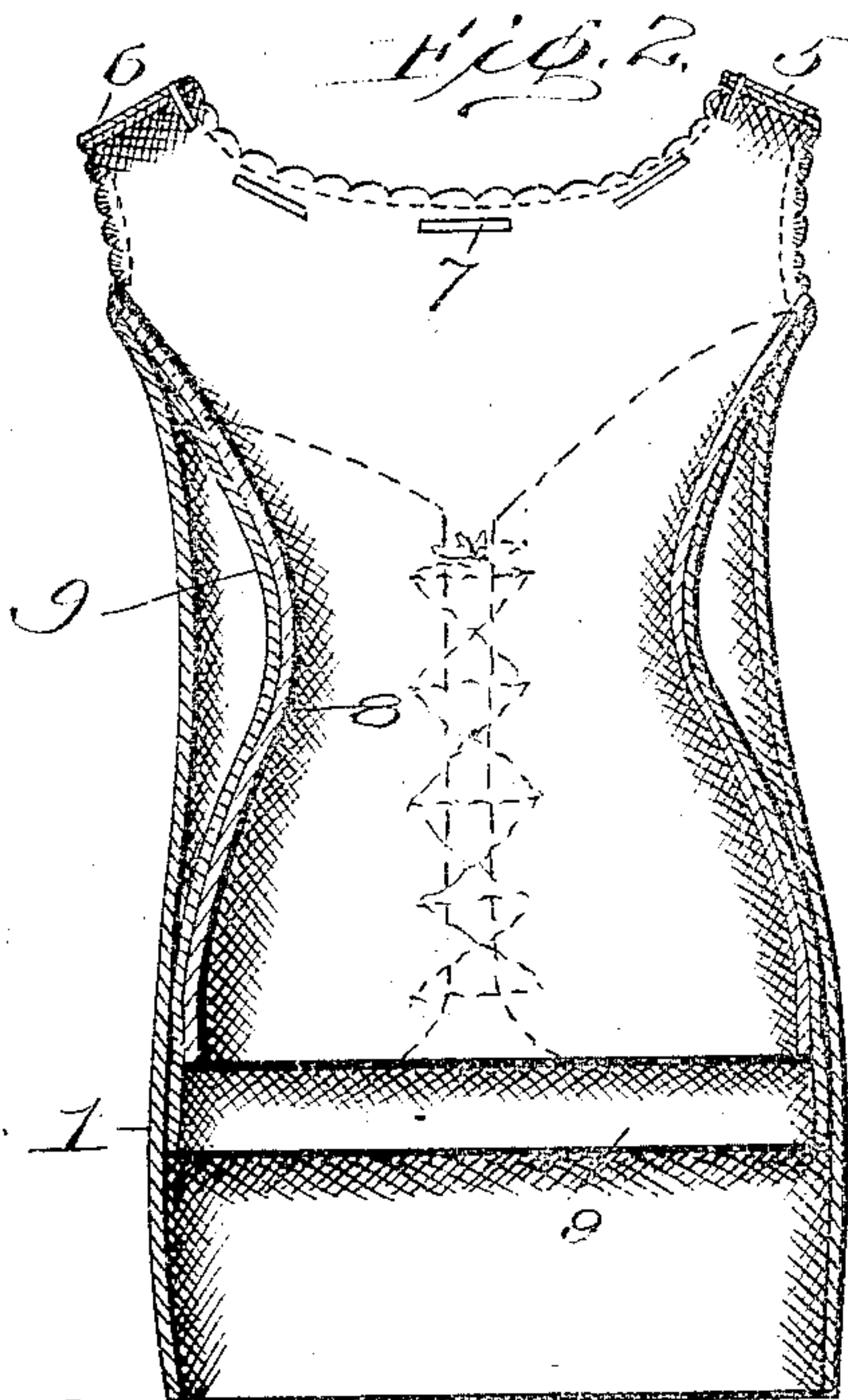
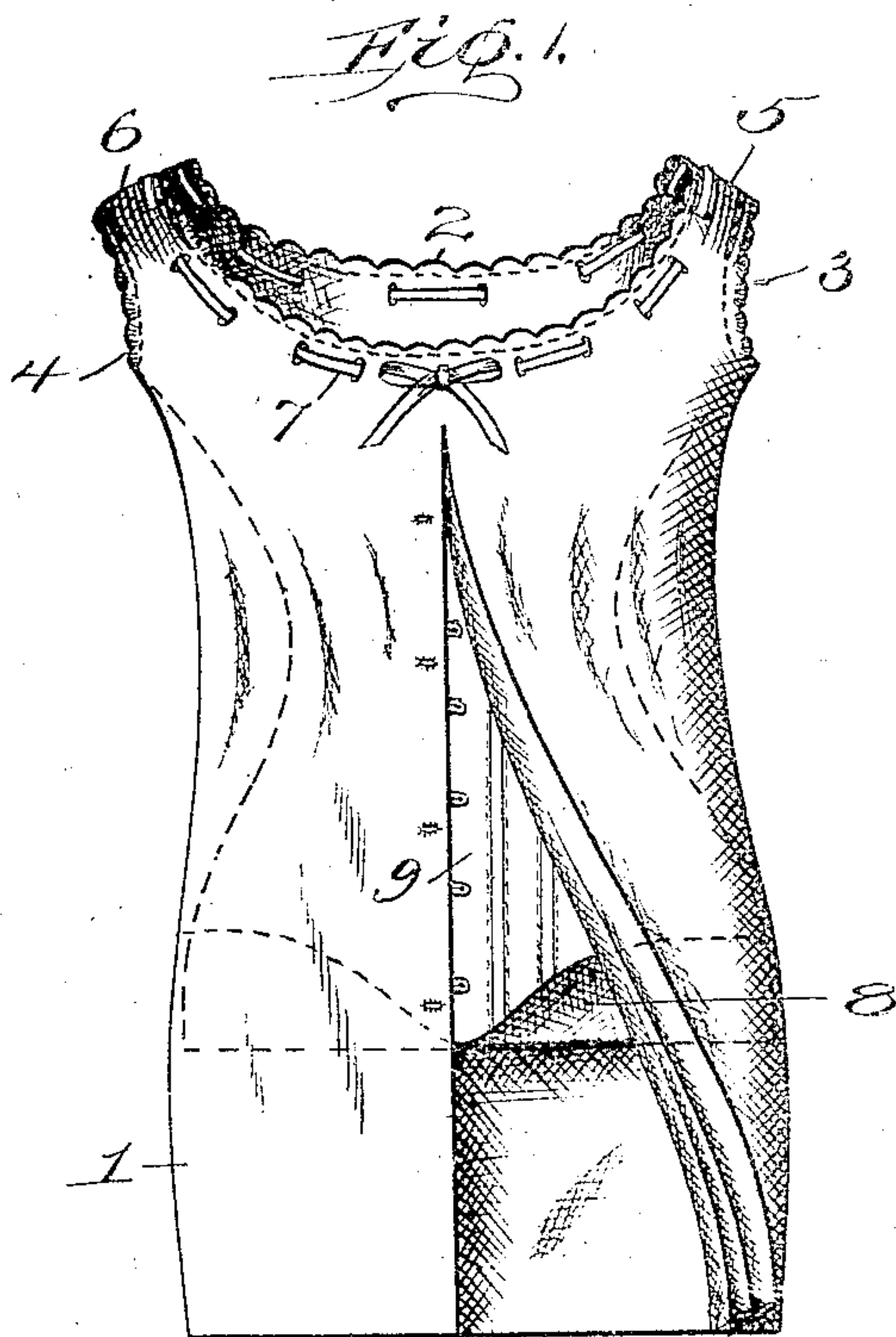


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, M KATHARINE BENNETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Englewood, in the county of Bergen and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Corset-Cover and Undervest; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in combination under vest and corset cover, and has for an object the provision of a garment that discloses only one upper edge and one set of shoulder straps or pieces, and yet supplies what might be termed an inner and outer under garment.

Another object in view is the provision of a garment formed with a comparatively short under vest to be worn under the corset, and a second garment secured to the garment worn under the corset along the upper edge, and designed to be used as an ordinary corset cover.

With these and other objects in view the invention comprises certain novel constructions, combinations, and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 is a front elevation of a garment formed according to the present invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section through the garment shown in Fig. 1.

In the construction of an under garment according to the present invention I provide a corset cover 1 that may be of any desired structure having a neck opening 2 and arm openings 3 and 4 that naturally form therebetween shoulder straps 5 and 6. The corset cover or chemise 1 is formed at its upper end with any desired fancy work and also a ribbon as 7 that may be arranged on the order of a draw-string as may be desired. Secured along the upper end of the corset cover 1 and preferably sewed to the same around the openings 2, 3 and 4 is an under vest 8 that is designed to fit beneath the corset 9 and pref-

erably extend only a short distance below the lower edge thereof. By this construction and arrangement the under vest 8 substantially emerges into the garment or corset cover 1 at the upper end and thus presents only one neck opening and arm openings and therefore only one set of shoulder straps or suspenders.

The under vest 8 is preferably formed closed both front and back but the outer garment or corset cover 1 is preferably formed open in the front from the bottom up to near the neck opening and may be held closed by any desired means as a row of buttons and button holes provided on the garment directly, or upon strips and the strips sewed in place. It will be obvious, however, that the garment could be made closed both in front and back and yet accomplish the objects of the invention. By the construction of the two garments as set forth the separation of the two garments is prevented and a neat appearance is also presented by the provision of only one set of shoulder straps in case an outer garment is worn of thin material. It will also be evident that the corset cover 1 may be long or short as may be desired within the spirit of the invention. It will also be evident that the two garments may be held together by the ribbon or draw string 7, instead of being sewed, and yet present the same advantages. It will also be noted that the under vest could be secured in position along the line of the lower edge of the arm openings and thereby obviate the passing a part of the under garment over the shoulder underneath the shoulder straps 5 and 6. The principal feature of the present invention is the provision of an under vest and corset cover formed in two distinct parts and then secured together at or near their upper end. The under vest may be secured along the line of the lower edge of the arm openings or may be sewed around the arm openings and the neck opening as above set forth.

What I claim is:

A body garment of the class described comprised of two garment sections, each of the said garment sections being provided

with a neck opening having a continuous edge, and with arm openings, the said garment sections being united continuously along the edges of the neck and arm openings, the outer one of the two sections being provided with a slit which extends from the lower edge to a point adjacent to the upper edge of its neck opening, and a draw-string

threaded through both garments, for adjusting the neck opening. 10

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

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