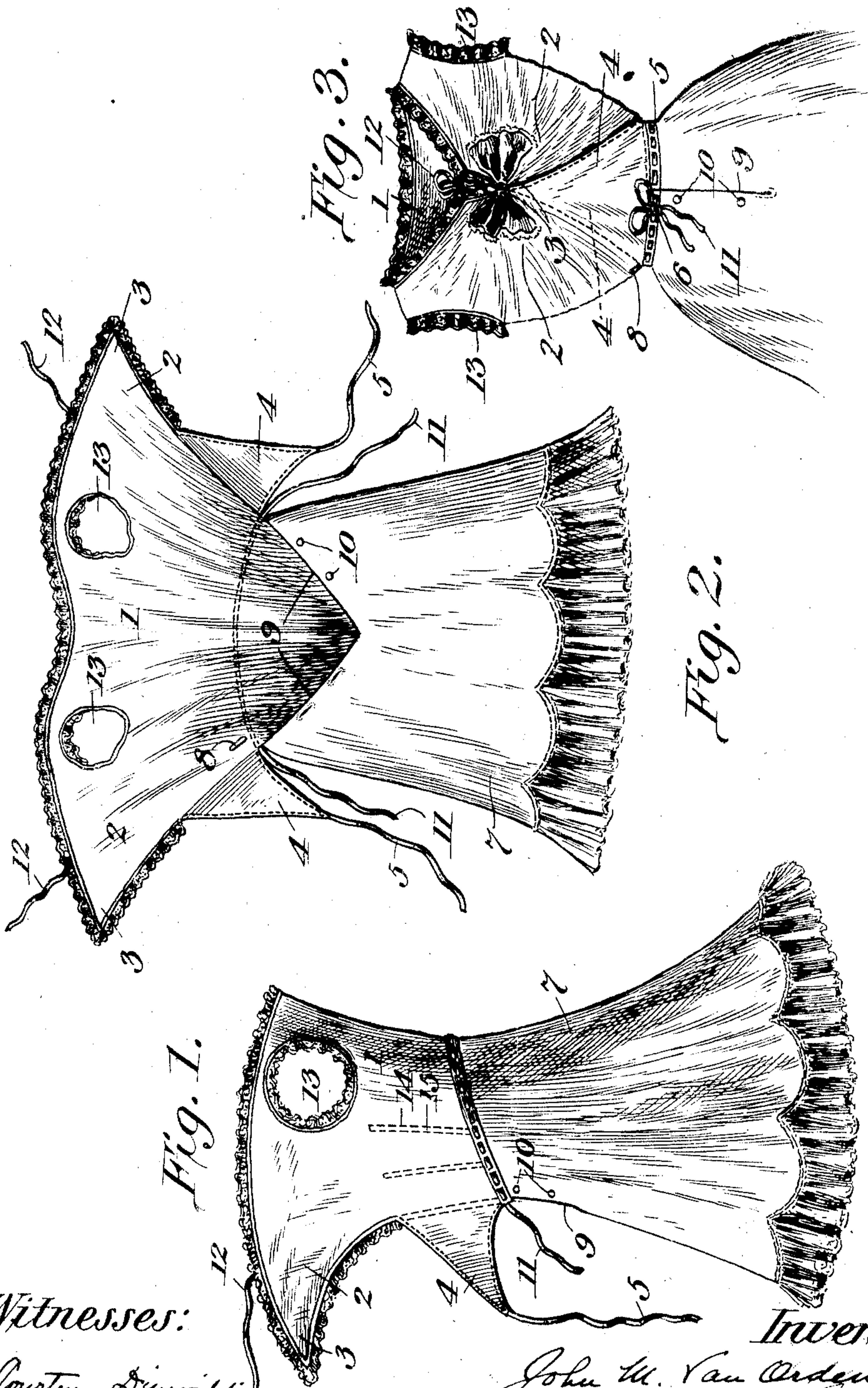


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To all whom it may concern:

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

This invention relates to wearing apparel for women, and has for its particular object the provision of a waist garment with independently adjustable means to support the bust, and the body tissues below the bust, near the waist line.

The wearing of so called "straight front" corsets in recent years, has been accompanied by a certain readjustment of the abdominal muscular and fatty tissues of the wearer's body, the tendency of the tissues being to gather at a point above the waist line, rather than below the latter, but not so high as the bust. To meet this new condition by providing means to support the bust, and also means to support and control independently these midwaist tissues, I have devised a single garment comprising a rear portion constituting the waist proper, and a plurality of pairs of ties with loose ends, the upper pair being arranged to extend forward at the region of the bust, across which they may be tied, adjustably in position to support the bust, while the other pair of ties, similar in arrangement and function, but at a level at or near the waist line, may be tied there adjustably in position to support, control and shape the aforesaid midwaist tissues.

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, figure 1 is a view in side elevation of a garment in the construction of which my improvements have been embodied, the same being shown open, ready to be applied to the body of the wearer; Fig. 2 is a similar view, but in front elevation; and Fig. 3 shows the garment as it appears in use, on the body of the wearer.

In the embodiment of my invention selected for illustration and description as a convenient form to enable ready and complete understanding of my improvement, the part designated by the reference numeral 1 is the back, or waist portion proper of the garment, made of linen, muslin or any suitable

material, while the reference numeral 2 designates a pair of ties with loose ends 3 which may be tied adjustably across the bust of the wearer to support the same.

The reference numeral 4 designates an independently adjustable pair of ties which may be extended across the front of the wearer's body at or near the waist line and secured in place to support, control and shape the midwaist tissues. Preferably these tie members 4 will be elongated as illustrated best in Fig. 2, so that they may be carried a considerable distance around the waist at each side (see Fig. 3), and for the sake of convenience in securing them in adjusted position strings or similar tie members 5 may be provided to be carried around the waist and brought forward again to the front, there to be tied together in a bow as at 6, Fig. 3.

If the waist is provided with a nether garment 7, as illustrated, (which is not essential however) an aperture 8 may be provided, through which one tie string may be carried as shown in Fig. 3, from that one of the members 4 which lies nearest the body of the wearer. The nether member may also be divided, as at 9, and provided with fastening devices 10, and belts, ribbons, or similar gathers may be provided as at 11, for the waist, and at 12 above the bust, where lace is shown.

In Fig. 1, the waist proper, 1, the bust supporting ties 2, and the midwaist ties 4, are shown as formed integrally from a single piece of goods. This is a convenient and economical mode of manufacture and the finished garment presents a neat appearance when so constructed, but I do not limit myself to such integral formation.

In the drawings, arm scyes are illustrated at 13, and pockets 14 provided with stiffening or stay members 15.

When in place upon the body of the wearer, it is obvious from inspection of Fig. 3 that the midwaist tissues are held in place firmly and relatively flat, the draft of the strings 5 being at or near the waist line, without interference with the bust or the bust supporting members 2.

Having described my invention thus fully, and one mode of carrying the same into effect, it will be understood that I do not limit myself to the specific material or arrangement of parts illustrated and described, nor

in general otherwise than as set forth in the claims, read in connection with this specification.

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

1. A garment of the class described, comprising a waist portion, a pair of adjustable bust supporting tie members, and an independently adjustable pair of midwaist tie members, coöperating substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

2. A garment of the class described, comprising a waist portion, and formed as a unitary structure therewith a pair of adjustable bust supporting members and a pair of midwaist supporting members adjustable independently of said bust members, and ar-

ranged to be secured in close conformity with the contour of the abdomen from the waist upward, throughout the region of their contact therewith, substantially as described.

3. A garment of the class described comprising integrally formed waist, bust supporting, and midwaist supporting members, said members being adjustable independently of each other, substantially as described.

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