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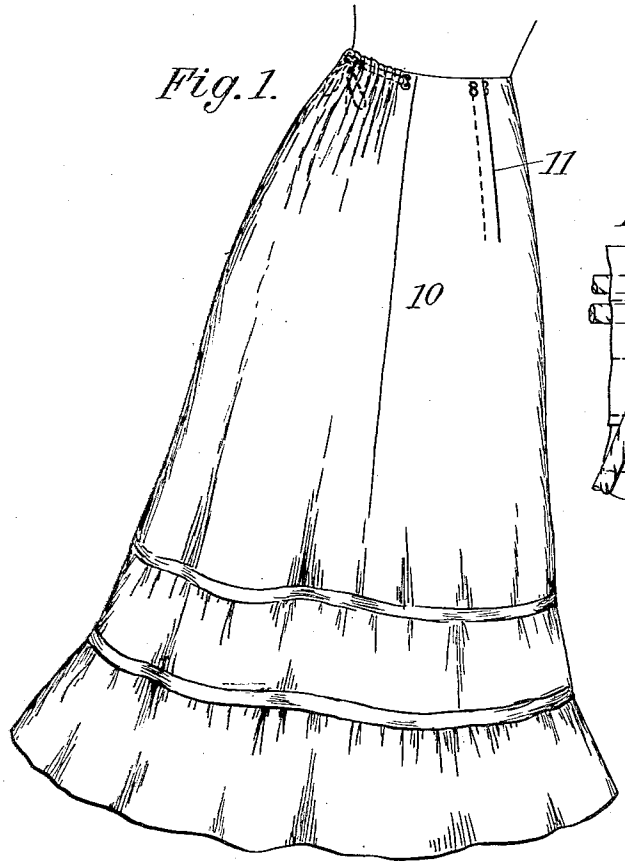


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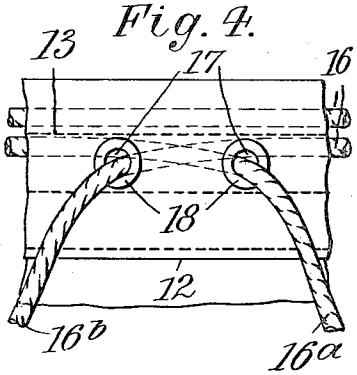


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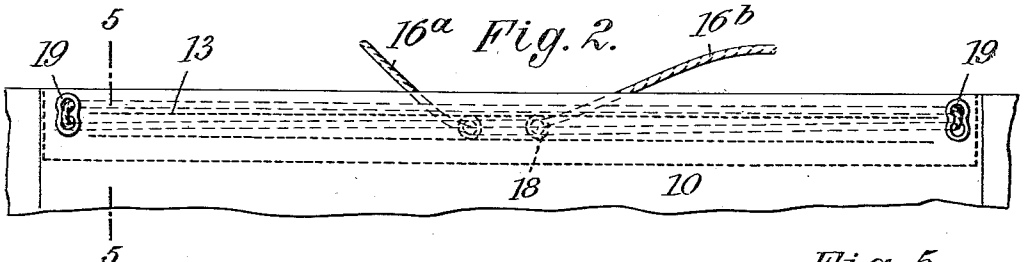


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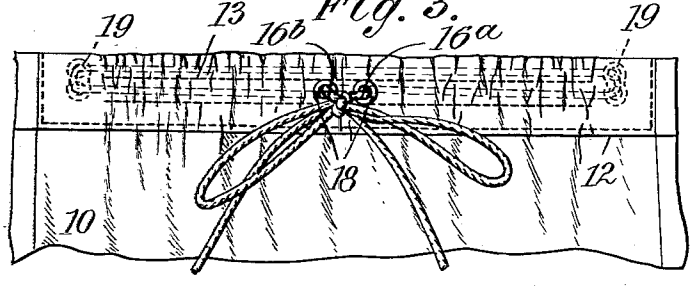
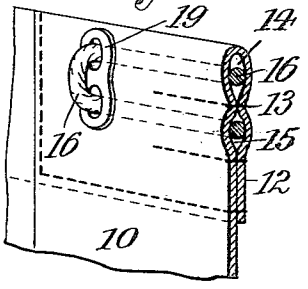


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER M. SCHNEIDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, Bronx, county and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Skirts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved skirt and more particularly to novel means for gathering the skirt at the back thereof, so that the size of the waist may be readily changed and the skirt may be fitted to different figures.

In the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 is a side view of a skirt embodying my invention; Fig. 2 an outer view of the top of the skirt-back; Fig. 3 an inner view thereof, showing the skirt gathered; Fig. 4 a detail of the central string-outlets, and Fig. 5 an enlarged section on line 5—5, Fig. 2.

A skirt 10 having a placket 11, at its side, is provided at its waist line with a fold 12 forming a pocket that extends around the rear half of the skirt. This pocket is divided by a central suture 13, into an upper passage 14 and a lower passage 15 adapted for the reception of a continuous shirring string 16. Near its center, lower passage 15 is provided with two inwardly opening spaced apertures 17, reinforced by eyelets 18 and adapted for the escape of the string ends. To permit the string to pass from lower passage 15 into upper passage 14, there is provided, at each end of the pocket, a double eyelet 19 secured to the rear or outer side of the garment and communicating with each of the passages.

The shirring string 16 is inserted in such a way that its ends 16^a, 16^b, will cross within lower passage 15 intermediate the central eyelets 18. Thus, commencing at end 16^a, the string passes through left eyelet 18, right side of passage 15, and right eyelet 19, into upper passage 14, and thence through left eyelet 19, left side of passage 15, and right eyelet 18, out as at 16^b.

When the free ends of the string are drawn out, the entire back of the skirt may be shirred to any extent desired, the shape so imparted to it becoming fixed by tying the ends of the string. During this manipulation, any objectionable bulging, in a longitudinal direction, will be prevented.

It will be seen that by my invention, skirts may be readily fitted to figures of different sizes, and that the wearer is enabled to tighten or loosen the skirt to suit her convenience.

I claim:

1. A skirt provided with a pocket extending along the rear waist line, a pair of openings at each end thereof, a pair of openings at the center, and a shirring string engaging said pocket and openings, substantially as specified.

2. A skirt provided with a pair of passages extending along the rear waist line, an opening at the end of each passage, a pair of openings at the center of one of said passages, and a shirring string engaging said passages and openings, substantially as specified.

3. A skirt provided with a pair of passages extending along the rear waist line, an opening at the end of each passage, a pair of spaced openings at the center of one of said passages, and a shirring string engaging said passages and openings, the ends of said string being crossed within its passage intermediate the central openings, substantially as specified.

4. A skirt provided with a pair of passages extending along the rear waist line, a double eyelet connecting the passages at each end, a pair of spaced eyelets at the center of one of said passages, and a shirring string engaging said passages and eyelets, substantially as specified.

Signed by me at New York city, (Manhattan,) N. Y., this 3rd day of June, 1908.

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