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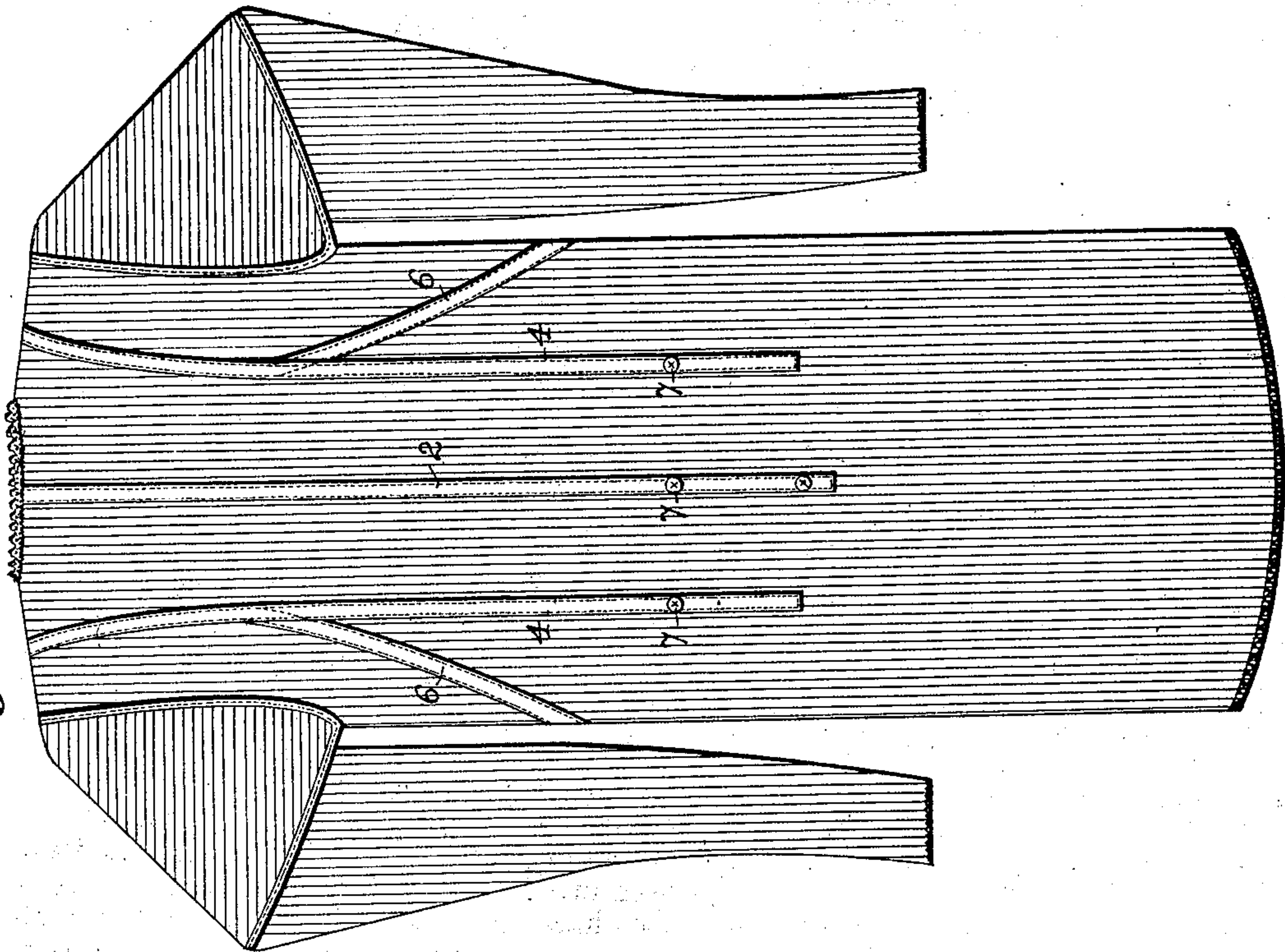
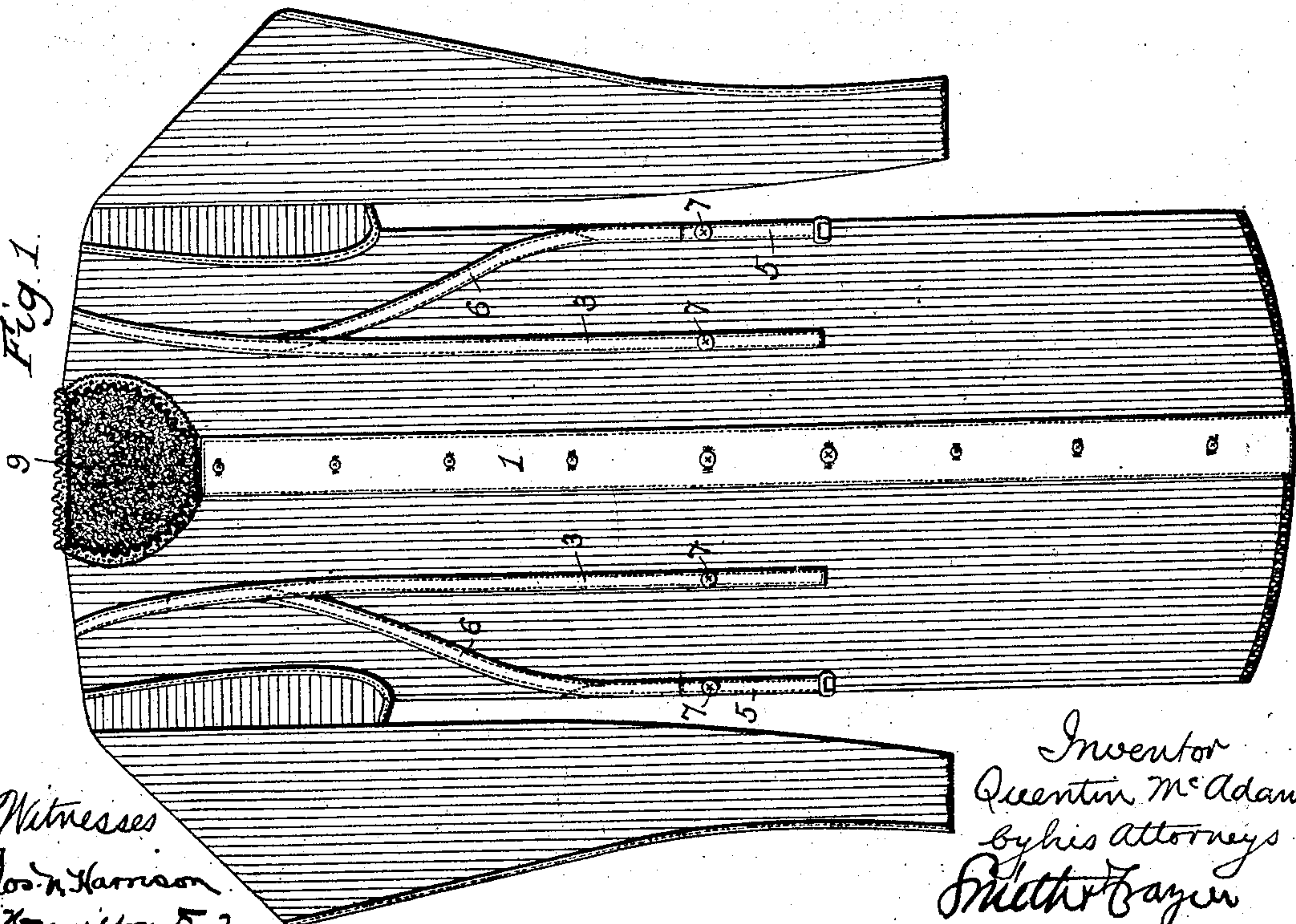


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, QUENTIN McADAM, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Utica, New York, have invented certain
5 Improvements in Knitted Undergarments, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a knitted undergarment which, as to its skirt portion, will be fully as elastic as an ordinary knitted undershirt, but as to its body
10 portion will be somewhat less elastic, whereby said body portion will be available for the support of a skirt or for the attachment of hose supporters or the like, and the use of a
15 special waist or jacket for such purposes will be unnecessary. This object I attain in the manner hereinafter set forth, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which

20 Figure 1 is a front view of a knitted undergarment constructed in accordance with my invention; and Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same.

The garment shown in the drawing is a
25 sleeved undershirt, although the invention is applicable to sleeveless undershirts as well, or to union undergarments either with or without sleeves.

The shirt shown in the drawing is open in
30 front from neck to tail and is provided with a button-hole strip 1, although, if desired, the skirt portion of the shirt may be composed of seamless tubular web, the front opening, with its button-hole strip, extending only
35 from neck to waist.

The garment is composed of knitted web and preferably of ribbed knitted web, for the purpose of insuring the desired elasticity, and in the skirt portion of the garment the
40 full natural elasticity of the web is preserved, but the body portion, from the waist to the shoulders, is provided with certain bands or tapes of woven fabric or other relatively inelastic material which are intended for connection to hose supporters or to skirts or
45 other nether garments. In consequence of the relative stiffness thereby imparted to the naturally elastic web of which the main body portion of the garment is composed, the latter
50 is rendered available for the proper perform-

ance of such supporting duty. The number and disposal of the supporting tapes or bands may be varied without departing from the essential feature of my invention, but in the drawing I have shown the skirt as provided with a central rear tape 2, front tapes
55 3 and rear tapes 4 connected over the shoulders and side tapes 5 connected to the front and rear tapes by means of diagonal tapes 6, the tapes being provided with buttons 7 at
60 the waist and with such additional buttons, or other fastening devices, as may be necessary to accommodate the various garments or garment supporters which are to be attached thereto.

I am aware that prior to my invention
waists or jackets of cloth, muslin, or like woven and relatively inelastic material, have been provided with tapes, bands or straps of the character which I have shown, but such
70 waists or jackets must be worn in connection with a knitted undershirt and the combination of the two garments is, in many cases, so bulky as to be uncomfortable to the wearer, especially if the undergarment is composed
75 of heavy yarn or is provided with a fleeced lining, such, for instance, as that represented at 9, in Fig. 1. My invention provides a single garment combining the functions of the two garments heretofore necessary, and
80 therefore overcomes the above noted objections to the use of the two garments, the skirt portion of my improved garment retaining the full natural elasticity of the ribbed knitted web of which the garment is composed, but the upper or body portion of the
85 garment being relatively stiffened by the tapes or bands secured thereto, so that it affords proper support for the garments suspended from it.

I claim

An undergarment composed of knitted web having its upper portion relatively stiffened by means of a plurality of tapes or bands, comprising front and rear tapes or
95 bands extending from the shoulders to the waist portion of the garment, a central rear tape or band extending from the neck to the said waist portion, and side tapes or bands extending to said waist portion, and each 100

connected to the front and rear tapes or
bands on its respective side by diagonal tapes
or bands, the lower or skirt portion of the
garment being free from such tapes or bands
5 and retaining the full natural elasticity of the
knitted web of the garment.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my

name to this specification, in the presence of
two subscribing witnesses.

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