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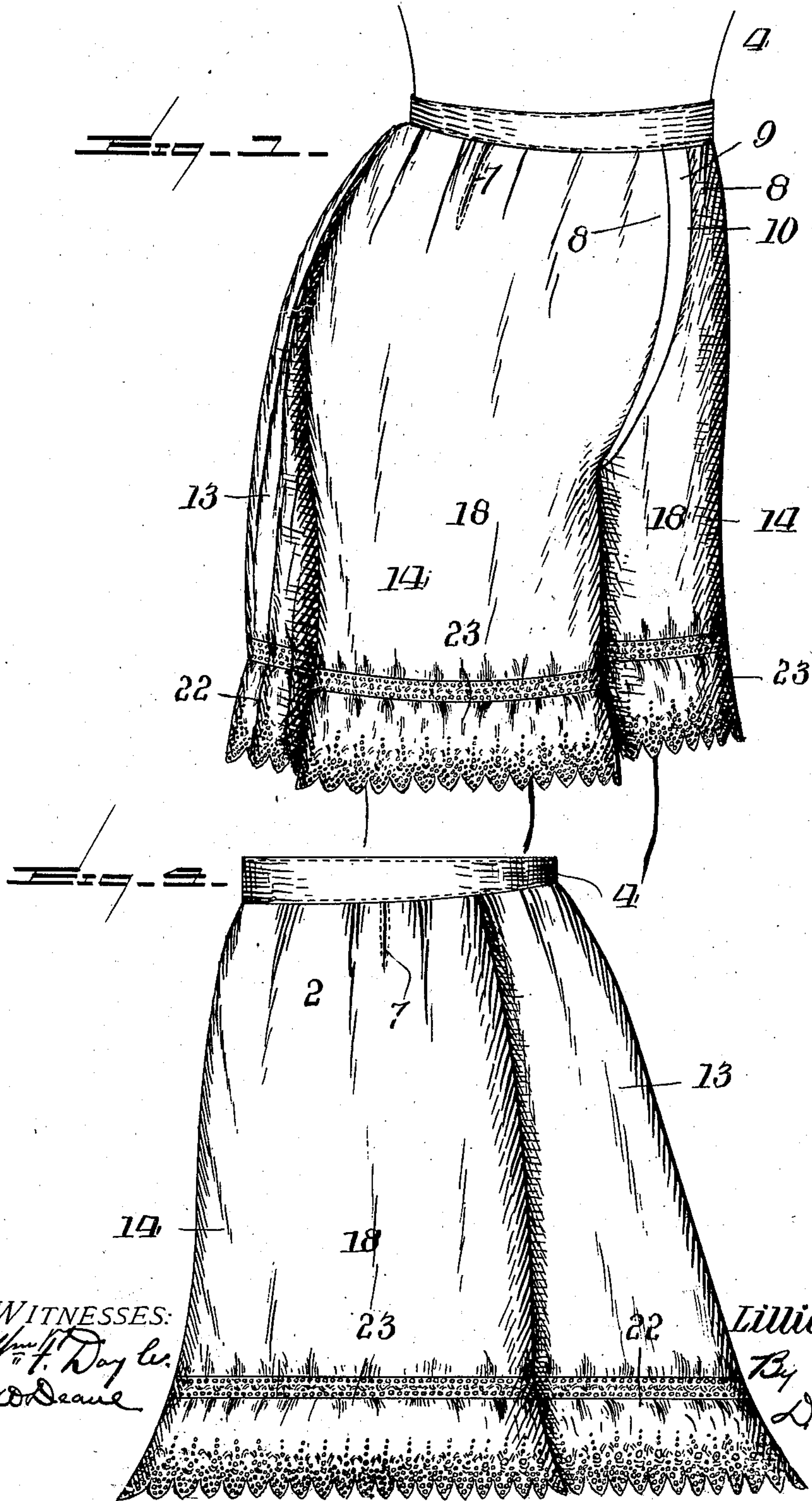
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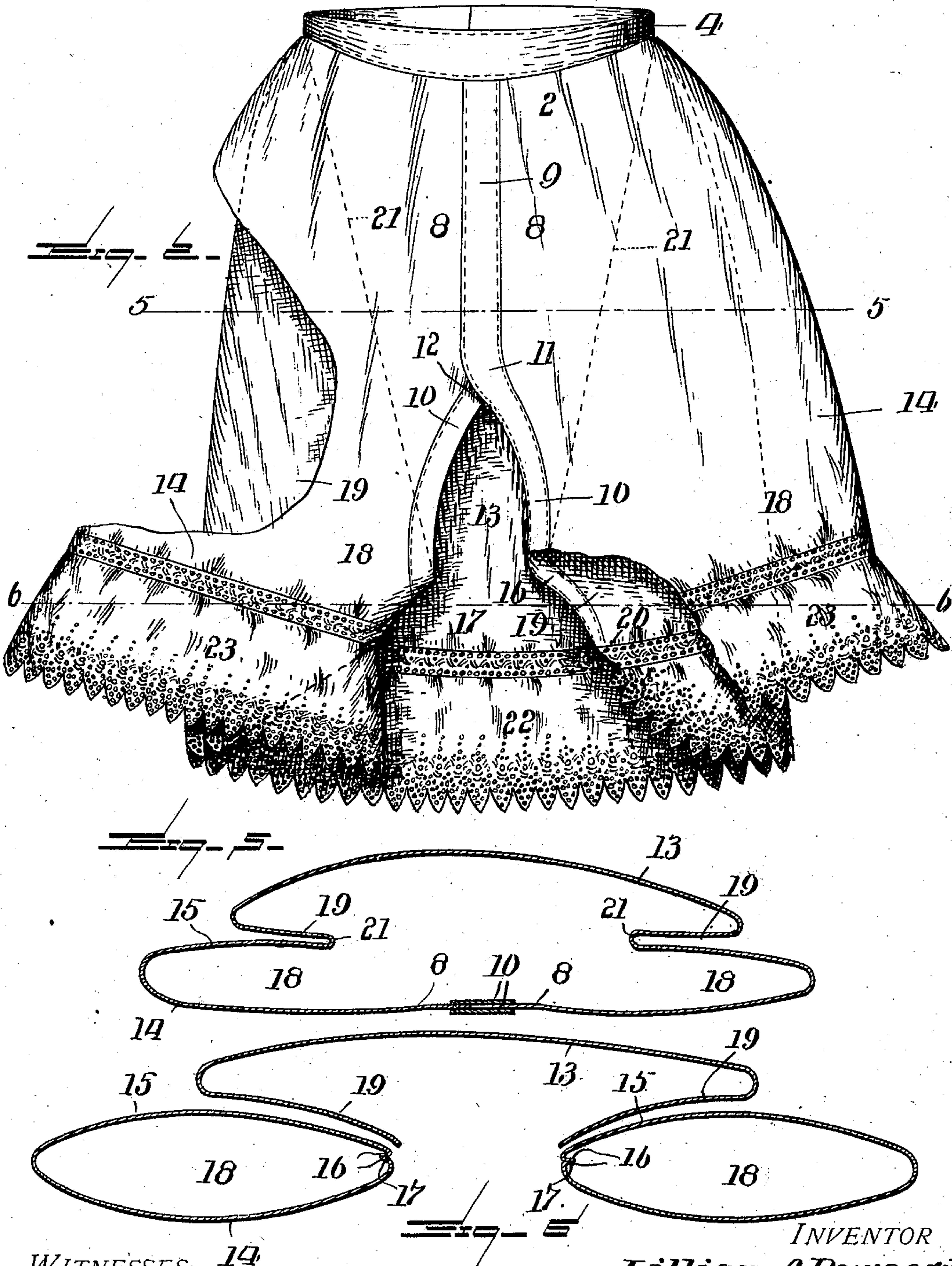
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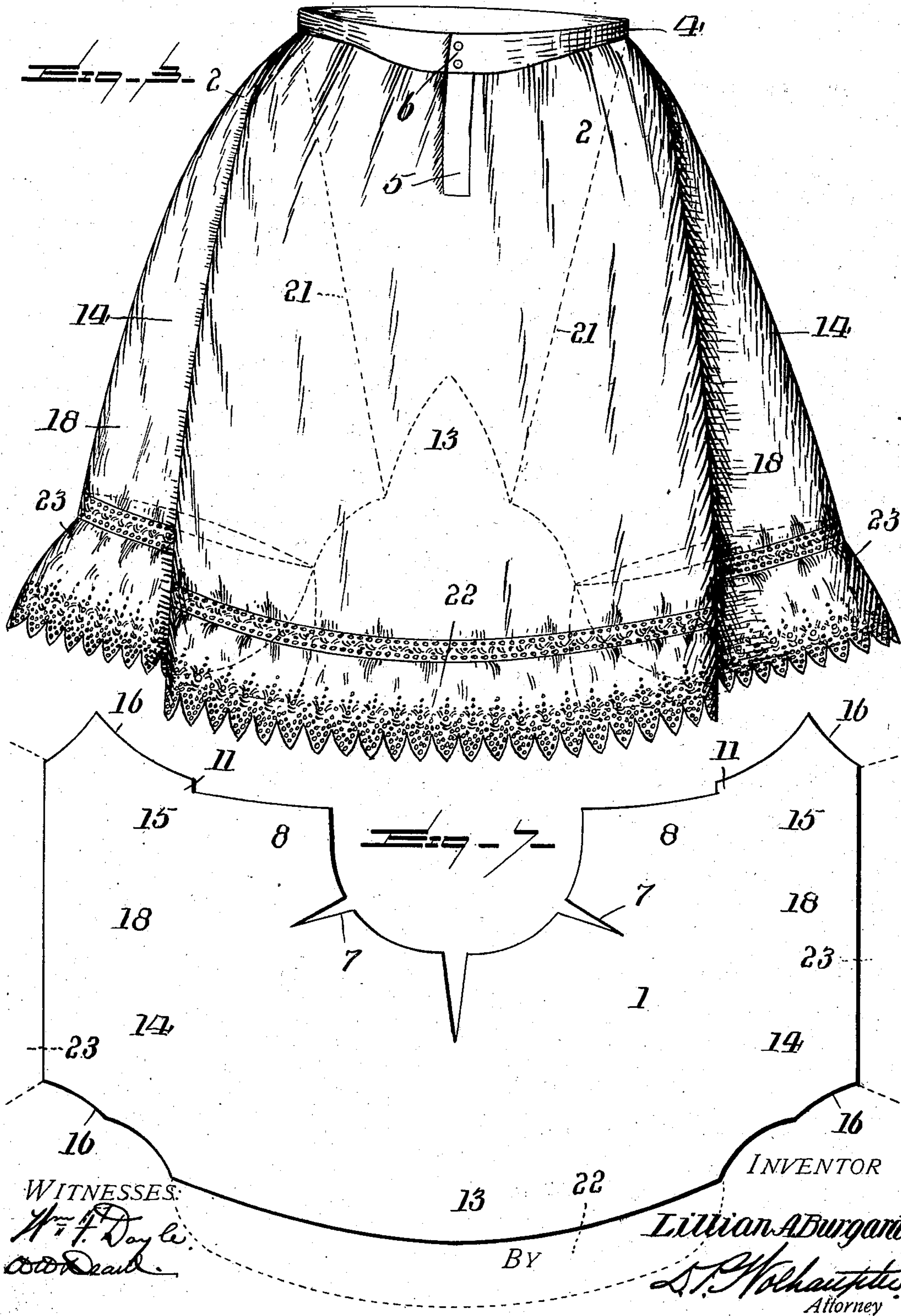
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COMBINED SKIRT AND DRAWERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LILLIAN A. BURGARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Skirt and Drawers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to nether garments, and has special reference to a union type of garment combining in a single article both a complete pair of drawers and a complete short underskirt.

To this end the invention contemplates an undergarment of the drawers type which, while of the open form, has all of the appearance when on the wearer of being an absolutely-closed garment and serving to perfectly conceal the body.

A further and more important object is to associate directly with a single supporting element, such as a yoke or band, two distinct garments—namely, drawers and skirt—thus providing an article which dispenses with the garment ordinarily known as the “underskirt,” and which is usually worn over the drawers and under the long petticoat. By reason of thus obviating the necessity of employing the ordinary separate underskirt the bulk and thickness of one skirt on the waist-line and hips is done away with, hence reducing the weight of clothing to the extent of one garment. It is recognized by every well-gowned woman as necessary to wear an extra underskirt over the drawers and under the long petticoat in order to preserve a well-dressed appearance, while at the same time effecting a proper concealing of the body. These results are secured by the use of the union-garment contemplated by the present invention, besides providing a very neat and practical piece of underwear.

With these and many other objects in view, which will readily appear to those familiar with feminine attire, the same consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, illustrated, and claimed.

The essential feature of the invention involved in the combining together in one article of a pair of drawers and a short under-

skirt placed on a single yoke or band is necessarily susceptible to a variety of modifications without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention; but a preferred embodiment of the latter is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a combined skirt and drawers shown applied to illustrate the closed appearance in front. Fig. 2 is a front elevation, partly in section, of the garment folded flat to illustrate plainly the natural folded lines of the skirt member as it hangs from the yoke or band. Fig. 3 is a back elevation of the garment, showing a form in which a placket is employed to permit of the garment being buttoned in the same way as an ordinary skirt. Fig. 4 is a side view of the garment folded flat and the skirt drawn out to illustrate the fullness thereof. Fig. 5 is a cross-sectional view on the line 5 5 of Fig. 2, showing the garment opened up as when upon the wearer. Fig. 6 is a similar view on the line 6 6 of Fig. 2. Fig. 7 is a plan view in outline of a form of pattern which may be used in constructing the garment, the view being on a reduced scale.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

In carrying out the invention the garment may necessarily be made of cotton, linen, silk, or, in fact, of any material suitable for the purpose, and also the garment may be constructed from a variety of patterns containing one or more pieces; but in all forms of the invention the same embodies the combination of a complete pair of drawers and a short back skirt, both of which garments are united with a common yoke, band, or supporting element. These characteristics of the invention are preserved irrespective of the material and also irrespective of whether the pattern involves one or more pieces. However, in the preferable construction of the garment the same is formed of a single piece of goods, so for illustrative purposes this form is shown in the drawings.

For convenience in designating the piece of goods from which both the drawers and skirt member of the garment are formed the same will be referred to as the “pattern-piece,” and

where it is made of one piece of material the same preserves the general outline indicated in Fig. 7 of the drawings.

The pattern-piece 1 is formed of a sufficient size and of sufficient fullness to not only form a body portion common to both the drawers and skirt, but also a complete pair of drawer-legs and a complete short underskirt at the back of the garment. The body portion of the garment is designated by the numeral 2 and is that portion which fits about the hips and the adjacent portion of the body, and in the present invention is designed to be finished or placed upon a common supporting member 4, which may be properly termed the "yoke." This yoke may consist of an ordinary band fitted to the garment in the same manner as skirt-bands and having its ends at the rear of the garment associated with a placket 5, which permits of the garment being fastened upon the body by means of the ordinary button-fasteners 6, although it is to be understood that the yoke 4 of the garment may embody a draw-string casing receiving an ordinary draw-string. In the latter construction it is of course understood that there is no necessity for a placket in the back of the garment, and the body portion 2 of the garment is completely closed at the back as well as at the front thereof. In this connection it may also be stated that the garment could be closed in the back as well as the front and have openings on either side, which openings may be closed by buttons in the same manner as ordinary nether garments are finished. These modifications, however, are not important in the carrying out of the invention, as it is only necessary to provide a common supporting-yoke 4 for the drawers and skirt members of the article.

In connection with the formation of the body portion 2 of the garment it is to be noted that such body portion may be provided with the ordinary darts 7 to insure a proper fitting over the hips. The front sections 8 of the front portion 2 of the garment are brought together at the front thereof to provide a closed front seam formed by a facing-strip stitched to the contiguous edges of the said front sections 8 of the body portion to provide a completely-closed front seam 9 for the body portion of the garment. At this point it should be observed that by reason of forming the pattern-piece with the front sections 8 it is possible to provide a front body portion which is seamed, lapped, and faced down from the waist-line or yoke to the crotch at the point 12 and to the point where the trimming of the skirt begins, as plainly shown in the drawings. It may be stated in this connection that the facings 10, extending from the beginning of the front lap 11 to the trimming of the skirt member, are preferably narrow, so as to smoothly fit the edge of the garment, and the front lap 11 referred to gives the garment the appearance of a closed one. Inasmuch as said front lap is at the

lower end of the closed front seam 9 it is located and disposed between the legs of the wearer at the crotch, said front lap thereby marking the point where the opening of the drawers begins. This opening extends to the back, where the skirt member joins the drawers, and particular reference will now be made to these features of the garment.

In addition to the parts of the pattern just described and which really constitute the body portion of the garment the said pattern-piece is cut with a full short back skirt member 13, from which skirt member are extended the outer and inner leg-sections 14 and 15, respectively, which leg-sections are provided with short seam edges 16, united by a short seam 17 at the inner side of the drawers-leg, each drawers-leg as an entirety being designated by the reference-number 18. The said outer and inner leg-sections 14 and 15 are parts of the same pattern-piece with the skirt member 13, thus providing an arrangement whereby both the drawers-legs 18 and the skirt member 13 will hang or drape as one garment from the common supporting yoke or band 4. From the upper point of the seam 17, uniting the short seam edges 16 of the outer and inner leg-sections, there extends a short edge portion 19, merging into the skirt member 13 and leading to the point 20, where the trimming for the skirt member begins, and by reason of the short curvature of the said edge portion 19 the skirt and drawers are made to hang evenly from the supporting-yoke, and, as heretofore explained, this is the same point to which the facing 10 extends.

With the parts arranged and united as above described complete drawers-legs 18 are provided and constitute a complete pair of drawers for use in the usual way, while the back and body portion of the drawers above the complete leg portions 18 are formed by the back skirt member 13, which hangs in folds in the same manner as the ordinary underskirt.

By reason of the fact that what might properly be termed the "bottom" ends 20 of the skirt member 13 are connected with the drawers-legs at the upper ends of the seams 17 the goods from this point to the waist-line forms a bias fold, (designated by the number 21 in Figs. 2 and 3 of the drawings,) and this bias line or fold in the goods accordingly strengthens the same and prevents the garment from splitting and tearing under any strain that the wearer may place thereon by bending over or violently moving about. Also the bias folds in the skirt member of the garment, extending as they do from the seams of the drawers-legs to the waist-line, insure the skirt hanging or falling from the supporting-yoke evenly and symmetrically over the body, thereby giving the entire effect of a complete separate underskirt.

Any suitable trimming may be employed in connection with the garment, that for the

skirt member being designated by the number 22 and the trimming for the drawers-legs being designated by the number 23, and in order to secure a proper hanging of the trimming for the skirt member the same is preferably graduated or narrowed toward the bottom corners or ends of said skirt member.

From the foregoing it is thought that the construction and many advantages of the herein-described undergarment will be readily apparent to those familiar with the art without further description, and it will also be understood that various changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

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

1. An undergarment consisting of a pair of drawers and a back skirt disposed entirely at the rear of the drawers, the latter and said back skirt having a common body portion.
2. An undergarment consisting of a pair of open drawers, and an undivided skirt member arranged solely at the back thereof, said drawers and back skirt member constituting parts of the same pattern-piece and having a common body portion.
3. An undergarment consisting of a pair of open drawers and a back half-skirt com-

bined, the same being formed from a pattern-piece having front drawers forming sections seamed and lapped from the waist-line to a point between the legs.

4. An undergarment consisting of a pair of open drawers and a back half-skirt member combined, said drawers and half-skirt member being formed from a pattern-piece having front drawers forming sections seamed, lapped and faced from the waist-line to a point between the legs and down to the point where the trimming on the skirt begins.

5. An undergarment consisting of a pair of open drawers having a closed front, and an undivided back half-skirt formed from a single piece of goods.

6. An undergarment consisting of a pattern-piece having a back half-skirt member extended into outer and inner leg-sections united to form complete drawers including body portion and legs disposed in front of and uncovered by the skirt member, the latter hanging on a bias fold extending from the seams of the drawers-legs to the waist-line of the garment.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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