

No. 700,177.

Patented May 20, 1902.

**B. M. CROUSE.
NETHER GARMENT.**

(Application filed Mar. 15, 1902.)

(No Model.)

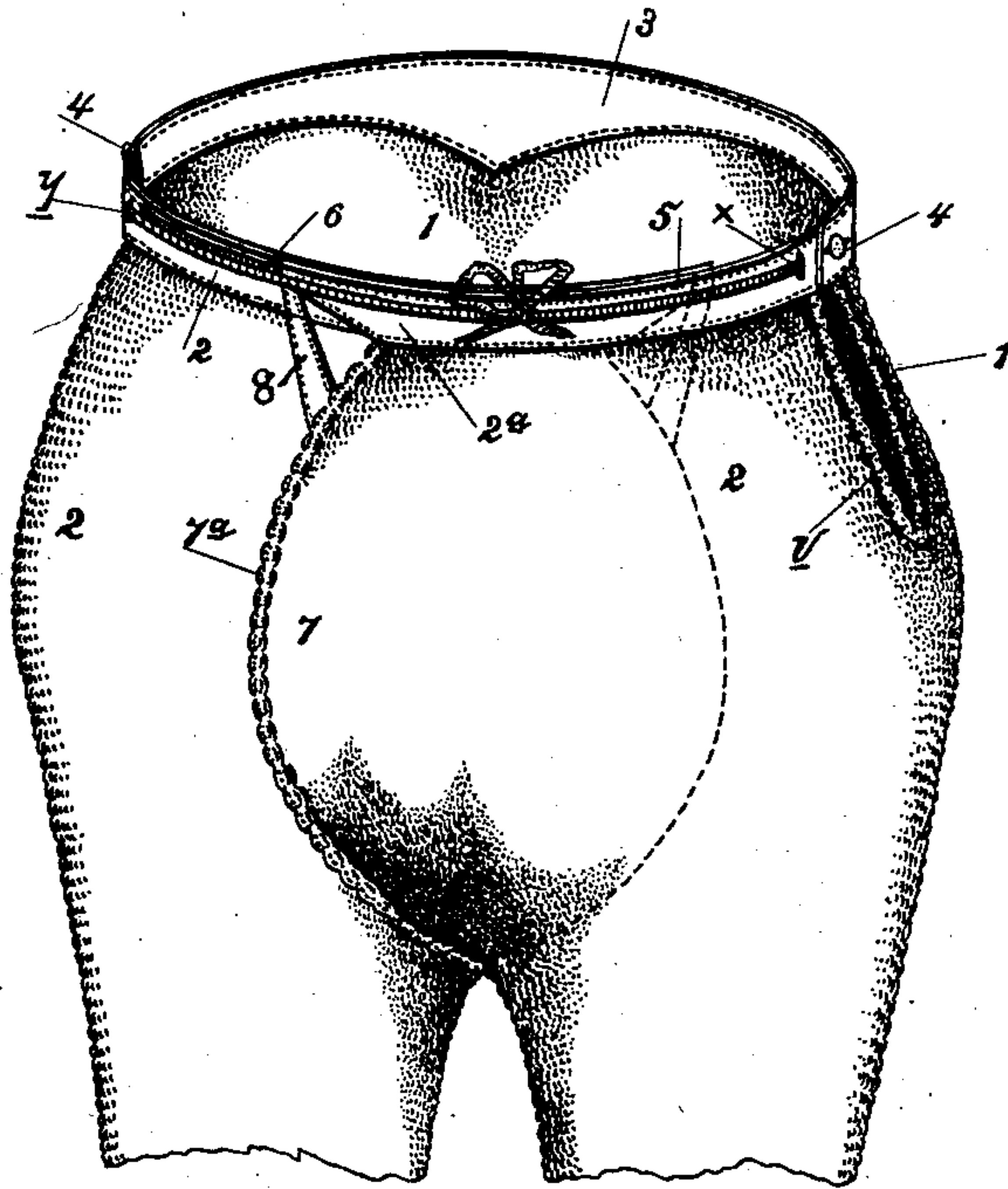


Fig. 1.

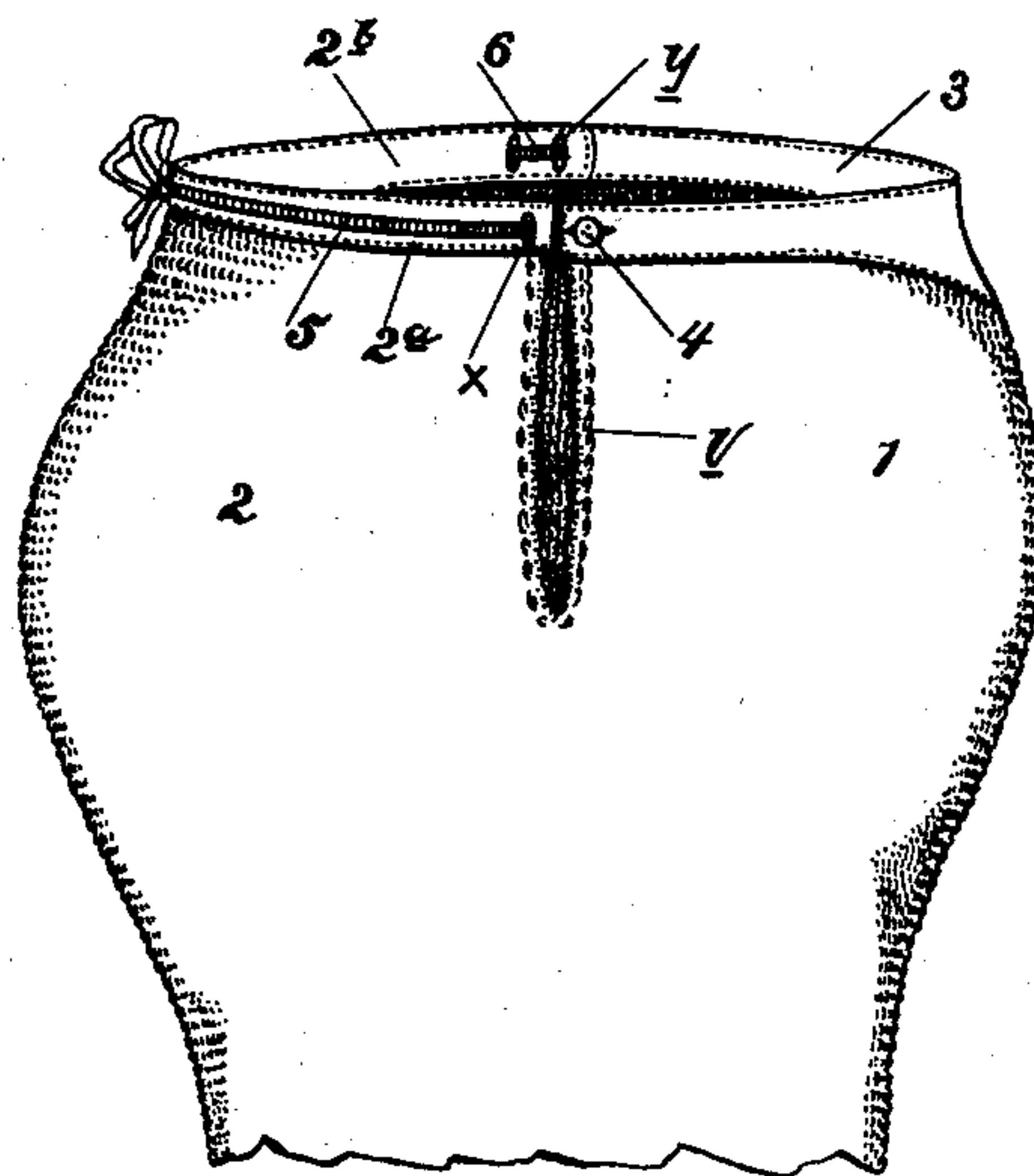


Fig. 2.

Witnesses
Chas. A. Kardell.
E. W. Jones

Inventor
BEECHER M. CROUSE.
By *Milton E. Robinson*
Attorney.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

BEECHER M. CROUSE, OF UTICA, NEW YORK, ASSIGNOR TO AVALON
KNITWEAR COMPANY, OF UTICA, NEW YORK.

NETHER GARMENT.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 700,177, dated May 20, 1902.

Application filed March 15, 1902. Serial No. 98,308. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BEECHER M. CROUSE, of Utica, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain new and
5 useful Improvements in Nether Garments; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and
10 use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide an
15 improved nether garment for women's wear which is conveniently put on and removed from the person and is arranged so that the flap portions will maintain a closed position, whereby a garment always affords protection
20 to the wearer.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows a perspective view from the rear of the upper portion of a garment embodying my improvement. Fig. 2 is a perspective view from the side.

25 Referring to the reference letters and figures in a more particular description, 1 indicates the forward portion, and 2 the rear portion, of the upper end of the garment, separated on both sides by vents *v*. The forward
30 portion 1 is provided with a band, or rather a part of a band, 3, while the rear portion 2 is provided with two portions of band 2^a and 2^b. The front and rear portions are adapted to be secured together by buttons 4 or other
35 suitable detachable connections applied at the band. The rear portion 2 of the garment is provided with two large similar overlapping flaps 7, which at their free edge have a convex form, as shown at 7^a.

40 5 is an adjusting-string attached to the end of the band portion 2^b or an extension thereof, as shown, and passing thence through an eye *x*, whence it is brought to the rear. 6 is also a similar adjusting-string attached to the
45 end of the band part 2^a or an extension thereof, as shown, and passing through two eyes

(indicated by *y*) adjacent to the vent on that side of the garment and is then brought to the rear, where the two strings 5 and 6 may be tied, as shown.

8 indicates a brace, preferably of tape or similar material, connecting the convex edge 7^a of the flap 7 with the extension of the band part 2^a, to which the string attaches at some distance from the end of the band proper. A
55 similar brace is also provided on the other part of the garment and is shown in dotted lines.

By unbuttoning at the buttons 4 the garment can be conveniently put on or removed
60 from the person. By means of the strings 5 and 6 the size of the garment can be regulated to the waist of the wearer. On account of the form of the overlapping flaps 7 and the brace 8 they are maintained in the position
65 shown as distinguished from that class of flaps which fall away from the supports and are prone to present gaping openings. By reason of the flaps always overlapping properly the person of the wearer is protected from
70 exposure.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination in a nether garment consisting at the upper band portion of the forward and rear parts separated by side vents
75 and provided with buttons or other detachable connecting devices at said vents, the said rear part consisting of overlapping flaps, strings attached to the edges of said flaps
80 and passing through eyes in the band of said rear portion adjacent to said side vents, and brought to the rear and tied, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 10th day of March, 1902.

BEECHER M. CROUSE.

Witnesses:

J. BENJ. BRADY,
S. A. BROWN.