To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORGAN KOPPELMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Waistbands, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to waistbands or waistband-strips from which waistbands may be cut, and more particularly to waistbands adapted to be attached to trousers and provided with means for attachment to the shirt-waist or other garment.

The object of the invention is to provide an improved article of this class which is simple and durable in construction, economical in first cost, and adapted for use with shirt-waists or other garments provided with either buttons or buttonholes for the attachment of the waistband or trousers.

With this object in view the invention consists in the improved construction, arrangement, and combination of parts of an article of this description, which will be hereininafter fully described and afterward specifically claimed.

I have illustrated an embodiment of my invention in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of a portion of a waistband, part of the material being broken away to expose concealed construction and dotted lines being used to show different positions of the button. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse sectional view.

Like letters mark the same parts in both the figures.

Referring to the drawings by letters, A indicates one layer or strip of which the waistband is composed, and A' the other layer or strip, the two strips being connected together throughout their entire lengths along their lower edges by suitable rows of stitching and also by a wave-line, as clearly shown in Fig. 1, leaving their upper edges and nearly the whole width below the buttonhole free and unconnected. In the strip A are provided at suitable distances apart buttonholes B, vertical in position. Between the two strips below and in line with each buttonhole B a loop C, preferably of elastic material, is secured, preferably by the stitching of the strips, into which loop is secured the lower end of the button-shank, which for the greater portion of its length is straight and normally in a vertical position between the two strips A and A'. At the upper end of the vertical portion of the button-shank, as at D in Fig. 2, the shank curves and forms a normally horizontal upper end D', which is properly secured in a button E of suitable size to be used in connection with the buttonhole B.

When it is desired to use the waistband in connection with a shirt-waist or other garment provided with buttonholes, the parts described are arranged in their normal positions, as shown in full lines in Fig. 1 and in Fig. 2, with the button on the outside of the strip A and the shank D' on the inside of said strip and between it and the strip A'. In this position the button may be entered into the buttonholes of the shirt-waist or other garment and by reason of the elastic loop C will yieldingly connect the band and shirt-waist, the button serving the usual capacity and being fastened to or unfastened from the shirt-waist in the manner usual with ordinary buttons, the yielding connection being compensated for by the vertical movement of the curve portion D' of the shank within the vertical buttonhole B and the construction being such that extraordinary pull upon the button tending to lengthen the elastic loop beyond the limit of the buttonhole will partially draw the vertical portion of the button-shank through the buttonhole B.

When it is desired to use the waistband herein described with a shirt-waist or other garment provided with buttons instead of buttonholes, the head of the button E is passed through the buttonhole B into a position between the strips A and A' and turned to one side, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1, when the buttonhole B may be used as ordinarily in connection with the buttons of the shirt-waist or other garment.

It will be obvious that any particular form or ornamentation of the head of the button is not essential and that slight changes and variations in the construction of different parts might be made without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

What I claim as new is—

A waistband, comprising two layers of material joined together at the bottom but free and unconnected at the top, one of the layers
being provided with a vertical buttonhole, in combination with a loop secured between the layers near the bottom edge, and a button in position to be passed through the buttonhole provided with a shank adapted to extend through the buttonhole into the space between the layers and attached to the loop, substantially as described.

Witness my hand this 20th day of March, 1903, at the city of New York, in the county and State of New York.

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