

Basic Detail Report



Title Woman's Drawers and Chemise Set

Date 1868-1874

Primary Maker Marie L. Brown

Medium Drawers: Hand-stitched cotton, with a glass button and cotton lace.

Chemise: Hand-stitched linen and lace.

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Description Drawers: Woman's white cotton drawers, part of a set with a

chemise. The bottoms of the legs are embellished with five rows of narrow

tucks, an insertion of drawn and knotted threadwork, and a narrow edging of

machine-made lace that resembles crochet. The crotch is cut very full so that

when laid flat, the legs splay out. The drawers are gathered into the 7/8-inch-

wide waist band, which closes over the left hip with a single white glass button.

The opening of the left side is nine inches long and is faced with self-fabric.

Chemise: Woman's white linen chemise, with 8 1/2" X 11" center back inset

between the shoulders, of vertically pleated self-fabric. The chemise fabric is

pleated into the bottom of this inset, creating fullness in the lower part of the

chemise. The front of the chemise is gathered into the neckline. The neckline is a

wide, rounded square, trimmed with drawn and knotted threadwork and

machine-made crochet-like lace. The sleeves are short (4 3/4 inches) and are

gathered into the neckline and into a band of drawn and knotted threadwork.

Underarm gussets provide ease. The front panel is pieced vertically along both

sides to create adequate width. Seams are flat felled or stitched selvage-to-

selvage. The hem is one inch deep.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width at waist of drawers): 29 1/2 x

24in. (74.9 x 61cm) Component (chemise length): 39 1/2in. (100.3cm)

Component (width across top of chemise): 21 1/2in. (54.6cm) Component (width

across bottom of chemise): 35 1/2in. (90.2cm)