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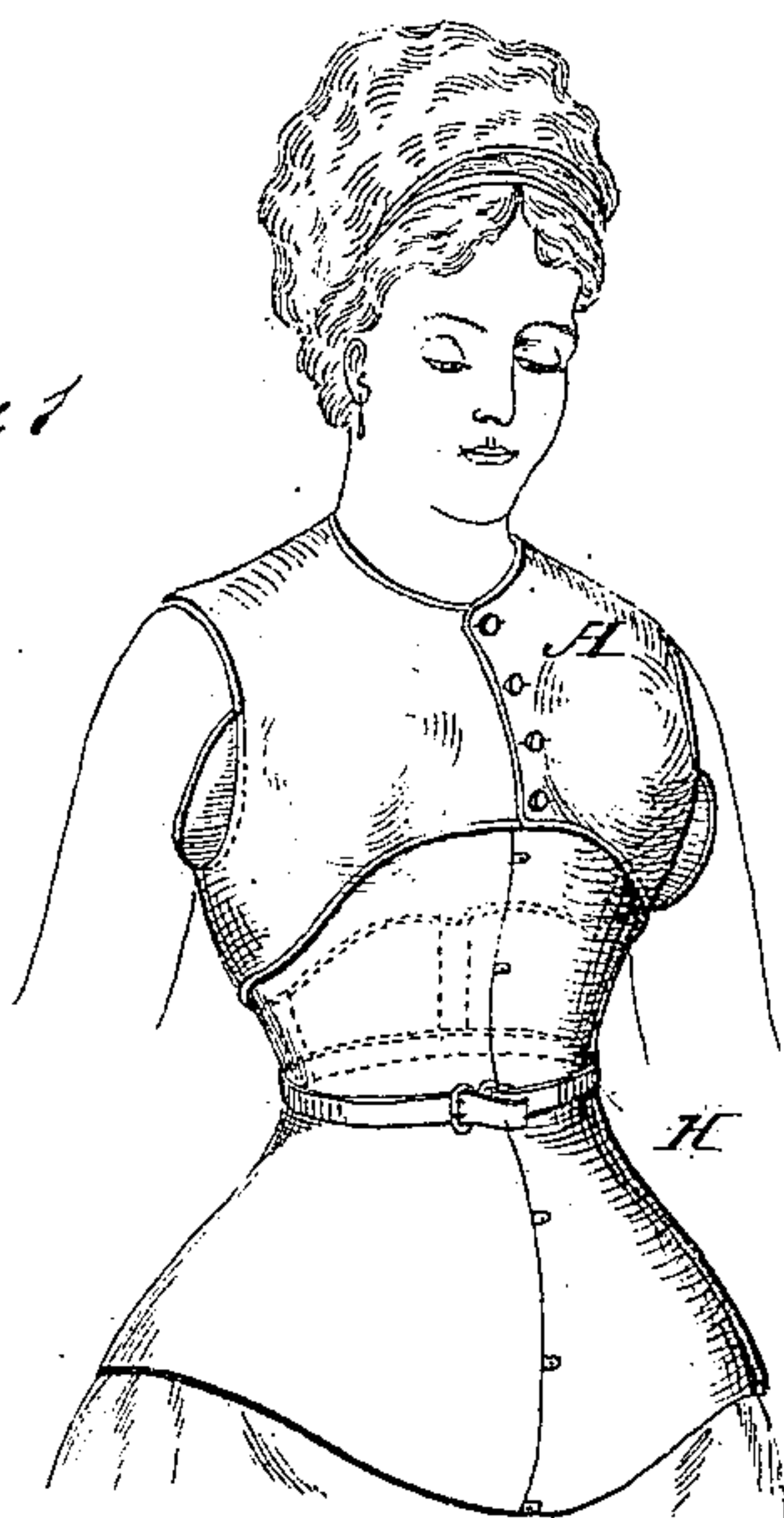
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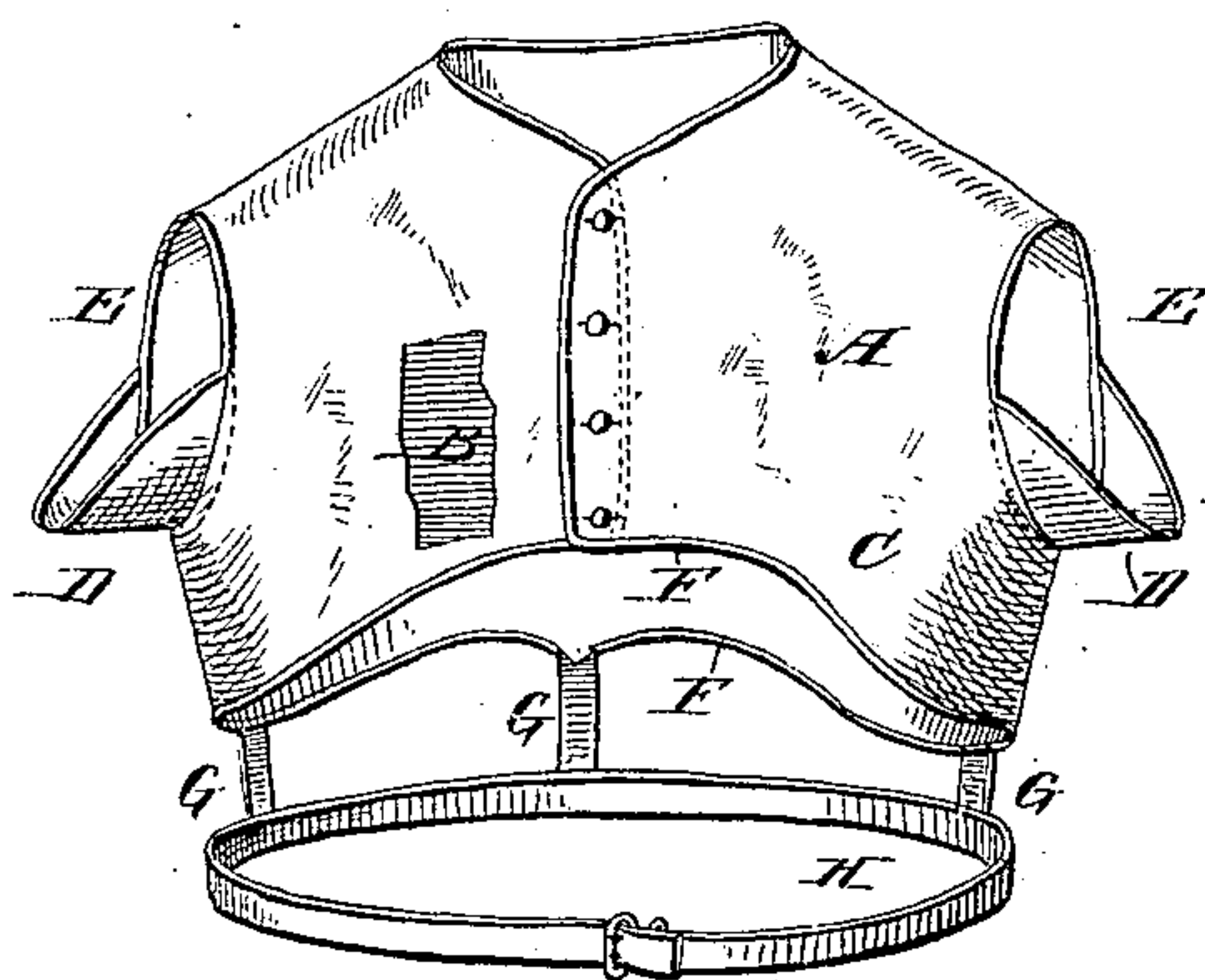
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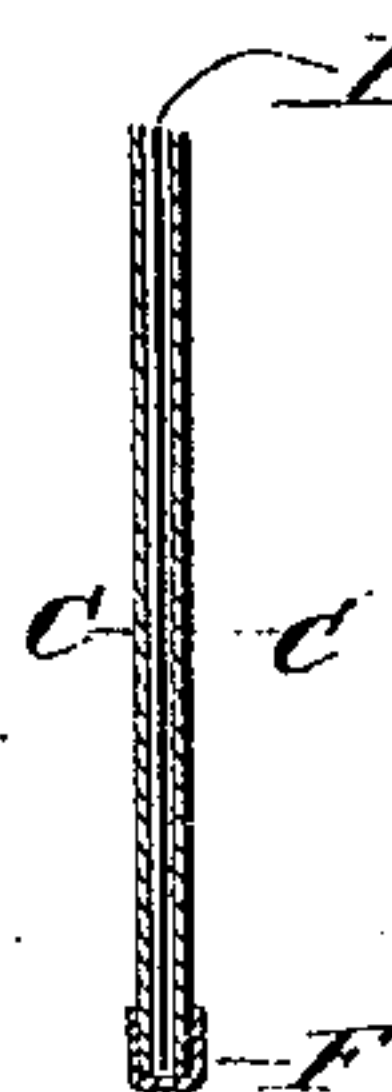
*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3*



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## DRESS-PROTECTOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EMMA R. TURNER, of Watseka, in the county of Iroquois and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Dress-Protector, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved waist of water-proof material, for the purpose of protecting the dress from being soiled or discolored by perspiration.

The invention consists in a waist made of satin, gutta-percha, tissue, or some other water proof material, covered on both sides with light muslin, which waist is provided with projecting strips made in the same manner in the lower part of the arm-apertures, and with belts and bands for holding the waist in place on the body.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents the manner in which my improved dress-protecting waist is worn on the body. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of my improved dress-protecting waist. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional elevation of a part of the same.

The waist A is made of a layer or sheet, B, of satin, gutta-percha, tissue, or equivalent water-proof material—such as oiled silk, india-rubber, &c—which is covered both on the inner and outer sides by a layer, C, of light muslin. The edges are trimmed with linen tape F. A strip, D, also composed of a layer of gutta-percha, tissue, and two layers of mus-

lin, is fastened to the lower part of each arm-aperture E of the waists. These strips pass outward, so that they will lie against the inner side of the arm of the wearer. The waist extends down from the neck to cover the breasts, the shoulders, and the upper part of the back. From the front and rear the material is cut downward under the arms, so that a sufficient quantity of material remains between the bottom of the arm-aperture and the lower edge of the waist, under the arm, as is shown. Elastic bands G G are attached to the side and rear of the waist and to a belt, H, that is passed and secured around the waist of the wearer. The perspiration cannot pass through the layer of moisture-proof material, and thus the dress cannot be discolored or soiled.

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

In combination with the waist A, made of a layer, B, of water-proof material and two layers, C, of textile fabric, the arm-strips D, attached to the lower part of the arm-apertures and made of the same material as the waist, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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