

Basic Detail Report

Title Chemise and Drawers Set

Date about 1858

Primary Maker Julia P. Rogers

Medium Chemise: Hand- and machine-stitched cotton and mother of pearl

buttons. Drawers: Hand-stitched cotton, with a glass button.

Description Chemise (.a): Woman's white cotton chemise. The short

(approximately six-inch) sleeves are cut one with the neckband, with the edges

scalloped and embroidered with a double row of eyelets filled with a spoked

threadwork design. Because of the cut of the chemise, this embroidery is

continuous across the neck edge, over the top of the arm and around the sleeve

openings. The embroidered edges at the top of the arm are fastened together

with three mother of pearl buttons carved to resemble flowers. The neckline is

wide and approximately square; there is no additional opening. The front and

back panels of the chemise are gathered into the band across the front and back

of the neck. Each panel is pieced to make it the desired width. The hem is 1 1/4-

inch deep. Drawers (.b): Woman's white cotton split drawers. The legs are

gathered into the 1 7/8-inch-wide waistband, which fastens at center front with

a single white glass button. The legs each have a 7/8-inch-wide tuck basted 4 1/2

inches above the bottom edge. The leg openings are embroidered with a simple

eyelet design of three rows of circles filled with a spoked threadwork pattern,

over the scalloped edge.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (chemise length width across top including

sleeves): 47 1/2 x 25in. (120.7 x 63.5cm) Component (width across bottom of

chemise): 42 1/2in. (108cm) Component (length of drawers): 36 1/2in. (92.7cm)

Component (width at waist of drawers): 12in. (30.5cm)