

CAROLINE WESTCOTT.

Chemise.

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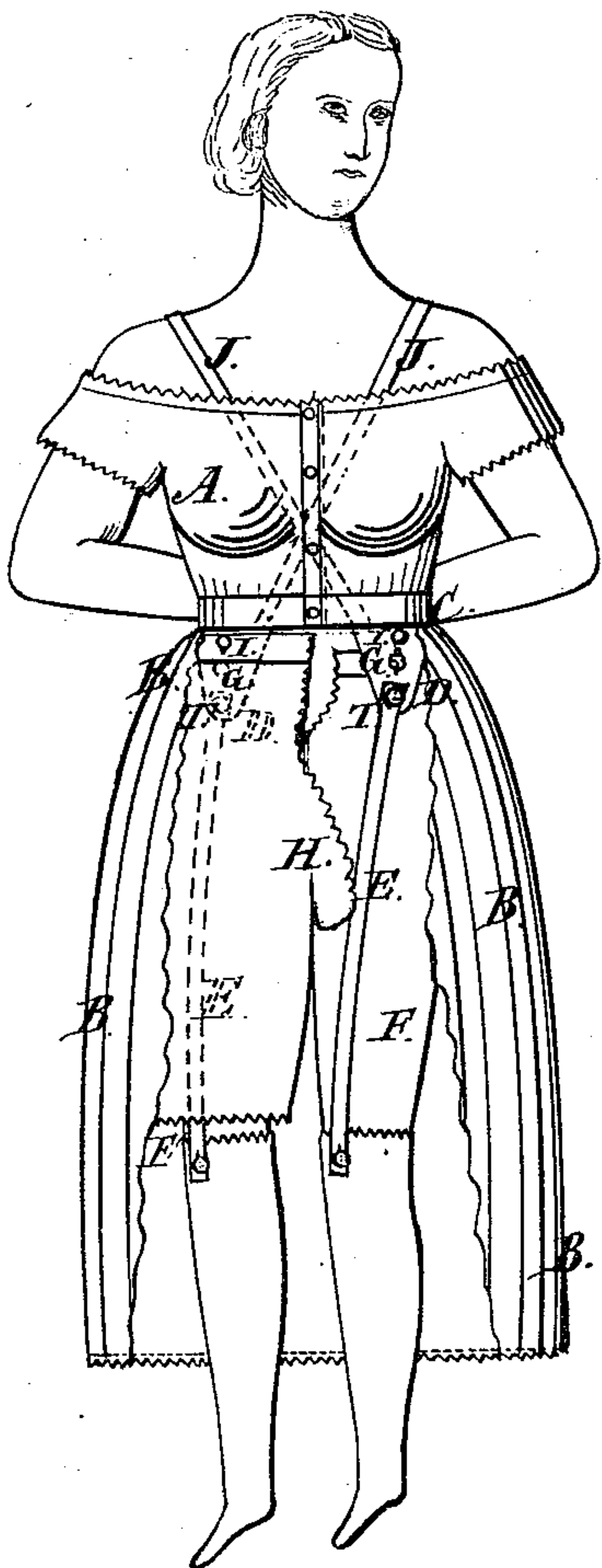


Fig. 1.

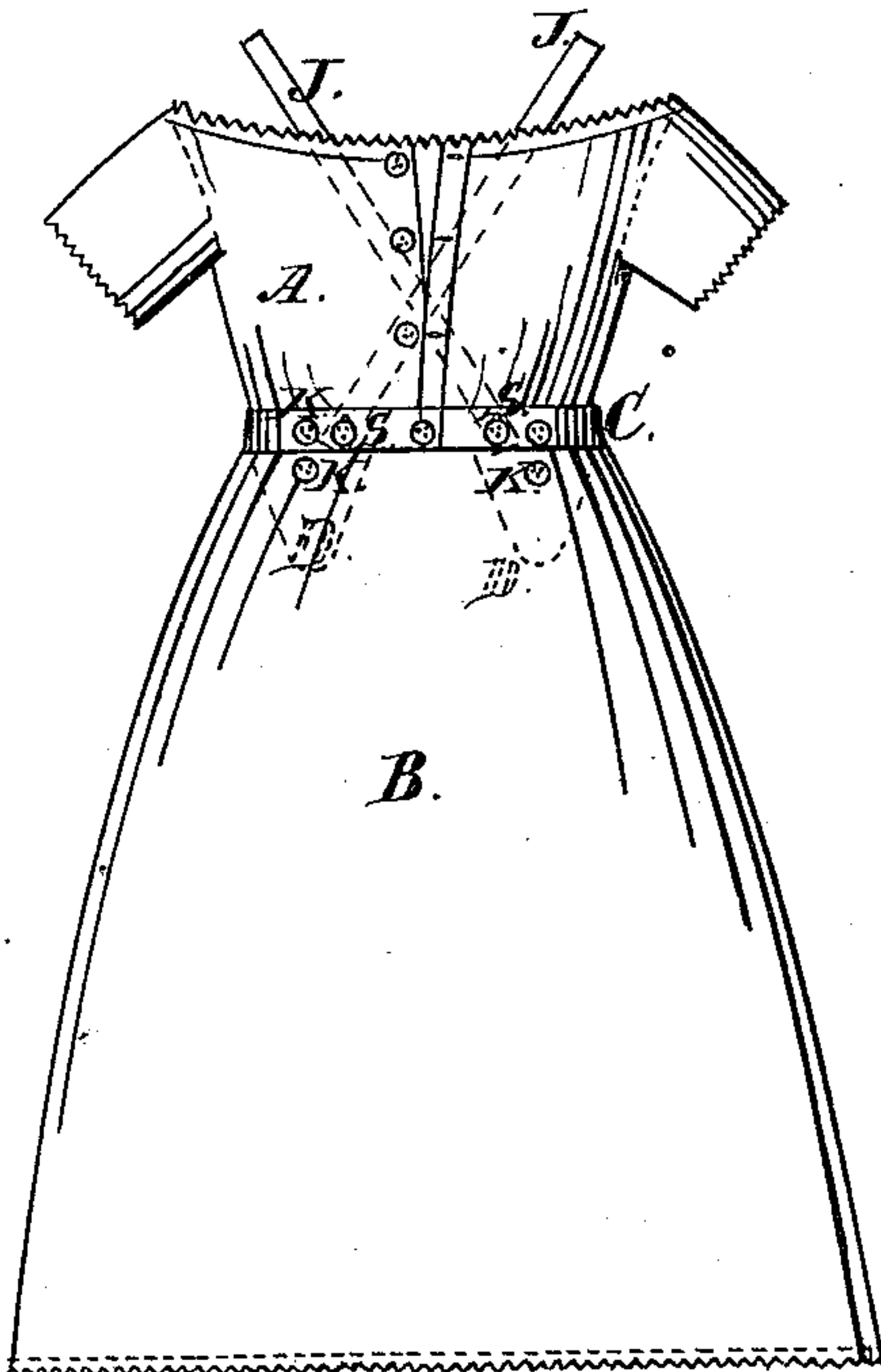


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CHEMISES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CAROLINE WESTCOTT, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a Suspended Chemise, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings which form a part thereof.

My invention consists in making a chemise provided with tabs and belt and buttons, constructed and attached in such manner that, in connection with suspenders passing over the shoulders, all the garments are suspended from the shoulders of the wearer, instead of being held by fastening around the body.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 represents the garment as applied, with the other garments suspended therefrom, with parts of the garments cut away, so as to show the method of attachment. Fig. 2 represents a side elevation of the garment, with the tabs dotted.

A represents the waist of the chemise; B, the skirt; C, the belt. D are four tabs securely attached to the belt C, upon the under side of the garment. These tabs support the hose and the drawers. The hose are connected with the tabs by means of elastics E, being buttoned to the tabs, as shown at T. The flannel or under drawers F are buttoned to the tabs at G. The linen or over drawers H are buttoned to the tabs at I. The flannel drawers have buttons attached to the belt, which passes under the tabs, and the buttons button through the belt. The belt of the linen or over drawers passes over the tabs and

is buttoned to them. J are suspenders, which pass over the shoulders, crossing each other in front and rear, and are buttoned, through the belt C of the chemise, at S. K are buttons sewed to the outside of the belt C, to which the skirts are buttoned. There may be more or less of these outside buttons sewed to the belt of the chemise, it being intended to have a sufficient number of them to button all the skirts to and suspend them from the suspended chemise. The suspenders J are attached to the belt C, so that they cross each other and carry their weight in such a position as to produce no inconvenience nor be uncomfortable to the wearer.

It will be observed that a garment of this kind, by being made high in the neck, can be made to fit to the person in such manner as to serve the purpose of the suspenders.

The object sought to be obtained by the use of my suspended chemise is the convenience, comfort, and health of the wearer, while at the same time the simplicity of the garment enables one to readily convert the ordinary garment into a suspended chemise.

I claim—

In a chemise composed of the waist A, skirt B, and belt C, having buttons K, the tabs D, attached to the under side of the belt, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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