

Unmentionables is the Victorian word for **undergarment** or **underwear**. The word is still in use nowadays to gently poke fun at the prohibition to mention **intimate apparel**, lest it should arouse lustful thoughts.

What in Italian is commonly referred to as **slip**, in English is usually called **panties**, **knickers** or **briefs**, whereas a slip is a skirt or strapped frock worn to prevent the show through of intimate undergarments such as panties or **brassieres**.

The English slip owes its name to the fact that clothes smoothly glide onto it without ruffling. The Italian word for panties, *slip*, shares exactly the same origin, as it underlines the easiness with which this undergarment is taken off in opposition to 19th-century **pantalettes**, which required a toilsome procedure of loosening, unfastening and unpinning.



Panties



Bra(ssiere)



Slip



Pantalettes, Corsage
and Crinoline