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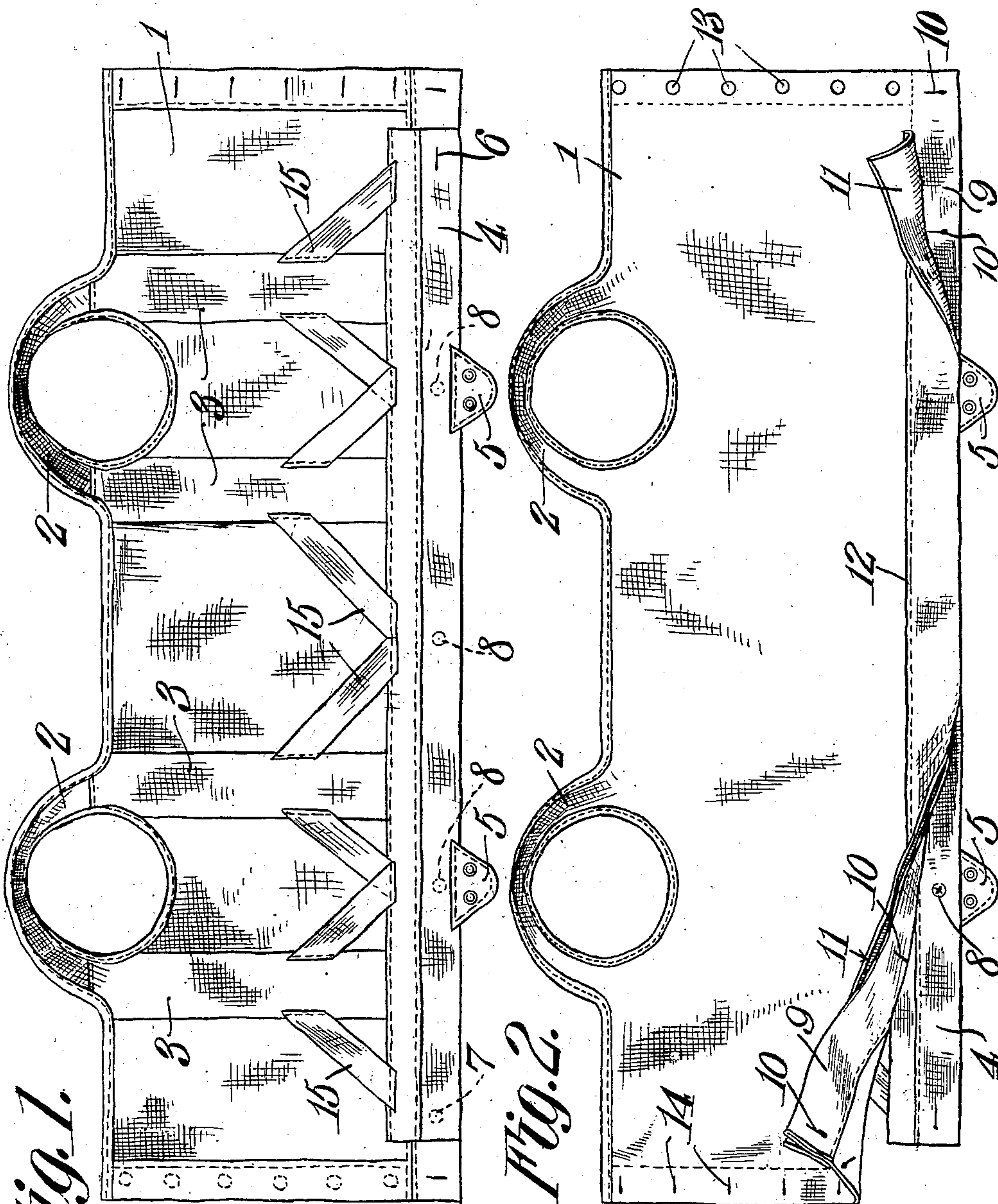


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, KATHERINE M. DOWLING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Little Rock, in the county of Pulaski and State of Arkansas, have invented a new and useful Child's Waist, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a child's garment, and particularly to a novel form of waist.

10 The object of the invention is to provide a garment that shall, in a novel, practical and simple manner, combine the functions of a hose, drawers, and skirt supporter, and in which each of the suspended articles of wear-  
15 ing apparel may be put on or taken off without interfering with the others.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the  
20 novel construction and combination of parts, of a child's garment, embodying the features above enumerated, as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a  
25 part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts:—Figure 1 is a view in elevation taken from the rear side of the garment. Fig. 2 is a similar view taken from the front  
30 side thereof, certain of the parts being turned or folded back to expose parts that would otherwise be concealed.

As stated, the garment of this invention is designed to perform the three fold function  
35 of a hose, drawers and skirt supporter. To secure these results, the waist 1, which may be of the usual or any preferred construction, and is provided with arm loops 2, has secured to its rear side, on each side of the arm open-  
40 ings, two pairs of straps 3, which may be constructed of any suitable textile material, such as strips of muslin or of braid. The straps are free from connection with the waist from the arm holes downward, and at  
45 their free ends is secured a band 4 to which the hose supporters 5 are attached. One end of the band 4 is provided with a buttonhole 6 and its other end with a button 7, the function of these elements, as usual, being to se-  
50 cure the band around the waist of the wearer. The inner side of the band has attached to it any desired number of buttons 8 that are engaged by the buttonholes of the drawers band.

55 The band 9 of the waist is provided with any desired number of buttonholes 10 that

engage with the buttons on the skirt band. Secured to the outer side of the waist, and extending from one end to a point adjacent to the other end is a fly 11 that will operate to  
60 conceal the waist-band buttons. This fly, as shown in Fig. 2, is secured only along one edge at 12, thereby to leave it free to be turned back or lifted when the buttonholes  
10 are to be engaged with the buttons of the  
65 skirt. The reason for making the fly of less length at one end than the waist band is to facilitate the buttoning of the band 9 to the skirt band, and also to prevent an undue  
70 thickness of goods where the ends of the waist overlap at the back. To secure the waist upon the wearer, the usual buttons 13 and buttonholes 14 are provided.

In order to stay the suspender straps 3, and also to hold them properly spaced apart,  
75 tapes or bands 15 are provided which are secured at their upper ends to the straps 3 and at their lower ends to the upper edge of the band 4. This latter may be made in two  
80 strips, as shown, or of a single strip of material, as found necessary or desirable.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that by the manner of constructing the waist, no objectionable expense is added to  
85 its production, and, further, that it may be readily washed and laundered as with ordinary waists in common use.

I claim:—

1. The combination with a waist provided at its lower edge with a band having button-  
90 holes and with a fly covering the band, of a second band carrying drawers engaging buttons and hose supporting tabs, and straps connected to the last named band and to the  
95 waist.

2. The combination with a waist provided at its lower edge with a band having button-  
holes and with a fly to cover one side of the band, of a second band carrying drawers  
100 engaging buttons and hose supporting tabs, straps connecting the last-named band with the upper portion only of the waist, and spacing tapes connecting the straps and the second-named band.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
105 my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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