

Basic Detail Report

Title Woman's Nightgown

Date about 1867

Primary Maker Frances M. Smith

Medium Hand-stitched cotton, with mother of pearl buttons

Description Woman's nightgown of white cotton, with a turn-down collar

decorated with hand-embroidered eyelet in a simple, floral-like design within

the scallops. The front of the nightgown is constructed with a yoke that is V-

shaped in the center, with the edges curving outwards to the armscye. The yoke

is edged with the eyelet like the collar, as is the center front opening, which

extends from the base of the collar to the hem. The opening fastens with twelve

small mother of pearl buttons. The buttons fasten through the folded-back

scalloped edges on both sides, so that three buttonholes are worked for each

button. In back, the yoke is straight between the armscyees, with the body of the

nightgown is closely gathered into it. The yoke across the back is lined with self-

fabric; the rest of the nightgown is unlined. The shoulderline is dropped and the

armscyees are piped. The long sleeves are gathered into the armscye and into a 1

1/4-inch-deep cuff which fastens with two small buttons. The cuff is decorated

with the scalloped eyelet embroidery, turned back so that it is covered. The hem

is 3 1/4 inches deep.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulders): 53 x 21 1/2in.

(134.6 x 54.6cm)