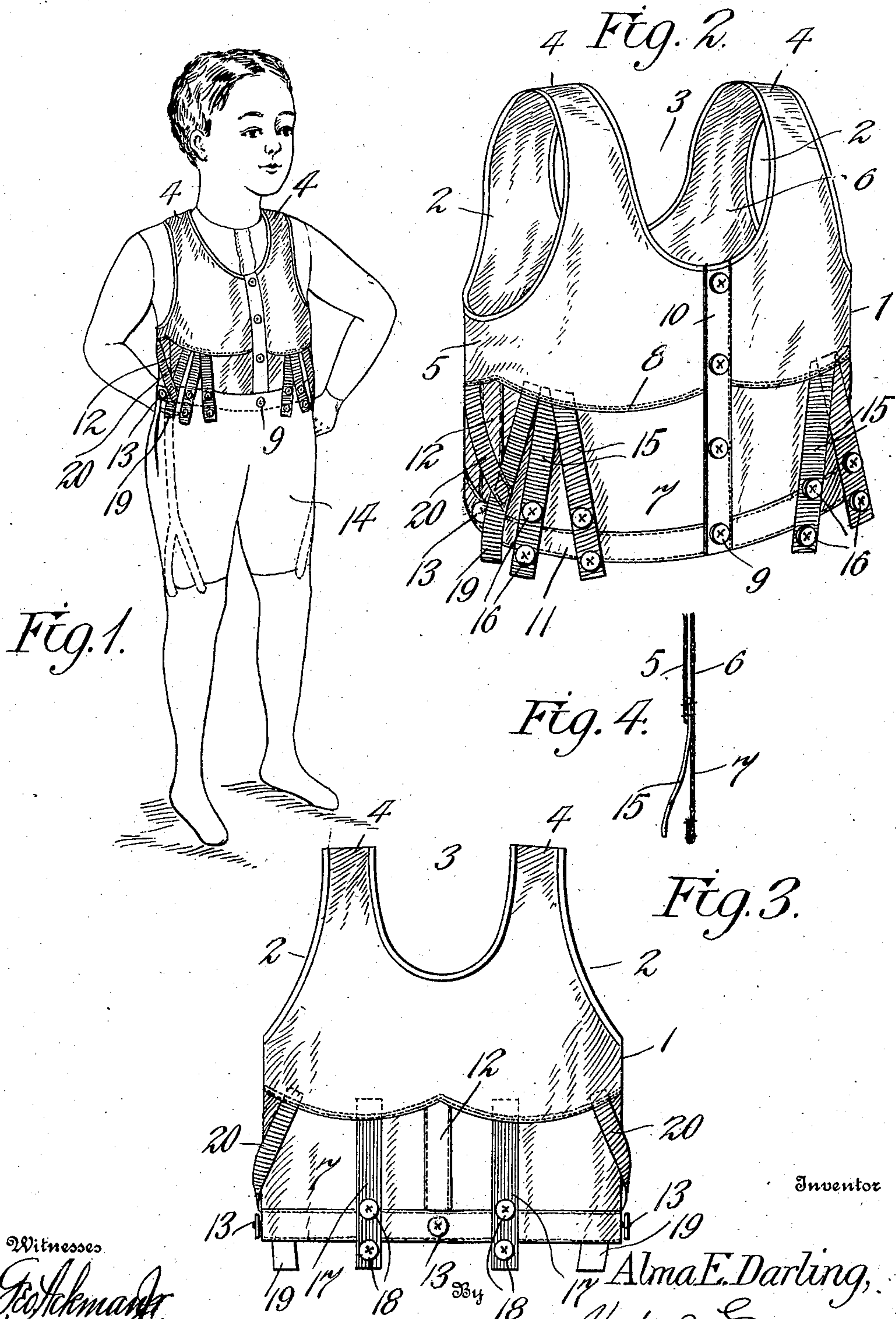


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALMA ELIZA DARLING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Barre, in the county of Washington and State of Vermont, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment supporters, designed especially for use in supporting the lower garments, and has for its objects to produce a comparatively simple, inexpensive device of this character which may be conveniently applied for use, one which will properly support the lower nether garments and also the lower outer garments, and one whereby the weight of the garments will be borne wholly by the shoulders of the wearer.

With these and other objects in view, the invention comprises the novel features of construction and combination of parts more fully hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying the invention, showing the same applied for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the supporter, showing the same on a larger scale. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the supporter.

Referring to the drawings, it will be seen that the device, which is composed of any suitable material and in the form of a body garment or underwaist 1 having arm openings 2 which, together with the neck opening 3, form shoulder straps 4, comprises an upper portion or section 5 having a lining 6 and a lower portion or section 7 secured at its upper edge between the section 5 and lining 6 by a row or rows of stitches 8, there being formed at the lower edge of the garment, which is open at its front, and adapted to be closed by means of buttons 9 engaged with suitable buttonholes in a button-hole flap 10, a reinforcement or hem 11, while attached to the lower section 7 at points beneath the arm holes 2 and at the center of the back are reinforcing straps 12.

Sewed to the garment on the hem 11 and at the lower ends of the reinforcing straps 12 are buttons 13, which, together with the lowermost button 9, are adapted for engagement with the waistband of and to support a lower nether garment 14, while secured at their upper ends between the lower edges of the garment section 5 and lining 6 and by means of the stitches 8 are front garment supporting straps 15 arranged in pairs, as shown, and each having secured thereto a pair of relatively spaced garment engaging members or buttons 16,

while similarly attached to the waist at its back is a pair of elastic straps 17 each equipped with a pair of garment engaging members or buttons 18. There is also attached to the waist 1 and at points adjacent the straps 15 a pair of garter straps 19 provided with bracing straps 20, the upper ends of which are, together with the upper ends of the straps 19, secured between the section 5 and lining 6 by means of the stitches 8, as in the instance of the straps 15 and 17.

In practice, the garment supporting waist 1 having been donned, as illustrated in Fig. 1, the lower nether garment 14 is attached thereto through the medium of the lowermost button 9 and buttons 13, as heretofore explained, and the lower ends of the garter straps 19 engaged with the stockings in the usual manner, after which and upon donning the lower outer garment the same is engaged with the straps 15 and 17 through the medium of the buttons 16, 18, to be supported by the waist 1. It is to be particularly observed that in the use of this device all of the garments will be supported from the shoulders of the wearer through the medium of the straps 4; that the straps 17 permit the requisite amount of play to permit free movements in stooping and that the waist 1 is properly braced and strengthened at all essential points subject to the greatest amount of strain through the medium of the reinforcement 11 and straps 12.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

A device of the class described comprising an underwaist composed of an upper portion or section and a lower section, the upper section having a lining and the lower section having its upper edge stitched between the upper section and its lining and its lower edge provided with a reinforcing hem, reinforcing straps attached to the lower section of the garment respectively at the sides and back thereof and having their upper ends attached between the upper section and its lining and their lower ends attached in the hem, garment engaging members attached to the underwaist at the lower ends of the reinforcing straps, garment engaging and hose supporting straps carried by the waist and having their upper ends attached between the lower edge of the upper section and its lining and garment engaging members attached to the garment supporting straps.

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

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