

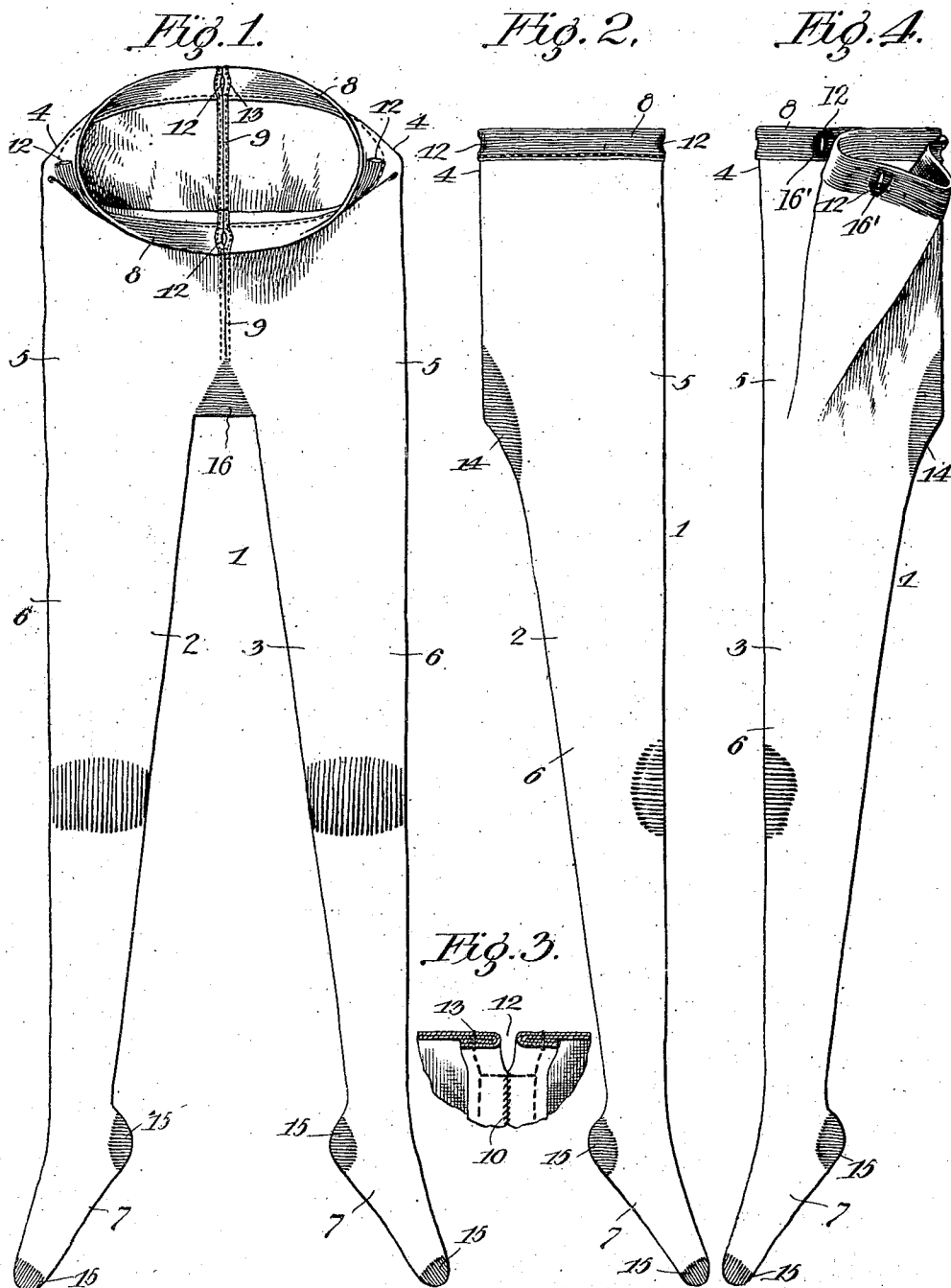
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARA E. TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Logansport, in the county of Cass and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Nether Garment, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in wearing-apparel, and more particularly to that class known as "nether garments," and has for its object to provide an inexpensive durable combination-garment especially adapted for children's use in which the drawers or tights and stockings are knit, woven, or otherwise formed in one piece.

A further object of the invention is to provide a combination-garment the central seam of which extends upward even with the waistband, reinforcing the buttonholes without the use of extra material and preventing the garment from ripping or otherwise tearing at that point when subjected to excessive strain.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in forming the garment in two halves or sections, the waist and hip portion of each half being formed of a flat piece of knit fabric continuous or integral with the leg or leg and foot portions thereof, and the latter being of fashioned tubular-knit fabric, the two halves being united to form the completed garment and the surplus material forming the seam at the line of juncture of the two sections being continued upwardly even with the waist-line, reinforcing the garment around the buttonholes.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a combined nether garment woven or otherwise formed in accordance with the invention, parts being folded to show the arrangement of the central seams and waistband. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view showing the construction of the front and back buttonholes; and Fig. 4 is a side elevation showing a modified form in which the legs or stockings and drawers or tights are woven or knit in one piece, the fabric of which the garment is formed being reinforced at the heel, seat, and buttonholes.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates the combined stockings and tights, which consist of two sections or halves 2 and 3, woven, knit, or otherwise formed of cashmere, silk, lisle thread, or other suitable elastic fabric, each half or section comprising a waist portion 4, hip portion 5, leg portion 6, and pedal extremity 7, the upper half or waist portion of each section being formed with an inwardly-turned hem 8, which when the two sections are secured together forms the waistband of the garment. The outer edges of each half or section comprising the garment are folded inwardly to form seams 9, which extend both in the front and back of the garment from the crotch to the top of the waistband or hem 8, the adjacent edges of each section being stitched, sewed, or otherwise secured together, as shown at 10. The line of stitching intermediate the upper and lower edges of the hem 8 or waistband is severed, or, if desired, this portion when the garment is formed may be left unsewed to form buttonholes 12, the material surrounding the buttonhole being reinforced by a line or row of stitching, as indicated at 13, thereby forming a reinforced four-ply buttonhole without the use of extra material and effectually preventing the garment from splitting or tearing when subjected to excessive strain, as when stooping or bending the body. The seat of the garment 14, the heel, the toe 15, and the knees are reinforced, as shown in Fig. 2, and said garment is also provided with a reinforced crotch 16. The garment may be supported on the wearer in any suitable manner, but when worn by children is preferably supported from the waistband of the shirt-waist or under body, as clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, thereby obviating the use of garters, suspenders, or like supporting devices.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a modified form of combination-garment in which the entire garment is woven, knitted, or otherwise formed from one piece of material. In this case the garment is preferably reinforced at the points of the most direct wear, and said garment is

also provided with reinforcing-strips 16', woven or otherwise formed around the buttonholes to prevent the same from tearing.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have provided an extremely cheap, durable, and useful combination-garment especially adapted for children's use, in which the stockings and drawers or tights are formed in one piece, the buttonholes being reinforced without the use of extra material, preventing the garment from tearing when subjected to excessive strain, the garment being supported from the waistband of a shirt or garment without the use of suspenders, garters, or other auxiliary or extraneous supporting devices.

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

A combination-garment formed in two sections, each section comprising a leg and foot

portion and a body portion, the body portion being provided with an inturned hem forming a waistband, the two sections comprising the garment having their adjacent edges folded inwardly and secured together forming a seam in the front and rear of said garment, the two thicknesses of material forming the waistband being turned inwardly and secured to the inner face of said waistband forming a continuation of the seams, there being a buttonhole formed in the front and rear of the waistband at the juncture of the two sections, said buttonholes being reinforced at the top and bottom thereof by a row of stitching. In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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