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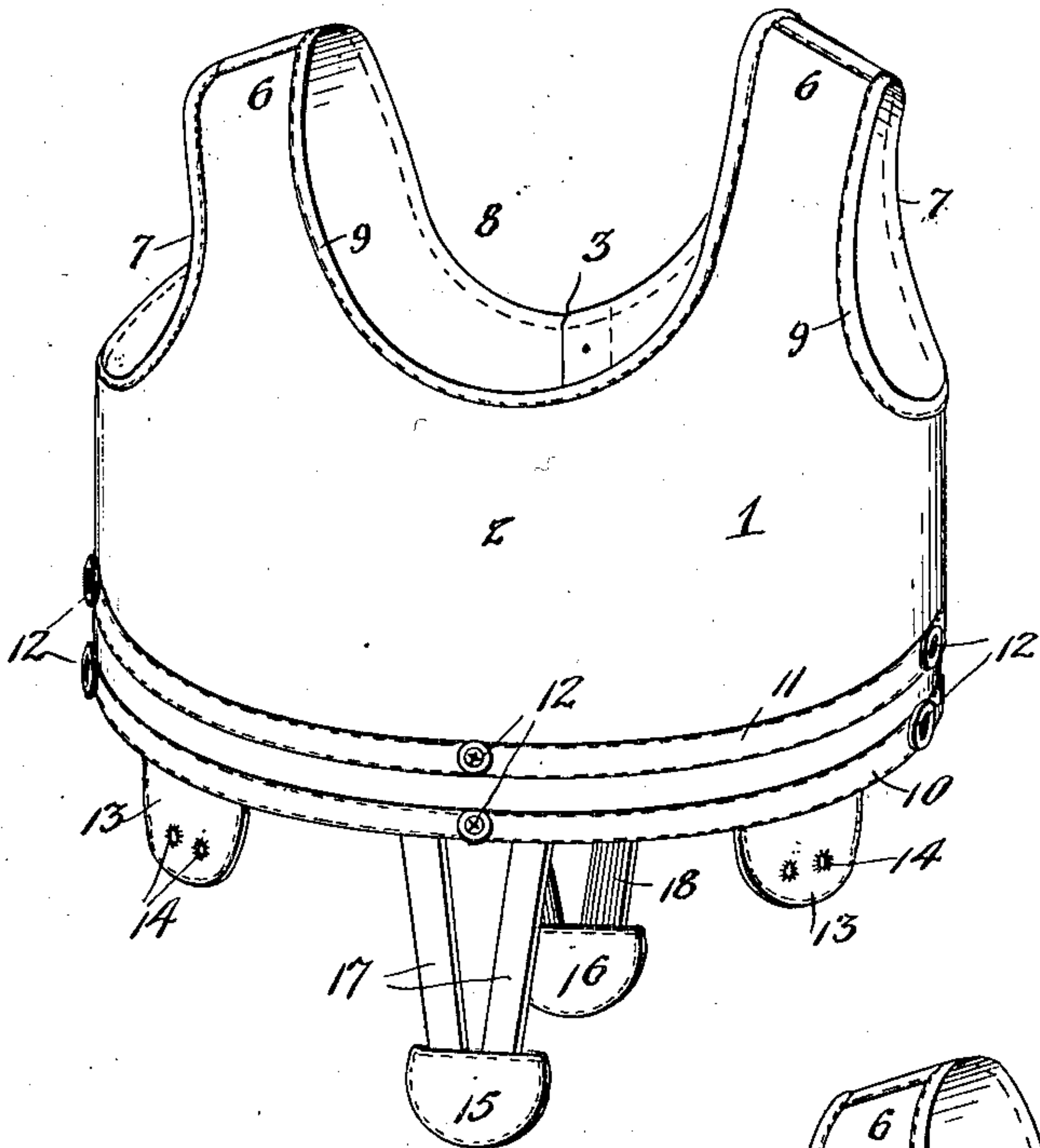


FIG. 1

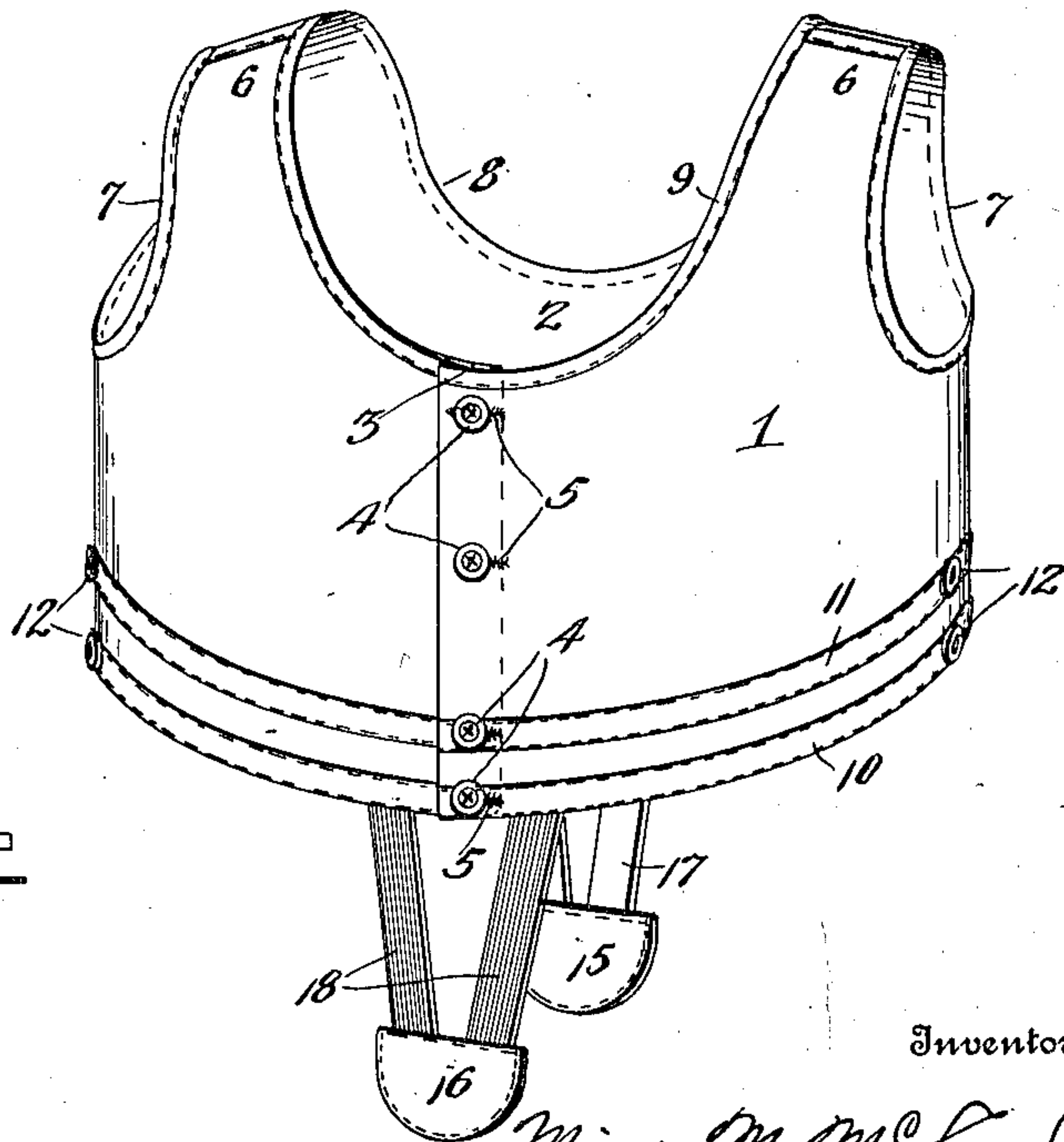


FIG. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MINNIE MYRTLE McLEOD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Como, in the county of Panola and State of Mississippi, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 My invention relates to improvements in garment supporters for infants and children, and more particularly to an underwaist having means for holding the diaper, the hose-supporters, and skirts, drawers and the like.

15 The object of the invention is to provide an undergarment of this character which will be simple, neat and durable, easy to put on and take off, easy to launder, and which will serve a variety of purposes and thus dis-
20 pense with the necessity of wearing extra garments.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the features of novelty hereinafter described and claimed,
25 and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the front of the improved garment supporter; and Fig. 2 is a similar view of the back of the
30 same.

In the drawing the numeral 1 denotes the body or waist band of the garment which is closed at its front 2 and open or separated at its back as at 3. This open back is held
35 together by a vertical row of buttons 4 and button-holes 5 as more clearly seen in Fig. 2. At the top of the waist band are formed shoulder straps 6 which provide armholes 7 and a central neck opening 8 which latter is
40 preferably low cut as shown but the waist band is of substantially uniform width and comparatively broad so as to effectively protect the child's body. These openings 7, 8 have their edges reinforced by a binding 9
45 of tape or braid, and arranged around the bottom and lower portion of the waist band are two spaced reinforcing bands 10, 11. Buttons 12 are provided at suitable points on the bands 10, 11 for the attachment of
50 skirts, drawers and similar undergarments, said buttons being preferably located at the front and sides of the waist band and the two lowermost buttons 4 are arranged upon said bands at the back. Suitably secured to
55 the bottom edge of the waist band at points substantially midway between its front and

sides, as shown in Fig. 1, are tabs 13 in which are formed, preferably two, button-holed eyelets 14 for the ready attachment of hose supporters. The arrangement of the
60 tabs as shown causes the supporters to produce a straight upward pull upon the hose or stockings and thus prevents them from twisting or becoming uneven, and the provision of the eyelets in the tabs instead of
65 upon the bottom of the waist band itself, prevents the latter being pulled out of shape and does not injure the garment when the tabs are subjected to extreme wear. In order to support the diaper or napkin, I pro-
70 vide front and rear tabs 15, 16, to which the same may be pinned or otherwise secured. The front tab 15 is connected by two bands or tapes 17, preferably non-elastic, to the front of the bottom edge of the waist band,
75 and the back tab 16 is similarly connected by two rubber elastic bands 18 to the front of the bottom edge of the waist band, one of the bands 18 being upon each side of the separation or opening 3, as clearly shown in Fig.
80 2. By securing one of the elastic bands 18 to each of the separated rear ends of the waist band, the latter may be widely opened to permit of the ready application of the garment to or its removal from the child or
85 wearer.

The use and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the foregoing description taken in connection with the drawing. It will be seen that the waist is exceedingly
90 handy for use on an infant since the diaper may be conveniently secured to the tabs 15, 16, the hose supporters to the tabs 13, and the different skirts to the buttons 12 and 4. It will further be noted that the garment
95 may be used upon the child after it has discarded the use of diapers, since the tabs 15, 16 and their bands 17, 18 may be cut off of the garment, and the drawers may be attached to the buttons 12, 4. The simplicity of the
100 garment renders it durable and inexpensive, and also permits it to be easily put on and taken off, and to be easily laundered.

Having thus described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Pat-
105 ent is:

The herein described combined underwaist and garment supporter comprising the broad waist band 1 of substantially uniform width having a vertical separation at its rear,
110 means for closing said separation, shoulder straps at the top of the waist band, the rein-

forcing and button-carrying bands 10, 11, arranged around the bottom portion of the waist band, garment supporting buttons secured to said reinforcing bands, the hose supporting tabs 13 depending from the bottom of the waist band at points intermediate its front and sides, the eyelets 14 formed in said tabs for the attachment of hose-supporters, the front and rear diaper supporting tabs 15, 16, the diverging bands 17 connecting the front tab 15 to the bottom of the front of the waist band, and the diverging elastic bands 18 having their lower ends secured to the

rear tab 16 and their upper ends secured to the separated rear ends of the waist band 15 whereby the latter may be widely opened to permit it to be easily applied to or removed from the wearer, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

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

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