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Fig. 1.

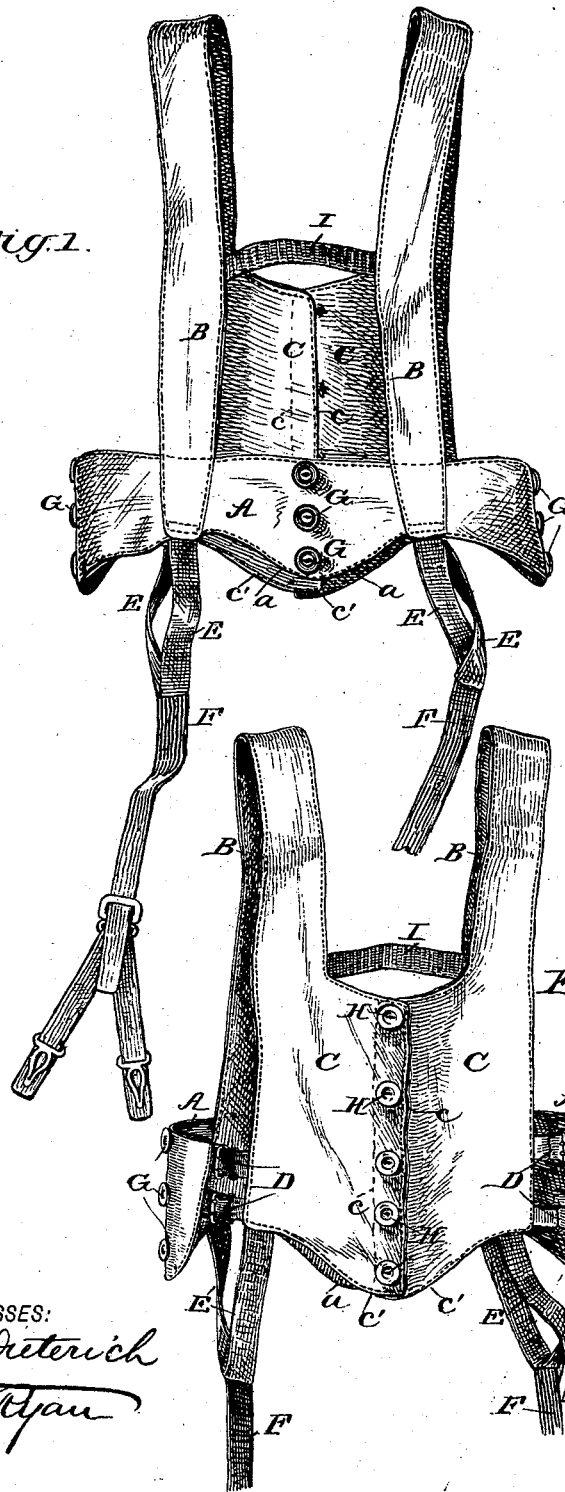


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. RICHMOND, residing at Mattoon, in the county of Coles and State of Illinois, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters and Underwaists, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has for its object to provide a skeleton underwaist having stocking sup-
10 porters secured thereto, and a waist band, to which skirts and other like apparel may be fastened, the whole being adapted to be supported from the shoulders of the wearer, so as to carry the weight of all the garments in
15 a healthful and hygienic manner.

The invention consists in the peculiarly constructed underwaist hereinafter first described and then particularly set out in the claims, reference being had to the accompa-
20 nying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective front view of my improved underwaist and Fig. 2 is a perspective rear view thereof.

In the drawings A indicates the front waist
25 band section to which are attached the lower or front ends of the shoulder bands B B, the upper or rear ends of which connect and terminate in the back pieces C, which form the rear or body portion. These pieces C have
30 straight meeting edges *c c* and are provided with buttons and button holes or other suitable fastening means; their lower ends *c'* being curved to form counterparts of the lower curved end *a* of the waist band A. The outer
35 edges of the portions C are also straight, and the upper edges thereof extend up to a point at or near the shoulder blade of the wearer, from which end the shoulder bands begin, such bands being preferably formed from the same
40 pieces the back portions C are formed of.

At their lower outer edges the back portions C have elastic straps and buckle connections D D which join the waist band A with such portions C C and from such waist band and
45 the portions C C at each side, extend converging elastic side straps E, to the meeting ends of which are stitched the main or supporting straps F, which in use are connected

with any well known buckle or stocking clasp device.

Centrally and at the ends the waist band A has a series of buttons G, vertically disposed, whereby different garments attached thereto may be independently buttoned and at different heights, the buttons H which join the
55 back sections being also adapted for such use.

I indicates a stay piece which connects the shoulder straps at a point over the chest.

A garment supporter constructed in the manner described and shown is much more
60 comfortable than the ordinary underwaist. The several parts are carefully adjusted to give the necessary support where needed and yet allow for a free movement of the body without annoying or unhealthful restraint.

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

1. A garment supporter and underwaist of the character described, consisting of shoul-
70 der straps, a front stay, a rear body portion, extending from the waist band upwardly toward the shoulders, a waist band secured to the shoulder straps in front, adjusting straps secured to the lower end of the shoulder
75 straps at the rear and connecting the waist band with the same, V-shaped webbings attached at one end and forming a continuation of the rear ends of the shoulder straps, and the other ends connected with the waist
80 band, stocking supporters depending from said webbing, and a vertical series of buttons upon both the waist band and the body portion.

2. An underwaist and garment support, 85 formed of a front waist band section, a back portion, shoulder bands connected to such back portion and the waist band, elastic and buckle connections between the waist band ends and the back piece ends and vertical
90 rows of buttons at the front and outer edges of the waist band and at the central lower end of the back portion all substantially as shown and for the purpose described.

3. An underwaist and garment supporter, 95 comprising a front or waist band section, a

back portion formed of two sections, having button fastenings for joining their meeting edges, their upper portions terminating in shoulder bands secured at their free ends to the front waist band, elastic and buckle connections between such waist band and the back portions and converging stocking supports secured to the back pieces and the front band, and the main supporting strap secured to the united end of such supports, all substantially as shown and described.

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