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FIG. 1.

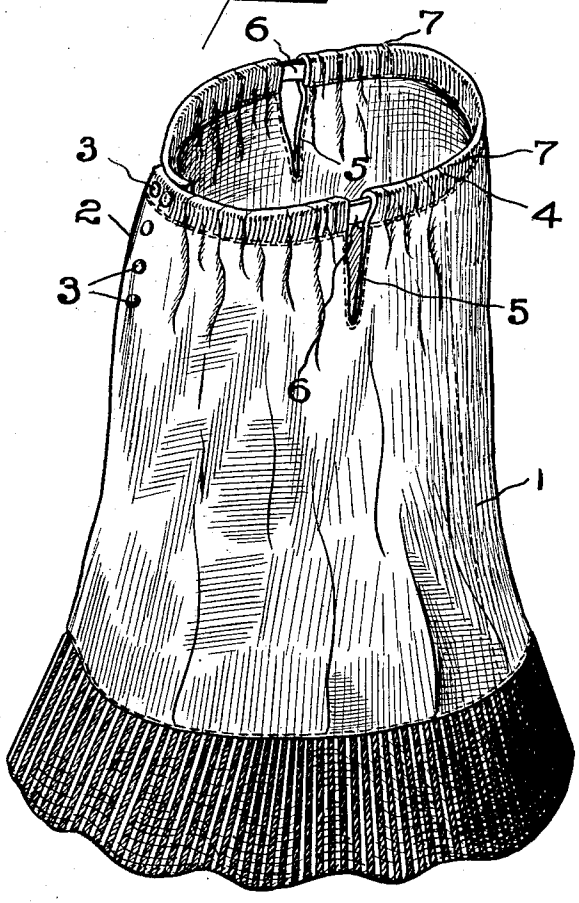
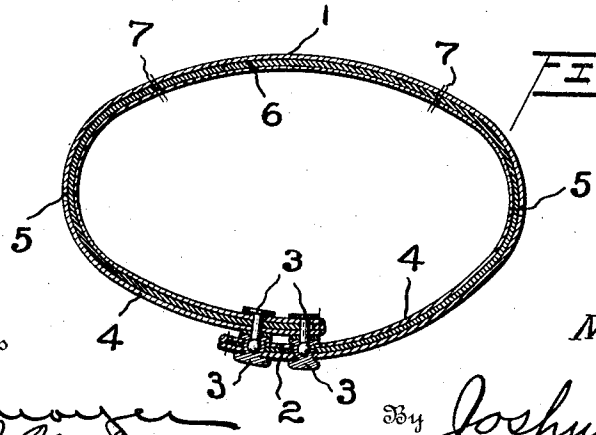


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX COHN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in skirts, and more particularly to underskirts or petticoats, the object of the invention being to provide an improved construction of skirt which will neatly fit any ordinary size of waist, and lie smoothly on the figure.

A further object is to provide an improved construction of skirt having slits in opposite sides thereof with an elastic band or belt crossing both slits and confined within the edge of the skirt at the waist.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts as will be more fully hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating my improved skirt, and Fig. 2 is a view in section through the waist portion of the skirt illustrating the elastic band extended and the material of the skirt lying smooth thereon.

1 represents my improved skirt which is provided with an ordinary placket 2 having snap buttons 3 or other suitable fastening means to close the skirt at the back. The waist portion of the skirt is provided with a hem 4 and said hem portion at opposite sides of the skirt is slit as shown at 5.

While, of course, my invention is not limited to any particular number of these slits, I preferably locate one at each side of the skirt and extend the slit downwardly as far as is necessary to provide for a wide range of adjustment of the skirt at the waist.

In the hem 4, I locate an elastic band 6 which extends entirely around the waist of the skirt, and across both slits 5. The front portion of the skirt is sewed directly to the elastic band 6 at the intermediate portion of the latter as shown by the lines of stitching 7. By thus sewing the front portion to the elastic band, such portion remains smooth, and does not wrinkle at any adjustment.

The side portions of the skirt are gathered at both sides of the slits 5, so that the band 6 is free to expand, at the same time allowing the goods to adjust themselves nicely over the figure.

The ends of the band 6 are rigidly secured in the end portions of the hem 4 by means of the snap button members 3. In other words, the snap button members extend entirely through the goods of the skirt and through the ends of the tape, and I preferably employ two pairs of snap button members as clearly shown in Fig. 2 to provide a strong connection for the skirt, and also rigidly hold the ends of the elastic band.

Fig. 1 shows the skirt in a somewhat exaggerated position as the slits 5 are shown in open position, whereas in ordinary use these slits will be closed when the skirt is on the figure. The slits, however, allow the goods to be adjusted easily on the elastic band, and furthermore permit the band to stretch beyond the width of the goods to fit a large figure, and at the same time prevents the necessity of using enough goods to expand to the fullest extent of the band, so as to avoid an unnecessary amount of gathers at the sides when the band is contracted to fit a small waist.

Various slight changes might be made in the general form and arrangement of parts described without departing from my invention, and hence I do not limit myself to the precise details set forth, but consider myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A lady's skirt having a hem at the waist line, said skirt having slits therein at opposite sides extending downwardly from the waist line, and said skirt having a placket at the back, a single elastic band extending through the hem and throughout its intermediate portion secured to the front portion of the skirt, said elastic band extending entirely around the skirt across the slits and having securing devices secured thereto at the placket in the skirt, substantially as described.

2. A lady's skirt having a hem at the waist line, said hem having slits therein, a single elastic band extending uninterruptedly around the skirt at the waist within

the hem, said band at its ends secured to the skirt, said band intermediate its ends secured to the front portion of the skirt, and said skirt at both sides of the slits having gathers on the band, substantially as described.

3. A skirt having a placket at the rear thereof, and a hem around the skirt at the waist line, said skirt in its upper portion having slits at opposite sides extending through the hem, a single elastic band extending around the skirt at the waist located within the hem and extending across the slits, said band intermediate its ends secured to the front portion of the skirt, and holding the front portion smooth, said skirt at opposite sides of the slits supported in gathers on the band, and snap button members secured through the hem and through the ends of the band, securing the band at its ends to the skirt at the opposite sides of the placket, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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