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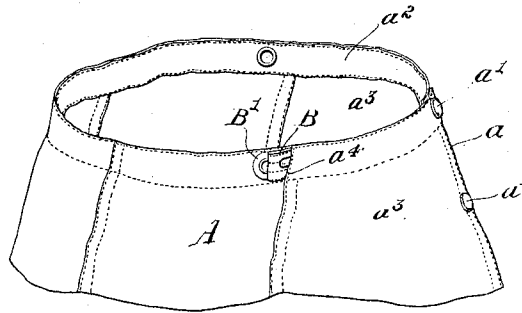


Fig. 1.

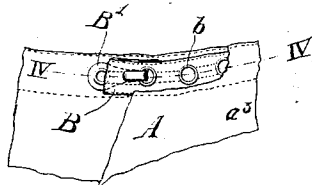


Fig. 3.

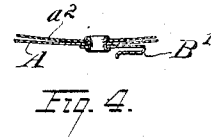


Fig. 4.

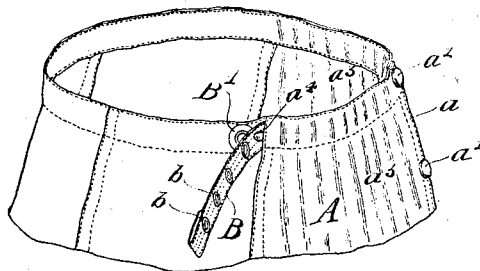


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. DIELHENN, a citizen of the United States, resident of Massillon, county of Stark, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Adjustable Garments, of which the following is a specification, the principle of the invention being herein explained and the best mode in which I have contemplated applying that principle, so as to distinguish it from other inventions.

My invention relates to adjustable garments and particularly to petticoats which are adjustable at the waistband, and it consists of certain improvements in the adjustable petticoat structure shown, described and claimed in my pending application Serial No. 454,676, filed September 25, 1908.

The object of the invention is to confine the shirred portion of the garment within certain definite limits whereby such shirring may be made as little objectionable as possible.

The annexed drawing and the following description set forth in detail certain means embodying my invention, the disclosed means however constituting but one of various mechanical forms in which the principle of the invention may be applied.

In said annexed drawing:—Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective of a petticoat embodying my invention, illustrating the form of the upper portion of the petticoat, and showing same in its non-adjusted position. Fig. 2 is a view similar to that of Fig. 1, showing the petticoat in an adjusted position. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary side elevation of the petticoat showing a portion of the pocket broken away to disclose more clearly the adjustable end of the adjusting member. Fig. 4 is a section taken upon the plane indicated by line IV—IV, in Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawing, A is a main or body portion of the petticoat composed preferably of a plurality of gores, as shown, and formed at the middle of the rear with a placket *a*. Suitable fastening devices *a'* are provided for closing the placket. A waistband *a²* is provided along the upper edge of the petticoat, this band being preferably sewed upon the inner sides of the gores and along the upper edges thereof in the manner shown and described in the above named application. The front edges of the two rearmost gores *a³ a³* are detached from the waistband to form an opening into

the pocket formed by such gores and said waistband. In this pocket is placed an adjusting member B, which is of greater length than the pocket and which has its rear end preferably secured in the vicinity of the placket. The front or free end of the adjusting band or member may therefore project from the pocket as at *a⁴*. The remainder of the band is loose in the pocket and by grasping the free end thereof and the upper edge of the petticoat at the pocket, the latter may be shirred as shown in Fig. 2 and such free end be caused to project from such pocket more or less, as may be desired. The said free end is furthermore provided with a plurality of eyelets *b*. These eyelets are complementary to a fastening member B', shown in the drawing as a hook. This fastening member is permanently secured in the immediate vicinity of the opening of the pocket, and the band may be secured thereto at various points longitudinally thereof, as will be readily understood. After the garment has been adjusted to fit a given sized waist, the projecting or overhanging portion of the band B may be cut off intermediately of the eyelet which is in engagement with the hook and the next eyelet located outwardly with reference thereto, for the reason that the garment once having been adjusted, ordinarily needs no further adjustment.

It will be understood that the arrangement above described is preferably applied to the other side of the garment, as well as to that side shown with such arrangement.

The front end of the pocket is preferably made to terminate at a point substantially midway between the gore and the middle of the front of the garment, when the latter is in its normal or unadjusted position. When the adjustment is resorted to, therefore, all of the shirring will be confined to that part of the waistband back of the middle of the sides and therefore to the least objectionable part thereof, it being the aim, in these garments, to preserve a smooth and unruffled appearance and form at the hips. By placing the fixed of the two complementary fastening members in the immediate vicinity of the pocket end, all of the shirring is confined to that part of the waistband at the pocket, so that such shirring can not thereafter, creep forward and reach a point at or near the hips where it would be objectionable.

What I claim therefore and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

In an adjustable garment having a rear placket, the combination of a pocket adjacent to and parallel with the waistband of the garment and having one end terminating at the placket and the other end open and terminating substantially midway between such placket and the middle of the front of the garment; an adjusting band loosely placed in said pocket having one end fastened at the rear of the garment near said placket and the other end free and adapted to project from the open end of said pocket;

and one or two complementary fastening members fixedly secured to the garment immediately adjacent to said open pocket end, said projecting end of the adjusting band being provided with a plurality of fixed fastening members each complementary to said first named fastening member.

Signed by me, this 28 day of January, 1909.

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