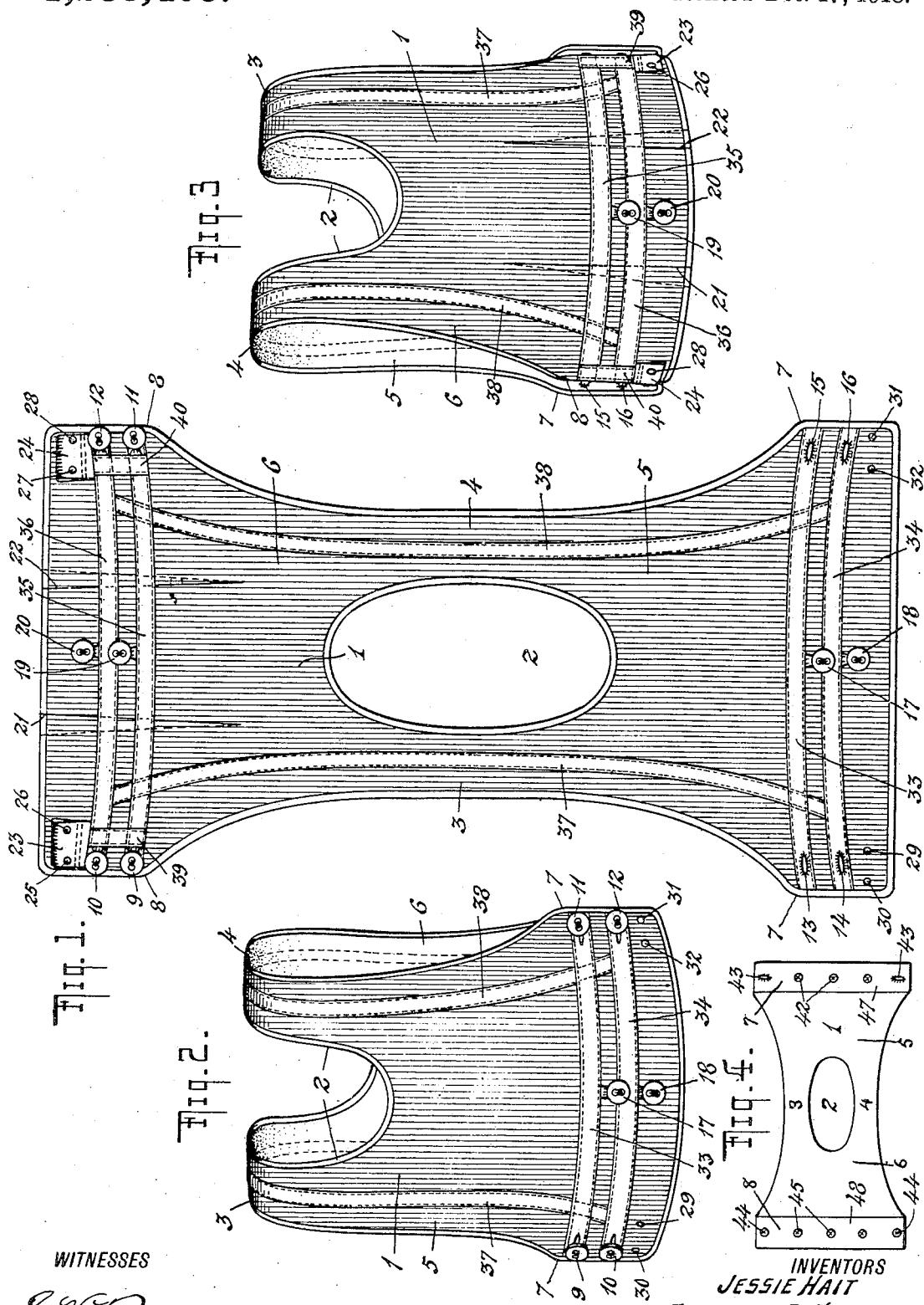


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JESSIE HAIT, a citizen of the United States, and resident of the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, and FLORENCE R. EBBETS, a citizen of the United States, and resident of the borough of Brooklyn, county of Kings, city and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Underwaists, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to children's underwaists, and particularly to that type of underwaist which provides a means of support for other undergarments.

The object of our invention is to provide a neat and serviceable one piece garment which may be cut substantially from one piece of cloth or other fabric, and which will, in the one garment, combine both an underwaist and a garment supporter, with suitable means for attaching thereto and supporting thereby the wearer's drawers, petticoat and hose supporters, whereby the weight of the said garment, together with the weight of the said articles attached thereto, will be sustained by the shoulders of the wearer by means of shoulder straps which will not slip off the said shoulders.

Heretofore garments of this nature have proved unsatisfactory because their shoulder strap portions have had a tendency either to slip downwardly off the clavicle and the acromion and then to rest, press, and bind against the humerus, or else, to move upwardly along the clavicle, and then to rest, press and bind against the wearer's neck, while our garment will rest upon, and at all times be held and maintained directly over, the clavicle, thereby effectively affording secure and comfortable support for the garments of the wearer at the point best adapted to sustain them.

Further objects of our invention are to provide a garment which, by reason of its novel design and construction, may be produced with a minimum waste of material, and which will possess a high degree of durability, fitting-quality, coolness, comfort and support, and not interfere with the free movements of the wearer. Still further objects will appear hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings which illustrate an example of our invention, Figure 1 is a plan view of a garment; Fig. 2 is a perspective front view of the same gar-

ment as worn. Fig. 3 is a perspective rear view of the same and Fig. 4 is a top plan view of a modification of the invention.

As illustrated in the drawings, 1 represents the body of the garment, cut preferably from one piece of cloth or other fabric. The elongated head aperture 2 is of sufficient size to permit the garment to be passed over the wearer's head, and is centrally disposed between the shoulder strap portions 3 and 4 respectively and the front and rear portions which are indicated in their entirety by 5 and 6 respectively. From the said straps 3 and 4 the garment widens gradually until at the front and rear waist bands 7 and 8 respectively, the garment has attained the desired width to permit the said front and rear portions to be fastened together by means of the buttons 9, 10, 11, 12, and the corresponding buttonholes 13, 14, 15, 16. Additional buttons 17, 18, 19 and 20 are provided respectively on the front and rear portions, at the waist line, as indicated. These buttons 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20 are arranged in two horizontal rows. The lower row, consisting of the buttons 10, 20, 12 and 18, are provided and intended as a means for supporting the wearer's drawers. The upper row, consisting of the buttons 9, 19, 11 and 17 are provided and intended as means for supporting the wearer's petticoat, knickerbockers, pants, other garments or apparel as desired.

As a means for improving the fit of the garment, darts 21 and 22 may be fashioned in the rear portion 6 in the usual manner.

As a means for attaching hose supporters to the garment, the tabs 23 and 24 with the safety-pin eyelets 25, 26, and 27, 28, respectively may be provided and suitably located. When the tabs 23 and 24 are placed at the sides below the buttons 9, 10, and 11, 12, respectively, as indicated in the drawings, additional safety-pin eyelets 29, 30, and 31, 32, may be suitably located on the front portion so as to be respectively directly over the said eyelets 25, 26, and 27, 28, when the said front and rear portions are buttoned together. Then, by means of an ordinary safety-pin the eyelets 29, 30, the right hose-supporter, and the eyelets 25, 26, may all be held securely together. Similarly the eyelets 31, 32, the left hose-supporter, and the eyelets 27, 28, may all be held securely together. The hose-supporters are thus effectively and securely attached to the garment by means of safety

pins which cannot touch the body of the wearer, and a further means for fastening together the front and rear portions of the garment has been provided.

5 Reinforcing tapes or strips 33 and 34 are provided at the front waist portion 5 as indicated, for the purpose of reinforcing the garment at said portion 5. Moreover, the said tapes 33 and 34 provide additional support for the buttons 17 and 18 respectively, and also reinforce the buttonholes 13, 15, and 14, 16, respectively. Similarly, the tapes 35 and 36 are provided at the rear waist portion 6 for the purposes of reinforcing the garment at said portion 6 and also to provide additional support for the buttons 9, 19, 11, and buttons 10, 20, 12, respectively.

Additional reinforcing tapes or strips 37 and 38 extend from the tape 34 at the front 20 waist portion 5, pass beneath the tape 33 and then pass respectively over the right shoulder portion 3 and the left shoulder portion 4, and thence beneath the tape 35 to the tape 36 at the rear waist portion 6 as indicated, and are provided for the purpose of strengthening and reinforcing the garment at the sides and over the shoulders, thereby also maintaining the shape and fit of the garment, and furthermore, to thereby retain the 30 said shoulder strap portions 3 and 4 directly over the clavicle, whereby the weight of the garment will at all times be sustained at and from the shoulders of the wearer.

The tapes 39 and 40 extend from the tape 35, pass over the tape 36 and then respectively under the hose-supporting tabs 23 and 24 as indicated, and are provided as a reinforcing means to the tapes 35 and 36, and to the said tabs 23 and 24 respectively.

40 In the modification shown in Fig. 4 the main body portion 1 has a centrally disposed opening 2. The body portion 1 may be folded over at its ends to form waist band portions 47 and 48 or separate reinforcing bands 45 may be secured to the body portion. The

waist band portion 47 is provided with a plurality of buttons 42 and buttonholes 43. The portion 48 is provided with buttons 44 adapted to engage the buttonholes 43, and, a plurality of intermediate buttons 45 which, in conjunction with buttons 42, are adapted to support other garments.

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

When speaking, in our specification and claim, of a one piece garment, or of a single piece body, we refer to a garment or body which can be cut from one piece of flat material, although it is obvious that we may cut such a garment or body in two or more pieces and then to unite such pieces would not depart from our invention.

Furthermore, we wish it to be understood that although we have shown and described an embodiment of our invention provided with means for detachably fastening the front and rear portions together at the sides, it is obvious that any other mode of fastening said front and rear portions together, including stitching, may be employed, and that one or more openings with fastening means may be provided elsewhere, if desired.

We claim:—

A single piece garment comprising two pendant portions adapted to be laid out flat and having a central head aperture, one of said pendant portions being provided with eyelets adapted to register with the eyelets of the other pendant portion and adapted to receive a safety pin to lock said pendant portions together, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands.

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