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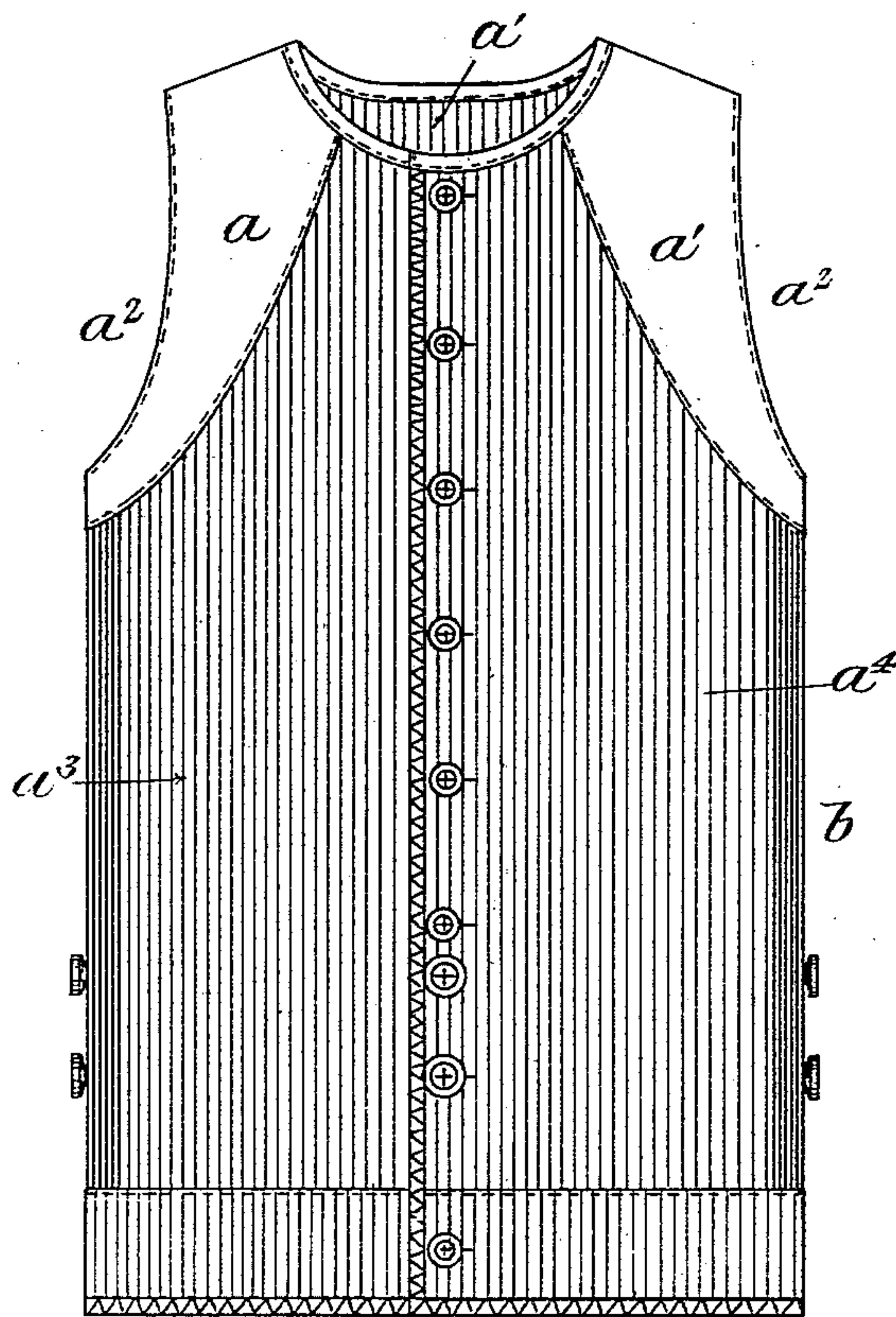


Fig. 1.

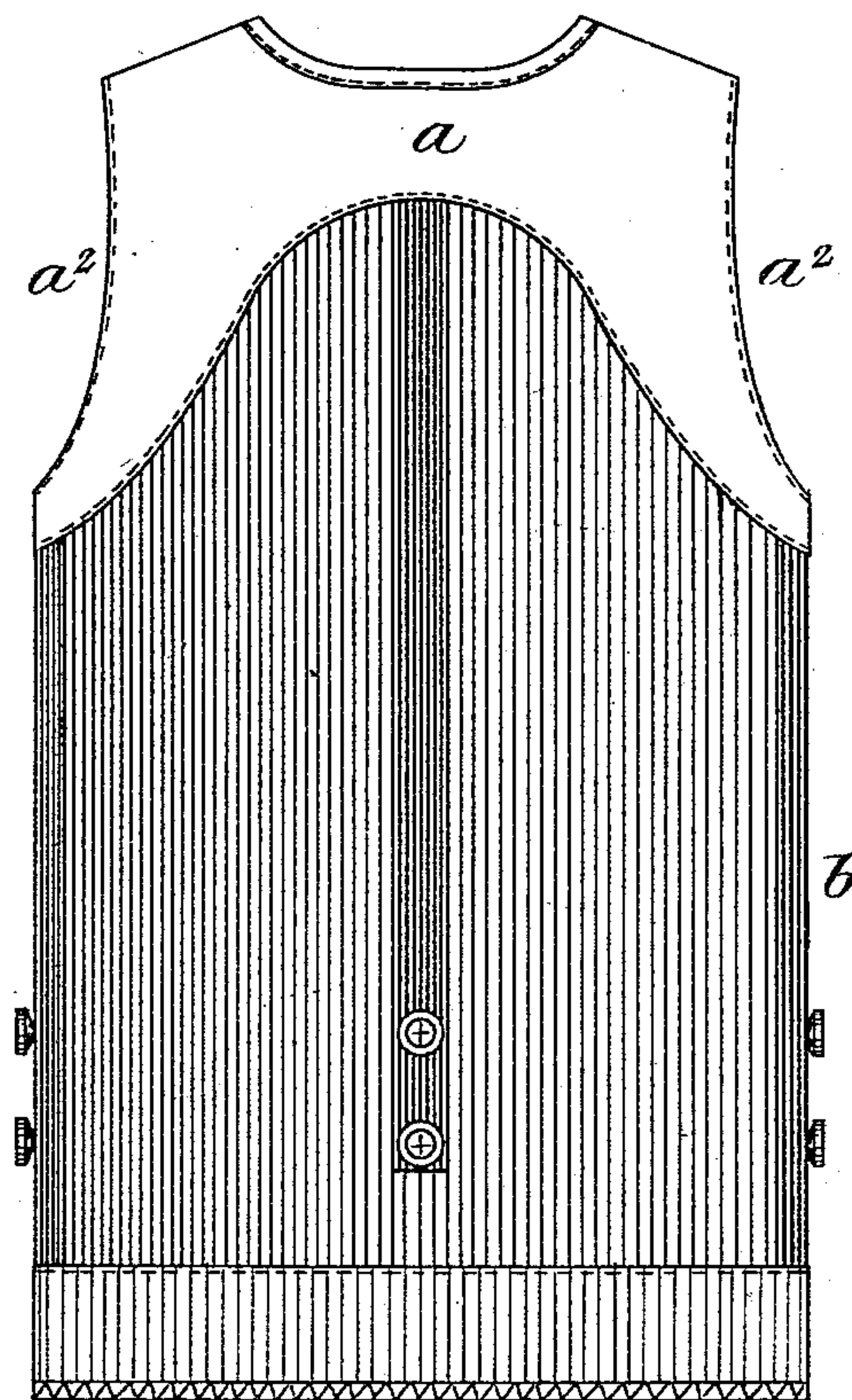


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS B. FITZPATRICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newton, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Waists, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in explaining its nature.

The object of this invention is to provide a waist having an extensible body-section and an inextensible yoke to which elastic or yielding reinforcing-sections, strips, or bands formed of the material of the body or connected therewith by sewing are united at their upper ends, the waist also having buttons or attaching devices near its lower edge secured thereto and to the ends of said reinforcing-sections.

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of such a waist. Fig. 2 is a view in rear elevation thereof.

The yoke or shoulder-piece is made of inelastic material, such as cotton. It has the undivided back a , the divided front a' , and it preferably extends downward upon the side sufficiently to entirely include the armholes a^2 . To this inelastic yoke or shoulder-piece the elastic body-section b is attached or connected. It may upon its top be coincident with the yoke or shoulder-piece or it may be attached to the lower edge thereof. Its back a is undivided. Its front a' is divided along

the center into the two sections a^3 a^4 , the edges of which are secured together by buttons and buttonholes or in any desired way.

The elastic body-section is reinforced by relatively narrow elastic sections c , which are attached at their upper ends to the yoke and integral with the body-section or secured thereto by elastic stitches, and extend downwardly to or near its lower edge and receive and hold the attaching buttons or devices. The waist may also be provided about its bottom with a band c' , which may be of extensible or inextensible material or cloth, as desired.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

As an improved article of manufacture, the waist herein described, the same comprising an inelastic yoke c continuous at the back and separated at the front, an elastic body-section united to said yoke, having a continuous back and a separable front, elastic reinforcing-sections on the elastic body-section attached at their upper ends to said inelastic yoke and attaching devices secured to the lower ends of said reinforcements and the body-section, as and for the purposes described.

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