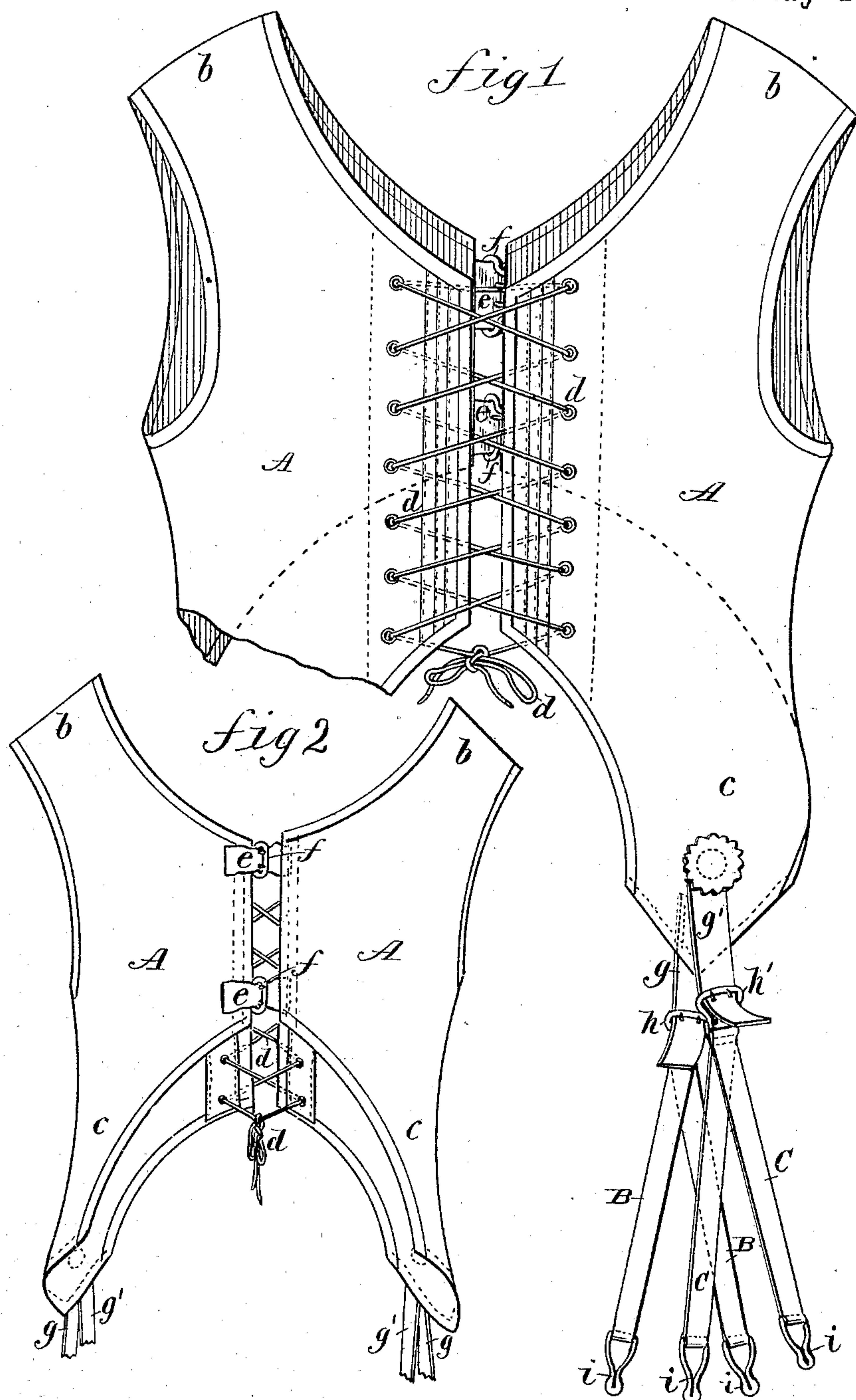


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY E. HIGGINS, of Cadillac, in the county of Wexford and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful
5 Improvements in Children's Adjustable Waists for Hose and Leggin Attachments, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

10 This invention consists in a body garment or waist for children, composed of two seamless half-bodies and capable of adjustment down its back and front to vary its size, and having combined with it a hose-supporter, also a leggin-supporter, substantially as hereinafter described.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

20 Figure 1 represents a partly-broken front view of a child's adjustable waist with hose and leggin supporters attached in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 a rear view of the same upon a smaller scale.

25 A A indicate two seamless half-bodies, made of any suitable material and formed with shoulder-straps or supporting-sleeves *b b* and lower extensions, *c c*, which are designed to extend down to or cover the thighs of the
30 child. These half-bodies which form the waist are united by a lacing, *d*, extending down the front of them, and by tapes or straps *e* and buckles *f*, applied to their back marginal portions, the whole forming an adjustable body
35 garment or waist which may be readily let out or be taken up, both in front and rear, to vary its size as required. Pendent from the lower end of each extension *c* of this adjustable waist, by means of straps *g* and buckles *h*, are
40 bifurcated hose-supporters B B, which may, if desired, be provided at their lower ends with metal loops *i i* for engagement with buttons on the hose, or they may otherwise connect with the hose.

45 C C are another pair of like bifurcated straps, provided, if desired, with similar button-engaging loops *i i* at their lower ends, and constituting the leggin-supporters of the article, and being united with the lower extensions, *c*
50 *c*, of the body-pieces A A by tapes or straps *g'* and buckles *h'*.

Both the hose-supporters B B and leggin-supporters C C may have their strap portions, as also the straps which connect them with the extensions *c c* of the half-bodies A A, made
55 of elastic material, and said supporters are readily capable of being lengthened or shortened, as required, by means of the buckles *h h'* and straps *g g'*, which connect them with the extensions *c c* of the half-bodies or waist A A. 60

The hose and leggin supporters, it will be observed, are attached by the tapes to the extensions *c c* by stitching or permanently and without the aid of buttons or other metallic fastenings to produce friction and liable to be torn
65 off, and the extensions *c c* are so formed, meeting by a curve above the waist-line, that a child wearing the article has perfect freedom of action, and there is no perceptible strain upon the body. 70

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

1. In adjustable waists for hose and leggin attachments, the seamless half-bodies having
75 means for their connection to the hose or leggins, and each half-body having the armhole formed therein, the material of the half-body itself forming shoulder-pieces, substantially as and for the purpose set forth. 80

2. In waists for hose and leggin attachments, the half-bodies provided with means for their connection to the hose or leggins, with the shoulder straps or pieces formed integral therewith, and with the high curvatures in
85 front and back, said curvatures being arranged above the waist-line to remove excess of strain therefrom, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. In a child's adjustable waist for hose and
90 leggin attachments, the two half-bodies A, having the body-adjusting straps or lacing *d e f*, and the extensions *c*, adapted to conform to the thighs, and having the adjustable hose and leggin straps B C, substantially as and
95 for the purpose set forth.

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