

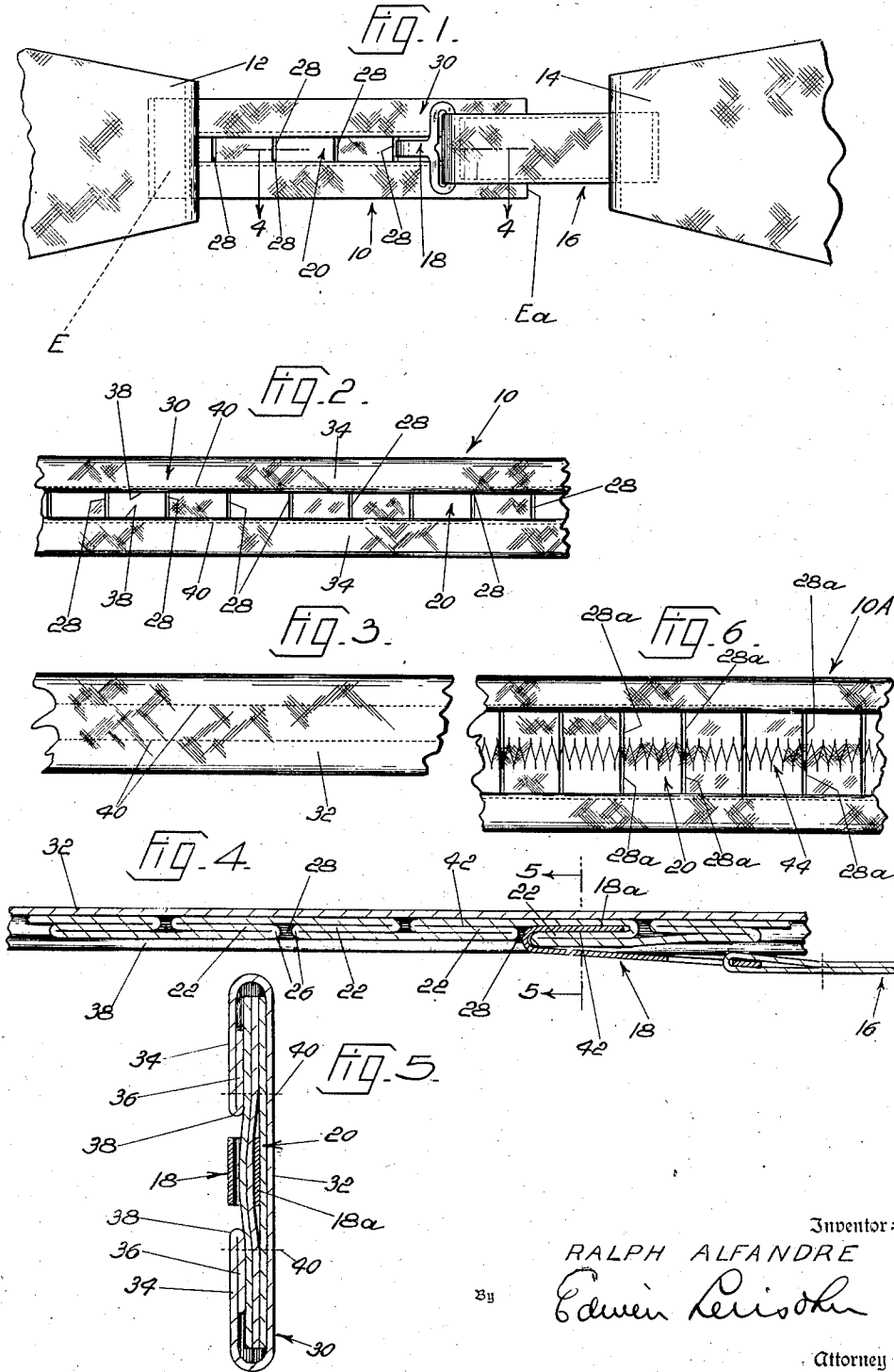
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This invention relates to adjustable fastening means for garments and more particularly to adjustable fastening bands.

The primary object of the present invention is the provision of an adjustable fastening band which is well adapted to be used in lieu of bands of the type which are provided with metal eyelets in which the hook of a companion fastening strap or band is releasably engaged for releasably fastening together the parts of a garment, for example the back portions of a brassiere, the ends of an adjustable waist band of a nether garment, etc.

The construction, features and advantages of the adjustable fastening band of the present invention will be more fully apparent from the following description of the present invention, reference being had to the accompanying illustrative drawing.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a view of an adjustable device for the back of a brassiere, showing the adjustable fastening band of the present invention attached to one of the back portions of a brassiere;

Fig. 2 is a front view of a length of adjustable band of the present invention;

Fig. 3 is a view of the back of said band;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged section of the view on the line 4-4 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a sectional view on the line 5-5 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a view of the front of an adjusting band in engagement by a double hook fastener.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, there is shown in Fig. 1 an adjustable band 10 embodying the present invention, said band constituting one member of an adjustable fastening device for a garment. One end of said band is stitched, as here shown, to one of the back portions 12 of a brassiere, the other back portion 14 of the brassiere having a strap 16 stitched thereto at one end of said strap, the other end of said strap being provided with a hook 18 which has an adjustable and releasable engagement with band 10.

The adjusting band 10 comprises a fabric strap or tape 20 provided along its length with a plurality of integral folded portions 22 (Fig. 4) having their ends constituted by folded edges 26 disposed in spaced confronting relation providing hook-receiving openings 28 disposed in spaced relation longitudinally of the band. Tape 20 is positioned and secured within an enclosing fabric tape 30 which has a back portion 32 and laterally spaced intumed front portions 34 folded over longitudinally extending marginal edge portions of tape 20. Front portions 34 have infolded end portions 36 providing the front of tape 30 with folded edges 38. Tapes 20 and 30 are secured to each other by longitudinally extending lines of stitching 40 which extend through all of

the several thicknesses of said tapes 20 and 30, said stitching also serving to hold the folded portions of tape 20 in folded relation. Thus tape 30 constitutes means enclosing the opposite side edges of tape 20 as well as the back of tape 20 and the marginal side edge portions of the front of tape 20. It is within the scope of this invention to utilize edge bindings for the opposite side edges of tape 20, instead of the tape 30, so that hook-receiving openings 28 are accessible for engagement by the hook at either side of the band instead of at only one side thereof when as shown in Fig. 3, tape 30 covers the back of tape 20. A pair of hook-receiving recesses 42 (Fig. 4) are disposed laterally of each hook-receiving opening 28 and extend in opposite directions, respectively, from the companion opening 28 in communication therewith, so that the end 18a of the hook 18 which is projected through said opening is disposed in a recess 42. It will be understood that by reason of the provision of companion portions 22 at opposite sides, respectively of the hook-receiving opening 28 defined by the adjacent edges 26 of said folded portion, the hook-receiving recesses 42 are provided at opposite sides of each opening 28 so that the hook 18 can be engaged with band 10 regardless of which end of the band is fastened to the garment. For example, while as illustrated in Fig. 1 the end portion E of band 10 is attached to the garment, the opposite end portion Ea could be attached instead to the garment, and for this reason it is unnecessary for the individual who attaches the bands to the garments to take any special precautions as to which end of the band is stitched to the garment.

It will be understood that band 10 can be formed in indefinite lengths and thereafter cut into shorter lengths, for example by the garment manufacturer, to suit the requirements of the particular garments which are provided with the adjustable fastening device. The adjustable band 10 can be used with any suitable hook instead of that shown, for example with a hook of the type well known in the hook and eye fastener widely used in lady's garments.

The band 10A illustrated in Fig. 6 is of the same construction as band 10, except that band 10A is provided with a continuous line of zig zag stitching 44 which extends longitudinally of the band for closing an intermediate portion of the hook-receiving openings whereby to provide the band with a plurality of pairs of laterally spaced openings 28a disposed laterally of the band instead of with a plurality of single openings 28 which are provided in band 10. Thus, in band 10A there are a plurality of sets of hook-receiving openings 28a disposed in spaced relation longitudinally of the band, the openings 28a in each of said sets being in aligned relation with each other laterally

with the band. Thus band 10A may be used with a fastening strap of the type which is provided with two hooks disposed in laterally spaced relation. It will be observed that in band 10 the openings 28 extend continuously laterally of the band between the laterally spaced longitudinal portions 34 of the tape 30 which constitutes means for enclosing tape 20, said openings 28 being disposed along the longitudinal median line of the band 10, while in band 10A the pairs or sets of openings 28a are disposed with their adjacent ends separated from each other by the securement of the intermediate part of the folded portions of tape 20 to each other by stitching 44. It will be understood that normally band 10A is wider than band 10 in order to provide the openings 28a in sets disposed laterally of the band but except for this and the closing of the intermediate portions of openings 28 by stitching 44, band 10A is of the same construction as band 10.

While I have shown and described the preferred construction of the adjustable band of the present invention, it will be understood that various changes in or additions thereto may be made without departing from the underlying idea of the present invention.

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

1. An adjustable fastening member adapted to be releasably engaged by the hook of a companion fastening member, comprising a band provided with a strap folded along a plurality of transverse lines spaced longitudinally of the strap to define a plurality of openings disposed in spaced relation longitudinally of said strap and a plurality of pairs of recesses in communication with said openings, respectively, the recesses of each pair being disposed at opposite sides of a companion opening and extending in opposite directions from the companion opening longitudinally of the band, and means holding said strap in said folded relation.

2. An adjustable fastening member adapted to be releasably engaged by the hook of a companion fastening member, comprising a band provided with a strap folded along a plurality of transverse lines spaced longitudinally of the strap to define a plurality of openings disposed in spaced relation longitudinally of said strap and a plurality of pairs of recesses in communication with said openings, respectively, the recesses of each pair being disposed at opposite sides of a companion opening and extending in opposite directions from the companion opening longitudinally of the band, and means holding said strap in said folded relation and including means enclosing the back, side edges and the marginal side edge portions of the front of said strap.

3. An adjustable fastening member adapted to be releasably engaged by the hook of a companion fastening member, comprising a band provided with a plurality of hook-receiving openings and companion recesses, respectively, disposed in spaced relation longitudinally of the band, said openings and companion recesses being provided by a fabric strap having a plurality of companion folded portions having adjacent confronting companion folded edges extending transversely of the band and defining one of said hook-receiving openings, said companion folded portions extending in opposite directions longitudinally of the band from said one of the hook-receiving openings and defining the hook-receiving recesses companionate to said openings, respectively, and means enclosing the opposite side edges of said

first mentioned strap and having longitudinally extending portions disposed in spaced relation laterally of said first mentioned strap.

4. An adjustable fastening member adapted to be releasably engaged by the hook of a companion fastening member, comprising a band provided with a plurality of hook-receiving openings and companion recesses, respectively, disposed in spaced relation longitudinally of the band, said openings and companion recesses being provided by a fabric strap having a plurality of companion folded portions having adjacent confronting companion folded edges extending transversely of the band and defining one of said hook-receiving openings, said companion folded portions extending in opposite directions longitudinally of the band from said one of the hook-receiving openings and defining the hook-receiving recesses companionate to said openings, respectively, and means enclosing the opposite side edges of said first mentioned strap and having longitudinally extending portions disposed in spaced relation laterally of said first mentioned strap, said openings extending laterally of said first mentioned strap and being accessible to said hook between said longitudinally extending portions of said enclosing means, said openings being disposed in sets laterally of the band, the adjacent ends of the openings in each set being separated from each other laterally of the band.

5. An adjustable fastening member adapted to be releasably engaged by the hook of a companion fastening member, comprising a band provided with a plurality of hook-receiving openings and companion recesses, respectively, disposed in spaced relation longitudinally of the band, said openings and companion recesses being provided by a fabric strap having a plurality of companion folded portions having adjacent confronting companion folded edges extending transversely of the band and defining one of said hook-receiving openings, said companion folded portions extending in opposite directions longitudinally of the band from said one of the hook-receiving openings and defining the hook-receiving recesses companionate to said openings, respectively, said openings being disposed in sets laterally of the band, the adjacent ends of the openings in each set being separated from each other laterally of the band.

6. An adjustable fastening member adapted to be releasably engaged by the hook of a companion fastening member, comprising a band provided with a plurality of hook-receiving openings and companion recesses, respectively, disposed in spaced relation longitudinally of the band, said openings and companion recesses being provided by a fabric strap having a plurality of companion folded portions having adjacent confronting companion folded edges extending transversely of the band and defining one of said hook-receiving openings, said companion folded portions extending in opposite directions longitudinally of the band from said one of the hook-receiving openings and defining the hook-receiving recesses companionate to said openings, respectively, said openings being disposed along the longitudinal median line of said band and extending transversely thereof, and means enclosing the opposite side edges of said strap and having longitudinally extending portions disposed in spaced relation laterally of said strap.

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