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Fig. 2.

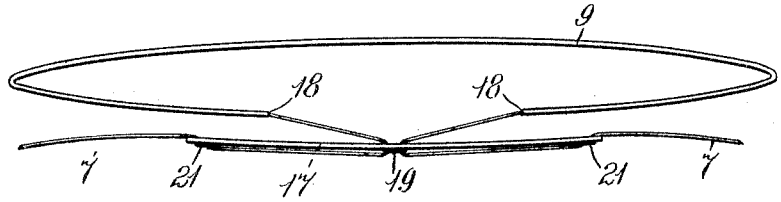


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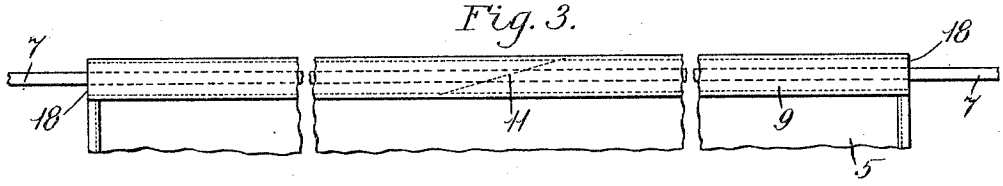
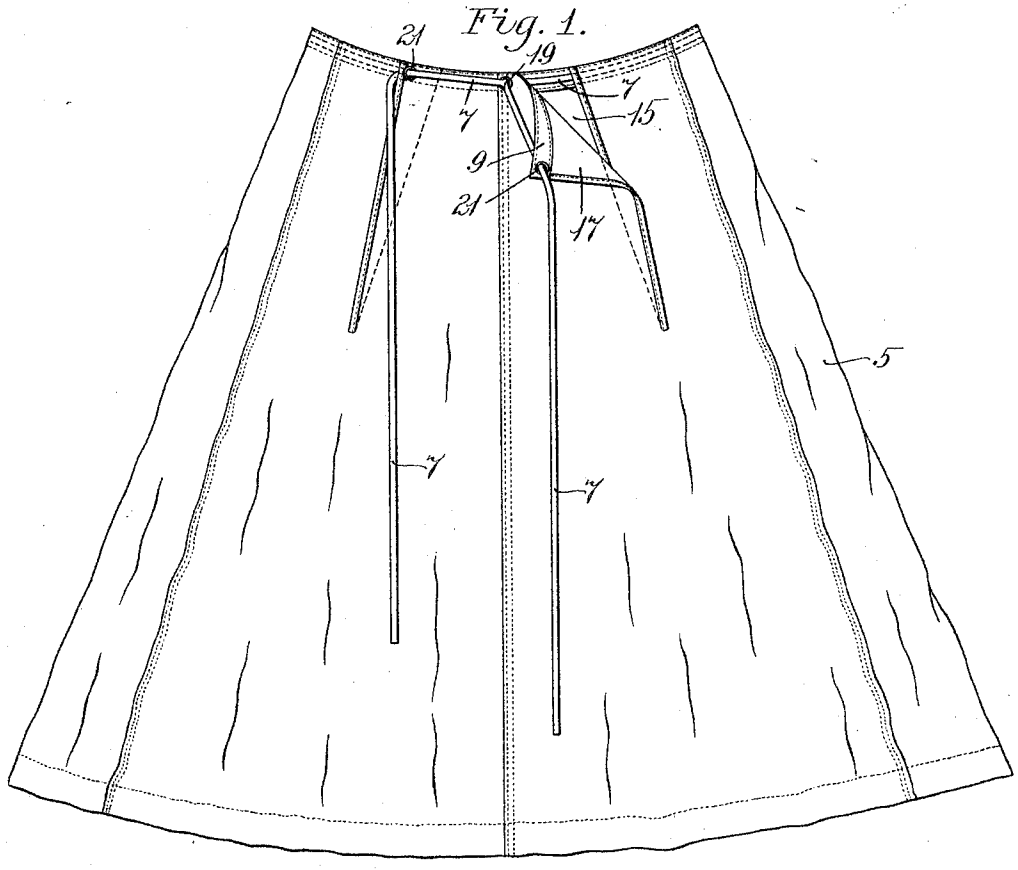


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES P. LYNCH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Canton, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Adjustable Garments, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention relates to petticoats and other garments, and among other things aims to provide a garment having a waist which may be readily and effectively adjusted to fit the wearer.

The character of this invention may be best understood by reference to the following description of an illustrative embodiment thereof shown in the accompanying drawing wherein:

Figure 1 is a rear view of a petticoat embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is an enlarged plan view of the waist of the petticoat; and Fig. 3 an enlarged view of the waist of the petticoat spread out.

Referring to the drawing, the illustrative petticoat embodying this invention consists of a skirt portion 5 of any suitable material. The petticoat may be supported by a draw cord or braid 7 which may be received by its waist in any suitable manner. Herein a band 9 is stitched at its edges to the inner side of the waist of the petticoat, the cord 7 being inserted in the pocket formed between the edge stitchings of said band. Inadvertent removal of said cord from said pocket may be prevented by transversely stitching or otherwise securing said cord to said band as at 11. To form a placket 15 the waist portion of the skirt may be slitted in two places, the material between the slits constituting a flap 17 for covering said placket, as more fully hereinafter described. The edges formed by said slits may be hemmed or otherwise protected as desired.

The cord 7 not only supports the petticoat but also coöperates with the flap 17 for adjusting the waist-band to fit the wearer in a manner which I will now describe. The placket forming slits extend through the waist-band and leave end openings 18 therein, out of which the ends of the draw cord project. It will be apparent that by drawing the ends of this cord toward each other the sides of the placket are drawn toward each other and the placket opening is narrowed and the size of the petticoat waist reduced. To effect this adjustment the cord ends are brought horizontally toward each other to form a loop and passed outwardly through a single central eyelet 19 in the upper edge of said flap 17. They are then separated and extended horizontally in opposite directions along the outer face of said flap, thence inwardly through similar eyelets 21 at the upper corners of said flap and thence forwardly about the waist of the wearer and tied or otherwise secured. At the same time the pull on the cord ends draws the flap up into place to cover the placket and said ends in passing horizontally along the flap from the central to the outer eyelets will tend to spread and smoothen the flap laterally thereby automatically positioning and effectually maintaining said flap in place to cover the placket irrespective of the amount of the opening of the latter. By securing the cord to the waist-band as at 11, the pull on the cord ends tends to draw the waist-band evenly toward the center of the flap and contributes to the symmetrical adjustment of the petticoat.

It will be observed that by spacing the placket forming slits a considerable distance apart as described a very wide placket opening may be had and by passing the draw cord ends through the single central flap opening, the sides of the placket may be made to approach to lessen the opening to any desired extent or may be brought together to close said opening. Moreover by continuing the pull on the cord ends the petticoat waist-band may be made to slide and pucker on said cord thereby furnishing an increased adjustment. It will thus be apparent that not only is the illustrative petticoat embodying my invention capable of a wide range of adjustment, but it also is capable of any desired nicety of intermediate adjustment.

If desired the tying cord may be of elastic material, so that the waist-band will automatically adjust itself to conform to the wearer.

By my invention is provided a petticoat which is simple in construction, economical to make, neat in appearance and one which

may be readily and effectively adjusted to various sizes as desired.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art that this invention is applicable to various types of garments other than petticoats and is not limited to the particular embodiment shown herein. Various modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

Claims:

1. In a garment of the class described the combination of a placket; a covering flap therefor having outer eyes and an intermediate eye at the upper edge thereof, and flexible means carried by the body of the garment having ends projecting from the sides of said placket through said intermediate eye, thence separating and passing through said outer eyes for varying the size of the garment waist and positioning said flap over said placket.

2. In a garment of the class described the combination of a placket, a covering flap therefor having outer eyes and an intermediate eye adjacent the upper edge thereof and flexible means carried by the body of the garment and having ends projecting from the sides of said placket through said intermediate eye and through said outer eyes for varying the size of the garment waist and positioning said flap over said placket.

3. A skirt comprising a body portion, a placket opening therein, a covering flap therefor, and adjusting strings carried by the body of the skirt and passing through an opening intermediate the edges of said flap and through openings adjacent said edges for positioning said flap over said placket opening.

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

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