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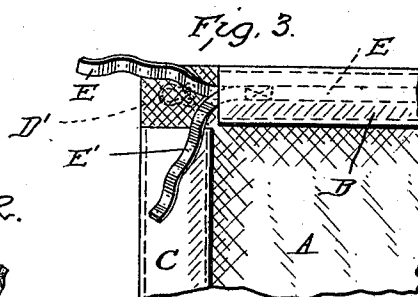
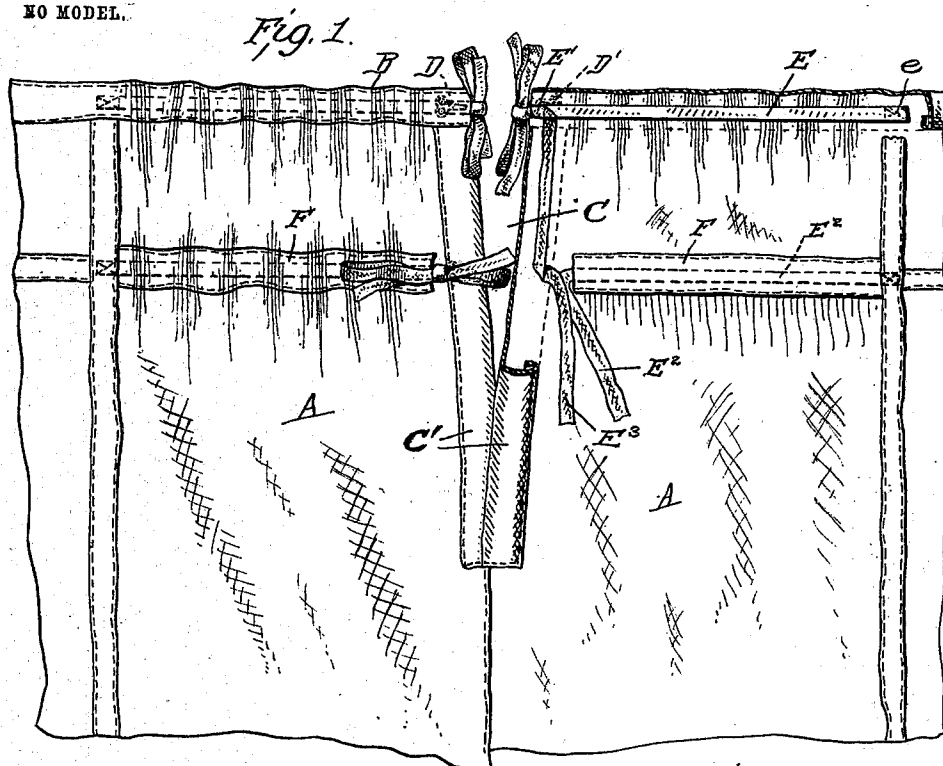
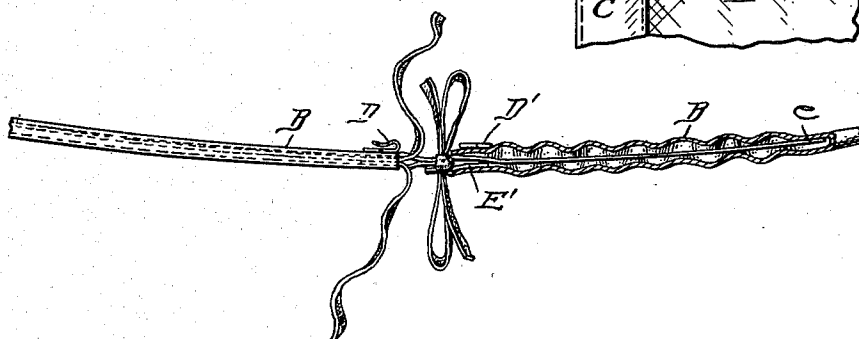


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BYRON STILLSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jackson, Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Skirts; of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in skirts; and the object of the invention is to provide a form of skirt adapted to be adjusted to fit any size or shape of waist or hips and which when once adjusted can be secured to maintain the adjustment irrespective of the placket-fastening devices.

A further object is to provide an adjustable skirt in which the gathers in the skirt will be all in the rear, leaving the skirt fitting smoothly in front and at the sides.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a sectional elevation. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan view. Fig. 3 is a detail view of a modification.

Referring by reference-letters to the drawings, A designates the skirt-body, which may be made of any material suitable for the purposes and of which such articles are usually made.

B designates the waistband, C the usual placket-opening, and C' the usual facings therefor.

The letters D D' designate suitable fastening devices, such as hooks and eyes, which are secured to the facings or to the ends of the waistband, or to both, for securing the skirt around the waist of the wearer and the edges of the placket-opening together.

In order to adjust the skirt to fit any size or shape of waist or hips, I insert in the waistband on each side of the placket-opening a tape E, which is carried through the open edge of the waistband and for a suitable distance within the same, being secured to the skirt-band at its inner end. A second tape E' is secured to each end of the waistband, and by this arrangement it will be observed that the skirt may be shirred or adjusted to any desired degree upon the tape E. After the proper amount of adjustment has been effected the tapes E and E' on each side of the placket-opening are tied together, when it will be seen

that the adjustment is thereby made permanent. The skirt may then be put on or taken off without affecting the adjustment or shirring in the least, the fastening devices operating in the usual manner.

It is desirable to provide a second shirring device on each side of the placket-opening a suitable distance below the waistband. For this purpose the strips F and F' are secured to the inner face of the skirt by their edges and a tape E² passed within the space provided between each row of stitching, where it is secured at its inner end.

A tape E³ is secured at the edge of the placket-opening in proximity to the tape E², and the shirring and adjustment are effected with this set of tapes in the same manner as the upper set heretofore described.

I prefer that the tapes E' and E³ should be formed of a single piece of material, this being accomplished by passing tape E' down through the placket-facing and issuing it as tape E³.

Instead of locating the tapes at the extreme edges of the placket-opening I may set them back a short distance, as shown in Fig. 1. This leaves an unshirred portion on each side of the placket-opening for securing the fastening devices.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

A skirt having a shirring string or tape located in the waistband on each side of the placket-opening, a second fastening string or tape secured at the edge of the placket-opening on each side and adapted to tie with the shirring-strings to secure permanent adjustment, a second shirring-string carried by the skirt on each side of the placket-opening below the waistband, fastening-strings secured at the edge of the placket-opening adjacent said second shirring-strings, and independent fastening devices for closing the placket-opening, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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