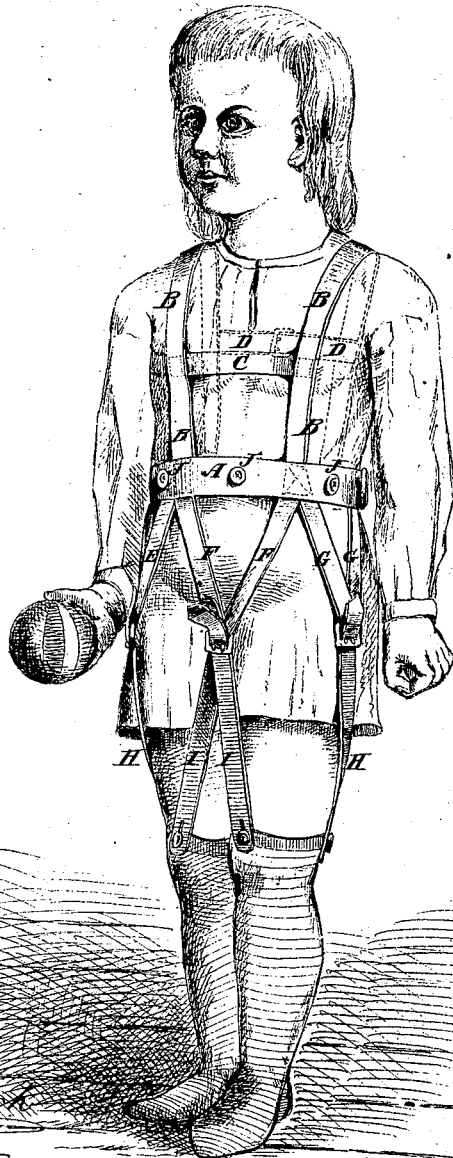


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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED STOCKING-SUPPORTERS AND SKELETON WAISTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AUGUSTA M. STIGER, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Combined Stocking-Supporters and Skeleton Waists; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which the figure represents my improved stocking-supporter and skeleton waist as attached to the wearer.

My invention relates to improvements in children's combined stocking-supporters and waists used for supporting the drawers, stockings, and skirts. My improved supporter is more simple and convenient than those heretofore known or used, and is so constructed and applied that the strain or weight may be upon the shoulders, thus removing the necessity of confining the child's legs or waist with elastic or other bands, as is at present the custom.

A is a band or strap which passes around the waist of the child, and the ends of which are connected to each other by a buckle, button, hooks and eyes, or other convenient means.

B are straps that pass over the shoulders of the wearer, and the ends of which are attached to the strap A in front and rear.

C is a short strap the ends of which are attached to the front parts of the shoulder-straps B, and which crosses the child's breast to keep the said straps in place.

D is a strap which is made in two parts, the outer ends of which are attached to the rear parts of the shoulder-straps B, and the inner ends of which are connected to each other by a buckle, button, hooks and eyes, or other convenient means.

The straps A B C D thus form a skeleton waist, and prevent the upper part of the child's body from being confined with a close bandage, and being thus kept too warm.

To adapt the skeleton waist for use as a stocking-supporter I attach to the waist-strap A three pairs of straps, E F G, in such position that the pairs E G may be at the sides and the front pair, F, in front of the child. The lower ends of each pair of straps meet at an angle, and the upper ends are spread apart, as shown in the figure, to distribute the strain upon the waist-strap A.

To the angles or lower ends of the straps F G are attached, by buttons, buckles, hooks and eyes, sewing, or other convenient means, the upper ends of elastic straps H, the lower ends of which are attached, by means of buttons or other convenient detachable means, to the outer sides of the tops of the stocking-legs.

To the lower end or angle of the front pair of straps, F, are attached the upper ends of two elastic straps, I, the lower ends of which are buttoned or otherwise detachable attached to the inner sides of the tops of the stocking-legs. The stockings are thus supported upon both sides of the child's legs.

To the waist-strap A are attached four (more or less) buttons, J, upon which the child's drawers and skirts may be buttoned, so that their weight may be supported from the child's shoulders, instead of being supported from its waist.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

As an improved article of manufacture, the combined stocking-supporter and skeleton waist herein described, consisting of the waist-strap A, shoulder-straps B, breast and back straps C and D, side straps, E G, front straps, F, and elastic straps H and I, all connected and arranged as specified.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 14th day of June, 1870.

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