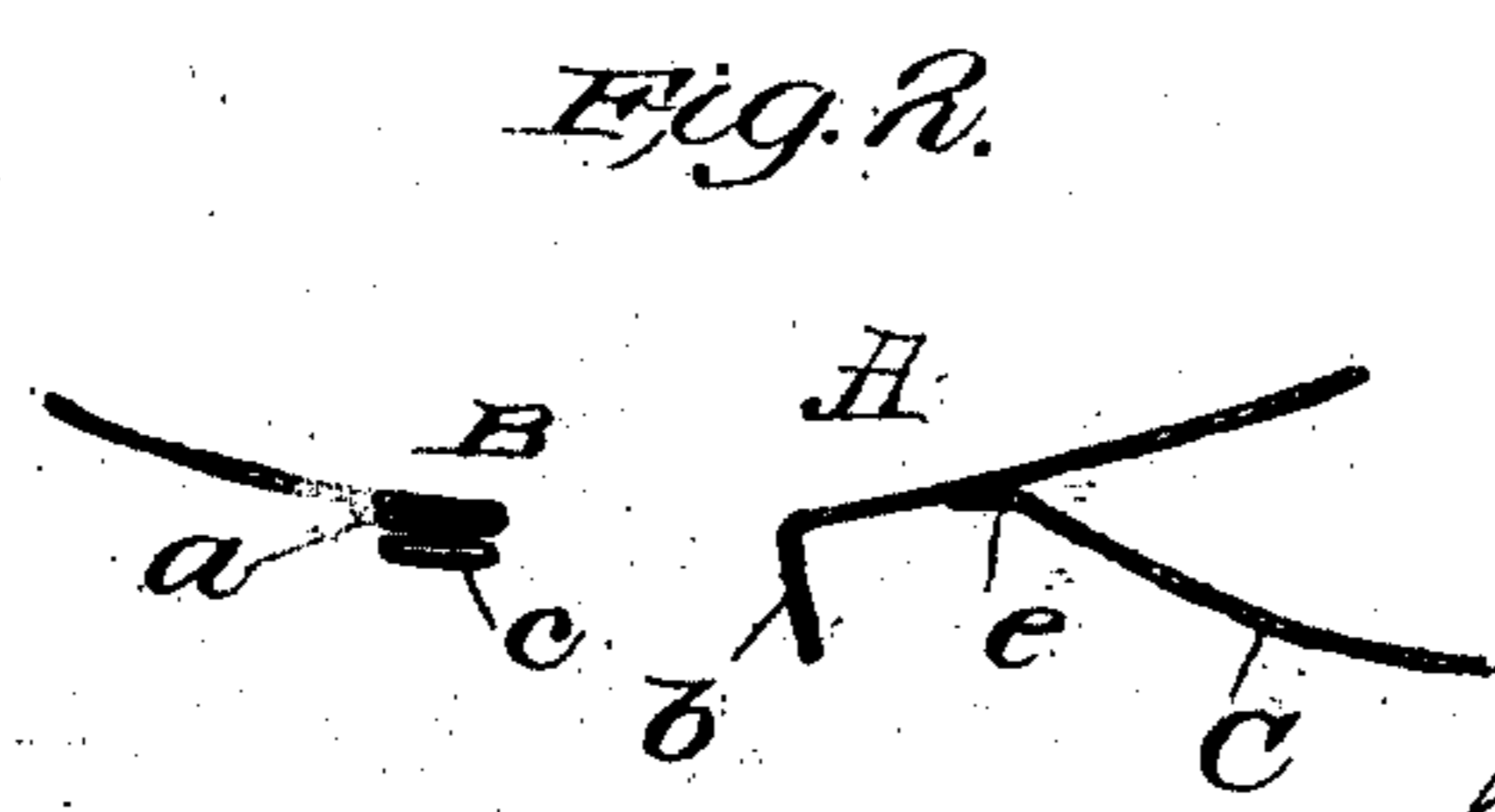
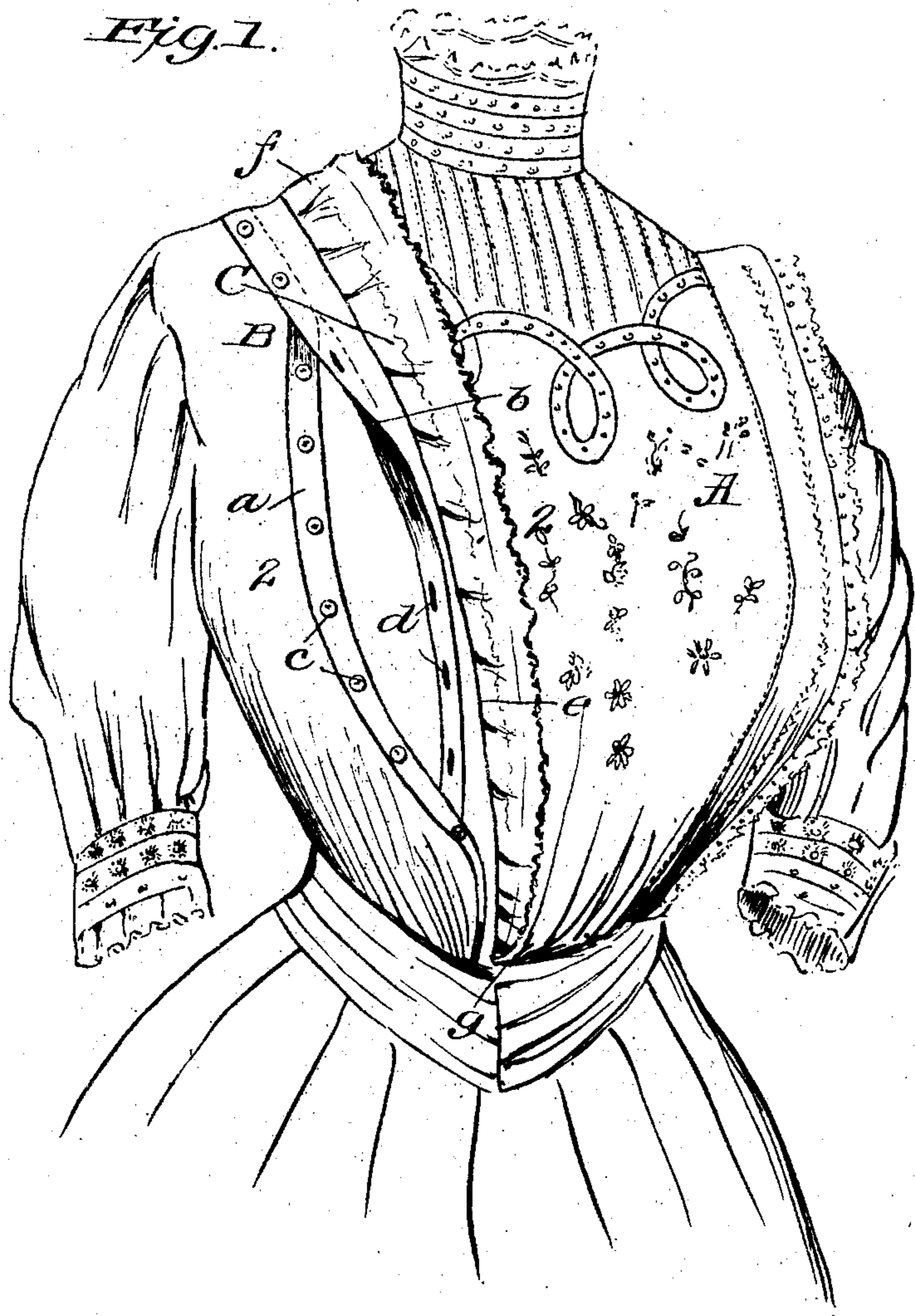


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES ROUFF, citizen of the United States, residing at New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Nursing-Waists, of which the following is a specification.

My invention pertains to ladies' waists such as are constructed with a view of facilitating the suckling of infants; and it has for its general object to provide a nursing waist which while efficient in facilitating or rendering the nursing operation easy, is adapted to protect the mother's breast against drafts of air, to cover the breast and the infant's head in such manner that the infant is enabled to nurse in comfort, and to assure the nursing being unattended by immodest exposure.

To the attainment of the foregoing object my invention consists in a nursing waist having at its front a placket, disposed at one side of its vertical median line and extending from its shoulder to a point adjacent to its lower end; the said placket being made up of inner and outer members the latter of which is adapted to overlap the former, and cooperating devices connected to the members for detachably connecting the outer overlapping member to the inner member, in combination with a fly which is joined along one of its longitudinal edges to the front, at the inner side of the placket, extends from the shoulder of the waist to a point adjacent to the lower end thereof, and is free at its ends, whereby it is adapted to be swung bodily from a position in which it covers and hides the placket to a position at the inner side of and off the placket. As will be readily appreciated the said fly is adapted to be made ornamental both as to configuration and embellishment, and consequently it is calculated to enhance rather than detract from the finished appearance of a waist.

With the foregoing in mind, my invention will be fully understood from the following description and claim when the same is read in connection with the drawings, accompanying and forming part of this specification, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a waist equipped with two plackets and two flies constructed in accordance with my invention; the placket and fly at the right of the waist being shown open when it is desired to give an infant access to a breast, and

the fly at the left of the waist being shown in its normal position in which position it entirely hides its complementary placket from view and prevents the same detracting from the beauty of the waist. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail section, taken in the plane indicated by the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, looking downwardly.

Similar letters designate corresponding parts in all of the views of the drawings, in which:

A is the front of a ladies' waist which is provided at opposite sides of its median line with plackets and flies constructed in accordance with my invention. The plackets are similar in construction as are also the flies, and therefore a detailed description of the placket B and the fly C at the left of Fig. 1 and in Fig. 2 will suffice to impart a definite understanding of both plackets and both flies. The said placket B extends from the shoulder of the waist to a point adjacent to the lower end thereof and is made up of an inner member *a*, an outer member *b* adapted to overlap and rest snug against the member *a*, and cooperating devices, buttons *c* and button-holes *d* for instance, on the inner and outer members for effecting detachable connection of the outer member to the inner member.

The fly C, which may be of any desired configuration and of lace or other ornamental material, extends from the shoulder of the waist to a point adjacent to the lower end thereof and is joined along its longitudinal edge *e* to the front A, at about the distance shown between the placket and the vertical median line of the waist, and has free upper and lower ends lettered *f* and *g*, respectively. By virtue of this latter provision it will be manifest that the fly C may be swung bodily on and over or off the placket and flat against the front A; also, that when the fly rests over the placket, it serves to entirely hide the placket from view and at the same time increases the ornamental or "dressy" appearance of the waist.

In the practical use of my improvements, it will be noted that the members of the placket may be readily separated, after the manner shown at the left of Fig. 1, in order to enable an infant to readily gain access to the nipple of the breast, and that when the members are so separated the mother is subjected to no strain, and the major portion of the breast is hidden by the placket members

with the result that there is no immodest display and at the same time the breast is protected against drafts of air. It will also be noted that incidental to the nursing operation, the fly C is entirely out of the way of the infant's head, and is not liable to chafe the infant or stick into its eyes; and it will further be noted that when deemed expedient the fly C may be swung to a position over the infant's head so as to partly cover and protect the same and at the same time add to the modesty of the operation.

Notwithstanding the practical advantages hereinbefore ascribed to my improvements, it will be appreciated that the same add but little to the cost of making the waist and are adapted to wear quite as well and to last as long as the remainder of the waist.

Having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is:

A nursing waist having at its front a placket, disposed at one side of its vertical

median line and extending from its shoulder to a point adjacent to its lower end and made up of inner and outer members the latter of which is adapted to overlap the former, and coöperating devices on said members for detachably connecting the outer overlapping member to the inner member, in combination with a fly which is joined along one of its longitudinal edges to the front, at a point between the placket and the vertical median line of the front, and extends from the shoulder of the waist to a point adjacent to the lower end thereof and is free at its ends, whereby it is adapted to be laterally swung bodily on and off the placket.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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