

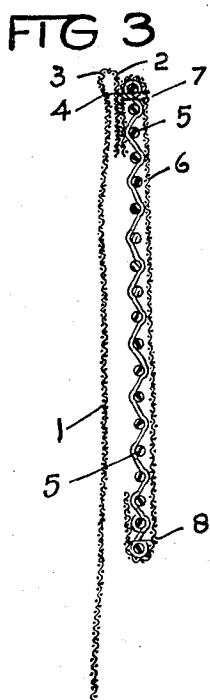
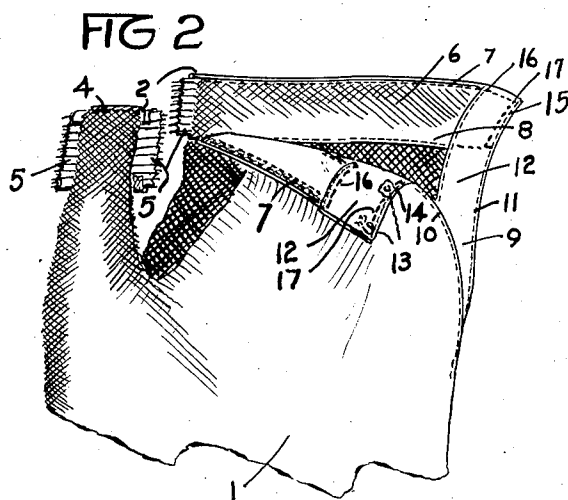
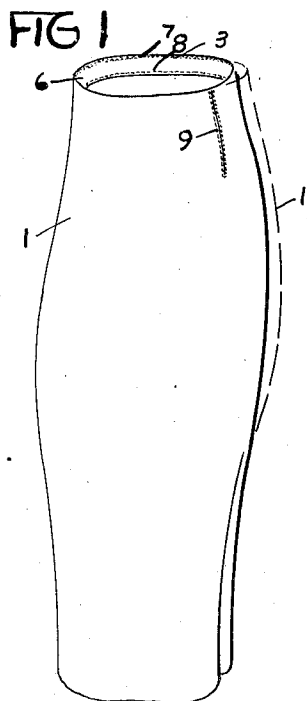
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Our invention relates to a skirt and its manufacture and particularly to skirts in which yielding, form fitting characteristics are desirable and has among its objects to provide:

A skirt which may be manufactured and carried in stock which will snugly fit around the waist, hips and elsewhere, even though several inches variation in size of girth of the body may have to be fitted without alterations.

An elastic waist band for skirts.

A skirt combining bias cut fabric with an elastic belt.

A skirt which has several inches of elasticity in girth.

A skirt which may be sold out of stock in a few limited sizes without alterations yet which will snugly fit many more sizes of persons than sizes of skirts carried in stock.

We accomplish these and other objects by the construction herein described and shown in the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of our skirt.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary detail of the waist band and/or belt and placket.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary detail and section of our skirt at the waist.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views of the drawing and in the specifications to follow.

We are aware that elastic belts have been used in various forms and garments and have been woven and knitted to permit stretching. In the use of elastic belts the goods unless altered or fitted becomes shirred or wrinkled when an elastic belt is applied.

Fabric which is elastic must be used with a belt of less easily stretched material or material which does not stretch unless the material is too firm in texture to permit freedom of action.

Our skirt has an elastic belt combined and forming a part of the skirt which is made of material cut on the bias and of less resistance in stretching than the elastic belt.

The weight of our skirt thus is held at the proper waist-line while the material of the skirt snugly clings to the figure and allows freedom of motion around the thighs, hips and waist.

Our skirt thus does not become folded, gathered or pleated at the waist because of the elasticity of the belt and always has a neat and attractive appearance.

Our skirt also may be made of fewer stock sizes and as the material and belt stretch about 4 inches in girth, a stock skirt may be carried in stock for instance which will have waist lines

varying from 23 to 26 inches, while the next size will accommodate waist-lines varying from 27 inches to 29 inches and so on. The stock sizes thus may be reduced to $\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ of the sizes that would otherwise have to be carried in stock without alterations and thus resulting in a saving to the merchant and customer or buyer.

The construction of our skirt may be better understood by the following description having reference to the drawing. While we herein describe in detail the preferred construction, we do not wish to be limited to this detailed construction as it may be modified in numerous ways which will be apparent to those experienced in the art of wearing apparel.

We have provided a skirt 1, turned over at the top hem 2 inwardly at the waist line 3, and secured by stitches 4 along this hem to the elastic belt 5 which is preferably faced on the surface toward the wearer by the material 6, which is turned over the top and bottom edges of the belt and secured along said edges by the rows of stitches 7 and 8.

The material of the facing and the material of the skirt are cut on a bias in relation to the warp and weft of the woven fabric thereby permitting the material to stretch girthwise.

The skirt is provided at the side with the placket opening 9 the edges 10 and 11 of which are reinforced by the material 12 to which may be secured the fasteners or other means 13 of securing the edges in their closed position as shown in Figure 1 and permitting easy opening for removing the skirt.

The ends 14 and 15 of the belt 5 are covered by and secured to the reinforcing material 12 and by the stitching 16 and 17.

It may be thus seen that the skirt and also the belt secured to and forming a part of it are released and opened by undoing the fastening means for removal and that when fastened the skirt and belt stretch to accommodate a variation in size of several inches without alterations in fitting and without wrinkles or gathering.

The broken lines of Figure 1 show the extension in size made possible by our invention.

We do not wish to be limited to the details of construction above described as we may wish to make modifications and alterations thereto within the scope of the appended claims which set forth our invention.

We claim:

1. In a garment, a skirt having the material assembled on a bias relative to the girth of said skirt and an elastic belt secured to said skirt, said

skirt having an opening and means securing said elastic belt to the edges of said opening, and means fastening the edges of said opening together, said fastening means also fastening the ends of said belt, and a facing over said elastic belt of material cut on the bias, whereby the material of said facing and the material for said skirt are stretchable girthwise to prevent sagging and to fit the form of the wearer.

10 2. In a garment, a skirt of woven material hav-

ing the material assembled on a bias relative to the girth of said skirt and an elastic belt secured to said skirt, and a facing of woven material for said belt secured thereto on a bias in relation to the girth of said belt whereby said belt, said skirt and said facing may be stretched girthwise to fit the form of the wearer.

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