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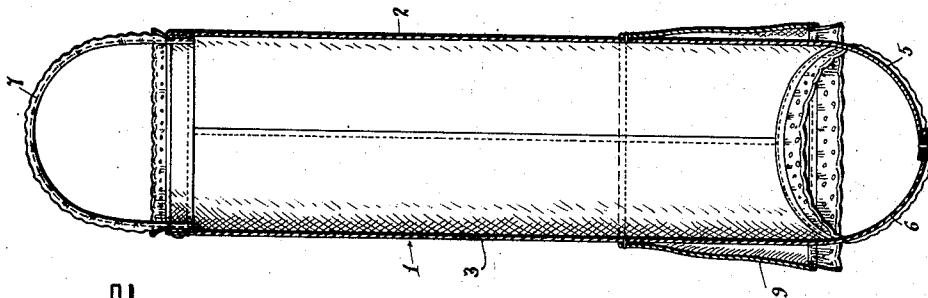


FIG. 2

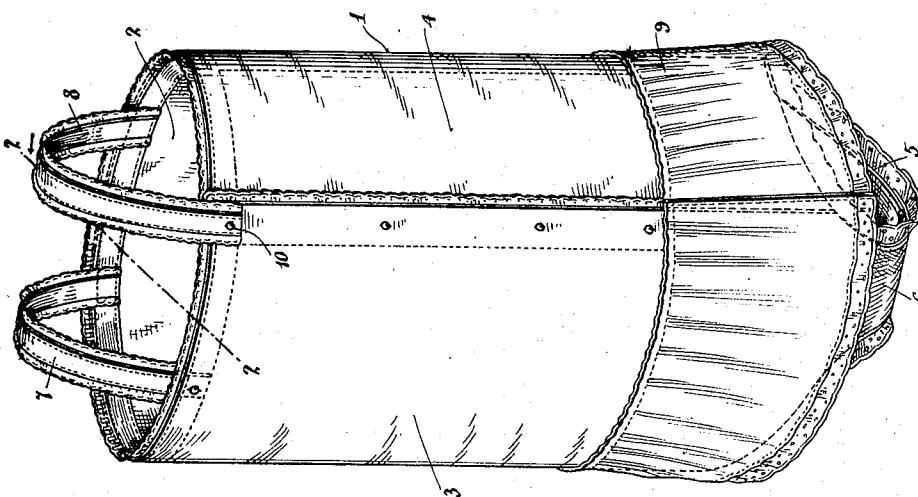


FIG. 1

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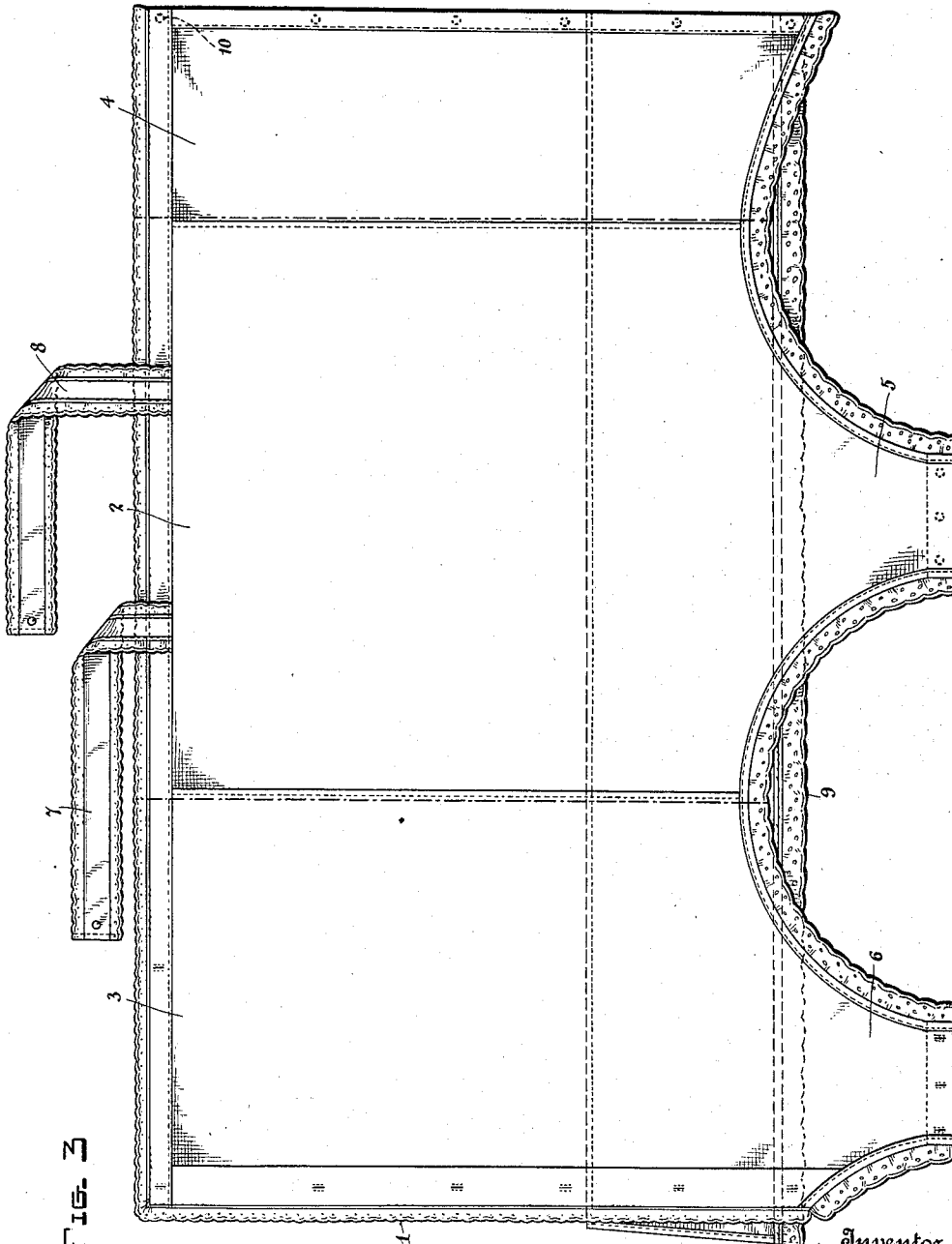


Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LÉDA H. PLAUCHÉ, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Undergarments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to combination undergarments and has for its principal object the provision of a garment of the class described which can be opened flat to facilitate laundering.

Other objects of the invention will appear as the following description of an illustrative embodiment thereof proceeds.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my novel undergarment.

Figure 2 is a section taken in a vertical plane passing through the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a view in elevation showing the garment spread flat.

Referring now in detail to the several figures, the body of the garment is represented by the reference character 1. This may consist of an integral piece of cloth if desired but is here shown as being constructed of several panels, an integral back panel 2 and a divided front panel consisting of parts 3 and 4 which are adapted to be secured together at their lateral margins by any suitable fastening devices such as buttons and buttonholes, as shown. Said parts are preferably of unequal width so that the line of division between them falls to one side of the median line of the body. Since ease in laundering is the chief object of the invention the panels are preferably made rectangular in form so that the garment will lie flat when spread out, but if this purpose of the invention is subordinated to style, the panels may be made more or less full, or body-fitting as may be preferred, without departing from the invention. The lower parts of the front and back panels are cut to form depending flaps 5 and 6, which when the garment is worn are adapted to meet between the legs, the meeting edges being securable together by suitable fastening means. It will be observed from Figure 3, that the line of division between the parts 3 and 4 of the front panel extends from the top to bottom of the garment, dividing the flap 6. Shoulder straps 7 and 8 are secured

to one of the body panels, preferably the back panel 2, said straps being adapted to extend over the shoulders, and to be buttoned or otherwise detachably fastened to the upper edge of one of the parts of the front panel. In the interest of simplicity of construction one of the shoulder straps may be secured to the same button, which fastens together the margins of the parts of the front panel at the top.

To give a petticoat effect to the garment, a flounce or ruffle is attached circumferentially thereto, the same being of any desired length but preferably of sufficient length to conceal the flaps. In the garment, as illustrated in the drawings the flounce begins below the natural waistline of the body and so avoids the formation of undesirable fullness at the waistline of the outer dress which may be worn with the combination undergarment. The flounce is discontinuous approximately in the line of division of the front panel of the garment and on account of its fullness may be relied upon to conceal the lower part of said line of division without the need of its being fastened together. Suitable lace or other finishing material may, for sake of ornamentation be attached to the several edges of the garment, but this is a matter of choice and in nowise affects the invention.

It is to be understood that my invention may be exemplified in other forms being limited only by the express terms of the appended claim.

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

A combination garment having a body encircling member including front and back portions, the front portion being longitudinally divided throughout its length, said front and back portions terminating at their lower ends in flaps forming a portion adapted to extend between the legs, defining leg apertures, the latter portion being transversely separable, shoulder straps connecting said front and back portions, and means for detachably fastening the margins of said body encircling portion together, certain of said means functioning also as a detachable fastening means for one of said shoulder straps.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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