

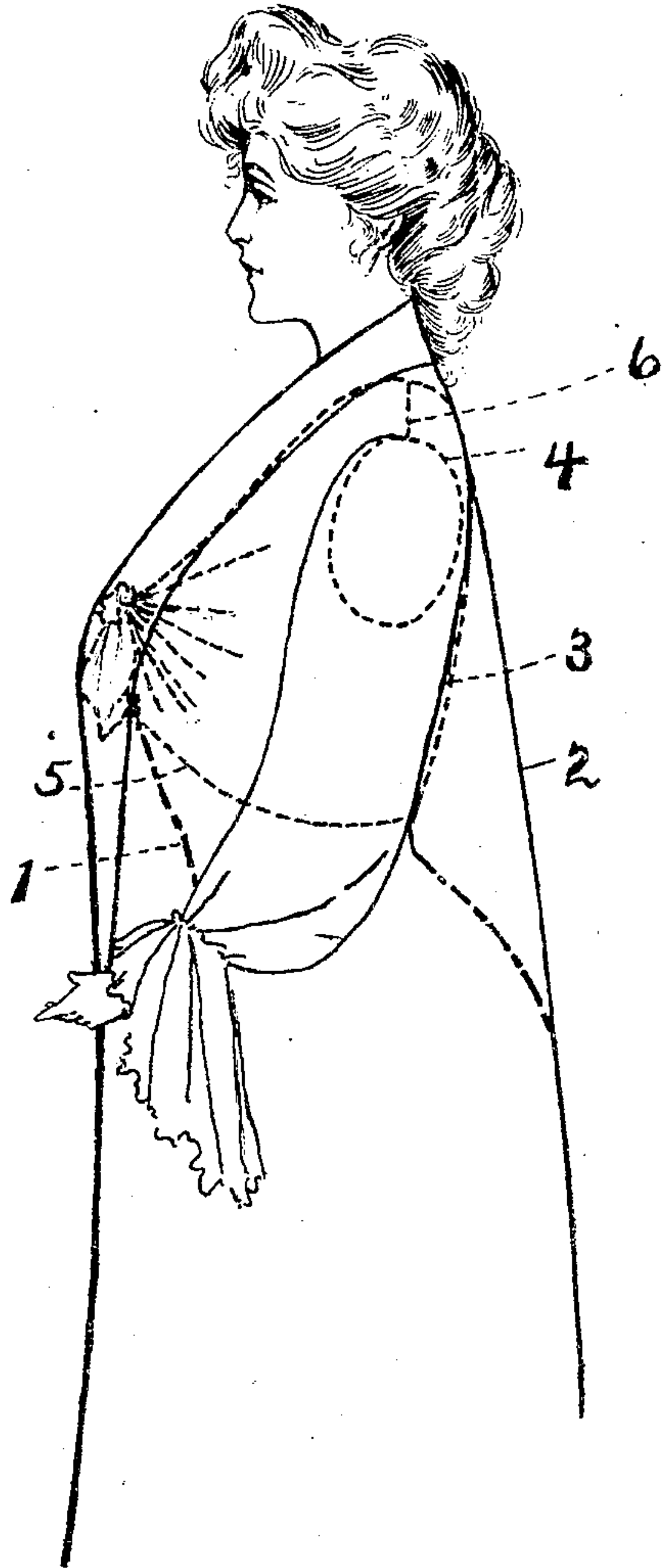
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN M. VAN ORDEN, of Newark, New Jersey, have invented certain Improvements in Garments, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a specification, like figures on the drawing designating like parts.

This invention relates to wearing-apparel, and has for its object the provision of means by which garments of a loose or negligée character for women will support the bust of the wearer without the necessity for a corset or the like, the parts of the garment coöperating to hold each other in such relation to each other and the body of the wearer that the wearer will experience the greatest degree of comfort from the easy fit of the outer garment, combined with the security afforded by the supporting means.

The essential feature of my invention is the provision of a lining or member having a body portion with scyes and broad loose front ends, which can be gathered about the bust in a position to support the same and be there secured by tying in a knot or other convenient way, this member being secured to the outer garment at such a region as to permit the arms of the wearer to be raised and lowered without causing any drag by the outer garment on the inner member, such an attachment being formed most conveniently by a row of stitches over each shoulder and parallel with the shoulders.

My improvements may be applied with notable utility in connection with garments of the class to which belong night gowns, kimonos, and other negligée garments; but it will be understood that I contemplate the use of my improvements in any field to which they may be adapted by reason of their nature.

The various features of my invention will be illustrated and described fully in the accompanying drawing and specification and pointed out in the claim.

In the drawing the figure illustrates in side elevation a garment constructed in accordance with my invention, the under parts being shown in dotted and broken lines.

In the embodiment of my invention selected for illustration and description as a convenient form to enable a ready and complete understanding of my improvements the reference-numeral 1 designates a heavy broken line indicating the upper part of the body of

the wearer for the sake of convenience and illustration, the outer garment proper being designated by the reference-numeral 2 and to be considered for the sake of illustration as a kimono.

The reference-numeral 3 designates the body portion of the bust-supporting member passing around the back of the wearer adjacent the shoulders, a scye 4 being provided on each side thereof to pass over the arms of the wearer and broad loose ends 5 extending therefrom around the front of the bust, these ends being of sufficient length in the instance illustrated to permit them to be tied in a bow-knot, as illustrated, although any other convenient and suitable method of securing them in place may be adopted as desired.

I have shown at 6 a row of stitching parallel with the shoulder of the wearer and, say, two or three inches in length, which I have found to afford a sufficient and convenient attachment between the outer garment and the supporting member, the two being preferably left free at all other points, and it will be readily seen that by this construction the arms of the wearer can be raised with freedom without any drag at the scye whatever the movement of the arm may be in any direction, the attachment securing the outer garment from displacement, and thus adding to the comfort of the wearer, and the outer garment serving, in turn, especially if of some weight, to prevent displacement of the supporting member in certain positions of the body, as will be readily understood.

My improvements have been found of great advantage for persons of full figure and are especially applicable to use by invalids, who must wear an easy-fitting outer garment and for whose comfort some support of the bust is necessary, but who would find the use of a corset impossible or a source of great discomfort.

A further use of the garment, among those contemplated by me, is in connection with garments for athletic purposes, in which great freedom of movement of the limbs is required, but some support of the bust is desirable.

Having described my invention thus fully, it will be understood that I do not limit myself to the specific construction illustrated and described nor in general otherwise than as set forth in the claim taken in connection with this specification.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a garment, comprising a close-fitting, sleeveless, bust-supporting member, having scyes, and a loose outer member, or garment, hanging straight from the shoulders of the bust member, and secured thereto only on top of the shoulders, but free therefrom otherwise, to

permit unrestricted play of the arms of the wearer, as herein set forth.

Signed at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, this 6th day of October, A. D. 1902.

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