

45 The straps C and the straps E are prefer-

ably non-elastic, while the diverging elastic straps H are made yielding in order to save the strain on the buttons.

This skeleton form of waist is not open to the objection of adding to the clothing of the 50 youth, nor adding to or interfering with suitable weight and thickness of underwear which may be selected.

I are tape bands which surround the waistband and are stitched flat thereon. The but- 55 tons B may be strung upon this tape, being preferably provided with two large eyes for that purpose, which permits the whole tape being passed therethrough.

The broad waistband A has two strips or 60 rows of braid stitched upon its outer face and parallel with each other. One strip of braid is secured to the upper edge of the waistband and the other intermediate thereof. The shoulder-straps are secured to the waistband 65 between the upper strip of braid and the waistband by the stitches which secure said braid to said waistband. The braid is stitched along both edges except where the buttons are located. 70

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The underwaist herein described, comprising the broad waistband provided with horizontally arranged strips or rows of braid 75 stitched upon the outer face thereof parallel to each other, one strip along the upper edge of said waistband, and having a series of buttons slipped upon each strip of braid, and provided with shoulder-straps secured to said 80 waistband between it and the upper strip of braid by the stitches which secure said upper strip or row to the waistband.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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