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SKIRT BAND FASTENER.
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Fig. 1.

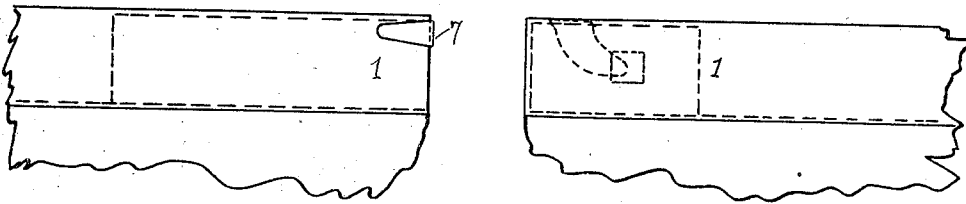


Fig. 2.

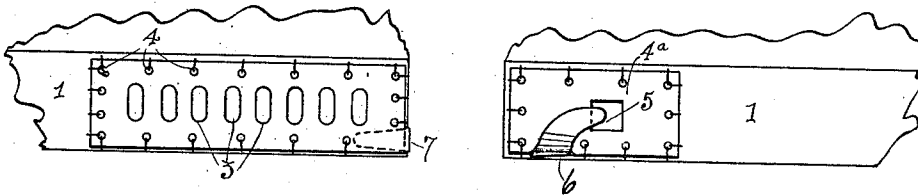


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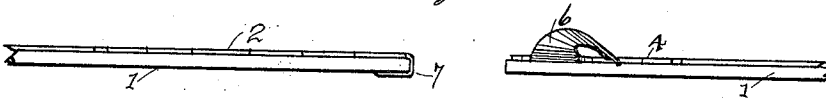
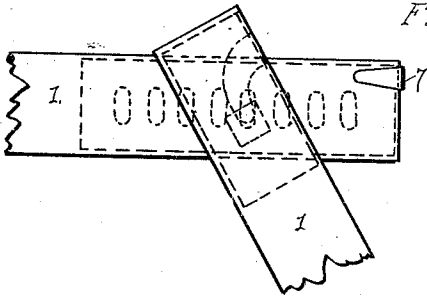


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROSS H. PRATT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Seattle, in the county of King and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Band Fasteners, of which the following is a full, true, and exact specification.

The principal object of my invention is to provide a cheap but substantially constructed fastener capable of fastening the band of a skirt or the like at different points, and in which the action of the fastening means is automatic.

A further object of the invention is to provide a fastener so constructed that the unfastening operation can be accomplished quickly and conveniently, and without first finding the hook itself.

Other objects will appear as the invention is more fully disclosed in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the outside of an ordinary skirt band as it appears with my fastener applied thereto. Fig. 2 a view of the same from the inside. Fig. 3, an edge-wise view. Fig. 4 a view similar to Fig. 1, showing the manner of disengaging the fastener, the hook and eyes appearing in dotted lines.

Reference sign 1 designates the skirt band. 2, a plate having the eyes 3, and the smaller perforations 4 adapted to receive the threads by means of which the plate is secured to one end of the band. 4^a is a similar plate, secured to the other end of the band in a similar manner. Through the plate 4^a is the opening 5, in which opening rests the point of the spring hook 6. The plate 2 may have the ear 7 bent back upon the main body of the plate so as to form a round corner for easy entrance into or under the hook 6. Both the plates are of spring material, stamped out and formed in one piece, and in packing the same for transportation or display, occupy but little space as they lie flat when not in use, but being of spring material readily conform to the shape of the waist when attached to a skirt band and the parts fastened together, as will presently be described.

I am, of course, aware that hook and eye fastening means is not new in the art, but so far as I am aware it is new to employ means of this character wherein the hook

automatically coöperates with one of a plurality of eyes to fasten the ends of a skirt band, and in which the unfastening of the same is accomplished, not by a direct manipulation of the hook itself, (which being relatively small is difficult of access) but by a twisting or other movement of the skirt band, in one direction.

The use of my improved fastener is as follows: The skirt is put on in the usual manner, the opposite ends of the band 1 drawn together, the plate 4^a lapping over the plate 2, the upper edge of plate 2 passing under the spring hook 6, the point of which being in the opening 5 is below the plane of the plate 4^a, and clicks or rides over the portions of the plate between the eyes 3 as the two plates are moved along in opposite directions until the band is sufficiently tight, the action of the hook 6 and eyes 3 limiting retrograde movement of either of the plates to the distance between centers of the eyes 3, as will be understood. The unfastening of the band is extremely simple, it being necessary only to hold the plate 2 with one hand and press the plate 4^a downwardly and then upwardly, as clearly shown in Fig. 4, which movement causes the hook 6 to rise out of the opening 5 and the eye 3 and finally to clear the surface of the plate 2.

While I have shown and described a particular form of embodiment of my invention, I am fully aware that many changes in details of construction will readily suggest themselves to others skilled in the art, without departing from the spirit and scope thereof, and I do not, therefore, desire to be limited to the exact details herein shown and described.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A skirt band fastener comprising a pair of plates and means for securing the same to the skirt band, one of said plates having a plurality of eyes and the other plate having an opening and a spring tongue offset out of alinement with said opening the point of which is adapted to normally pass through one of said eyes and into said opening whereby a pivotal and a wedging surface is provided for swinging the plates one upon the other to release the point of said tongue from said eye and said opening.

2. A skirt band fastener comprising a pair of spring plates and means for securing the same to the inner surface of the skirt band, one of said plates having a spring
5 tongue formed from its edge and looped back over that plate so as to slidingly embrace the other plate, and also having an opening in its approximate longitudinal center, through and beyond which the point
10 of said tongue slantingly passes, the other of said plates having a plurality of eyes in

alinement with each other and adapted to be successively brought into register with said opening, whereby the two plates freely
slide one upon the other in the direction of 15 the slant of said tongue but are limited in their movement in the opposite direction.

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