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*Fig. 1*

*Fig. 2*

*Fig. 3*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROSE M. SIDEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Undergarments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has reference to a novel construction of undergarments adapted to be worn exclusively by women and more particularly known to the trade as "tubular knitted garments," and an important object thereof is the formation of two separate and distinct undergarments intended for different uses into a single unitary structure, that can be readily put on or removed, and which when in place on the wearer's body will fit neatly and smoothly and offer no interference to the fit of the wearer's costume or gown.

Heretofore single undergarments of the above recited class have been formed into combination garments which have usually consisted of an undervest and drawers, the drawers sometimes being cut wide and full at the bottom so as to subserve the purposes or functions of a short underskirt.

In my improved garment I have retained the novel and useful features of the above-mentioned garment and in addition thereto I have formed integrally therewith a garment known as a "corset cover," or protector designed not only for use with a combination garment or union suit, but equally useful when applied to an undervest or the like which is designed to protect the upper portion of the body.

My improved garment embodies several distinct and useful functions or objects, among the most important being:—First,—the protection of the corset from wear or soil. Second:—the elimination of the lines of the corset visible when wearing a close fitting costume, such as sheath gowns and the like. Third,—it answers all the useful purposes of a separate corset cover without the inconveniences of wearing separate shoulder straps which are liable to slip over the shoulders and onto the wearer's arms. Fourth,—it provides a means whereby thin open-work costumes such as summer gowns, kimonoas or the like, may be worn without the necessity of wearing additional corset covers or undervests.

A further object is to provide a garment that is light in weight, easily laundered and inexpensive in manufacture.

I accomplish the above recited objects by means of the garment described herein and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1,—is a view of a "union undergarment" with my improved cover attached thereto, illustrating the method of attachment. Fig. 2,—is a view of my "cover" attached to an undervest. Fig. 3,—is a detailed sectional view of a portion of an undervest showing my improved garment formed integrally therewith.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing, and to Fig. 1 especially, 5 designates a tubular-knitted union undergarment, which consists of an upper portion or undervest 6 provided with shoulder straps 7, and a lower portion or drawers 8. Preferably formed integrally therewith, as illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawings, is a corset cover 9 which extends from the upper portion of the garment downwardly to about the waist line 11, where it can be secured in any suitable manner, but preferably as illustrated by means of a draw string or tape 12. The corset cover 9 when formed of tubular knitted material as illustrated is formed integrally at the top or neck portion of the undergarment, being free at all other points of contact therewith, thus enabling a wearer of the garment to tightly stretch the cover over the corset 13 as shown in the drawing.

When the undergarment is fashioned of material other than above described, such as nainsook, or other sheer fabrics, it may be secured to the neck portion of the garment by sewing or any other desirable manner. When fashioned of the abovementioned materials which have practically no elasticity to them, it may be found desirable to shape them by means of "darts" and the like so the cover will fit snugly and smoothly over the corset.

It will be observed from a reference to the drawings that when the garment is in place on a wearer that it will fit smoothly over the corset without any fullness at the waist line or hips, thus insuring a perfect fit of the wearer's costume and at the same time effectually eliminating, visually or otherwise, all lines of the corset.



It will also be noted that by the integral formation of the corset cover with garments such as undervests, union suits or chemises, that I am enabled to dispense with the extra  
5 shoulder straps that would be required if the garments were detached and worn separately and independently of each other. When wearing these garments separately the plurality of shoulder straps has often been a  
10 fruitful source of annoyance by reason of the constant slippage from the shoulders.

When it is desired to "don" the garment, the suit or vest as the case may be, is drawn onto the body, the corset cover being rolled  
15 or drawn upwardly from the waist line so that the corset may be secured in place, after which the cover is pulled downwardly to the waist line where it is secured by means of the draw string 12.

20 From the foregoing description it will be apparent that I have produced a novel combination undergarment that will be found to

be exceedingly useful in eliminating all unsightly fullness in close fitting gowns.

Having described my invention what I 25 claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

As a new article of manufacture, an undergarment, comprising a body portion, an auxiliary tubular portion secured to the upper 30 or neck portion of the body portion and extending downwardly therefrom and terminating at the waist of the body portion, and a draw string secured to the lower edge of the auxiliary garment to retain it in position 35 while the garment is in use.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto subscribed my name this 21st day of September, 1908.

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