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FIG. 1.

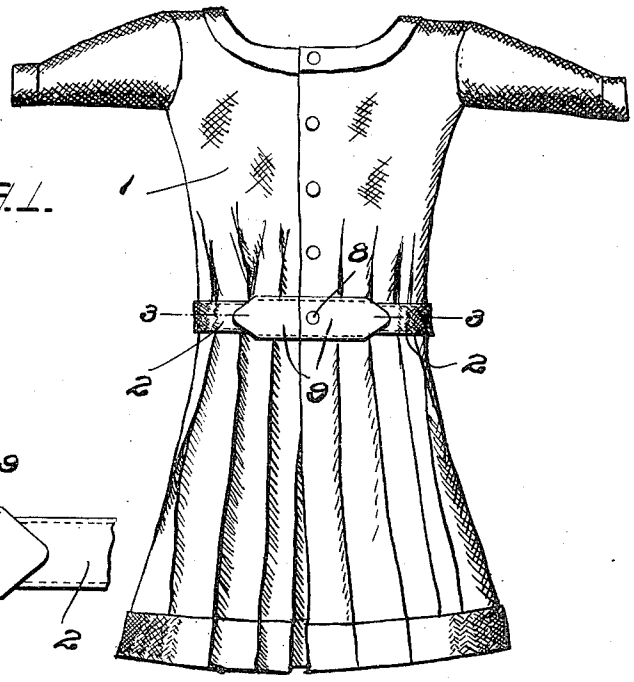


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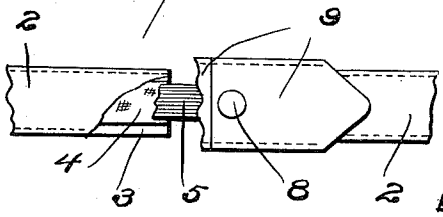


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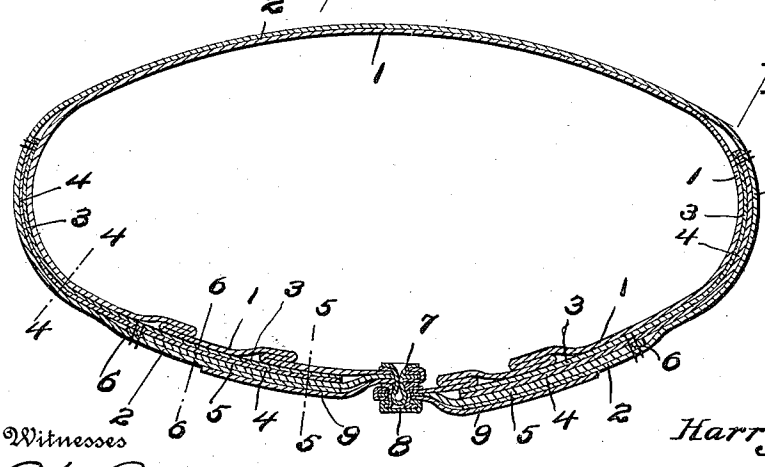


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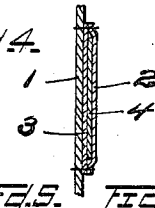


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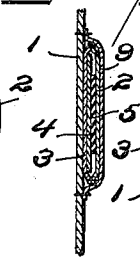


FIG. 6.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY STEIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in garments, and more particularly to an improved belt construction designed primarily for dresses, particularly the dresses of children, the object of the invention being to provide an elastic belt construction which always remains smooth, yet holds the garment snugly about the waist.

A further object is to provide a garment with a belt of inelastic material inclosing a strip of elastic secured within the belt and to a fixed portion of the garment inside of a pocket open at one end to receive the belt, so that the belt is free to move longitudinally in the pocket as the elastic is stretched or contracted.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts as will be more fully hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a view in rear elevation illustrating a dress having my improved belt structure thereon. Fig. 2 is a broken view in elevation on an enlarged scale illustrating the belt construction at the back of the garment. Fig. 3 is a view in section on an enlarged scale on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a view in section through the belt portion of the garment on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 but on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3, and Fig. 6 is a view similar to Figs. 4 and 5 but on the line 6—6 of Fig. 3.

1 represents the dress proper which is plaited at least throughout the rear portion thereof. Around the waist portion of the dress, my improved belt is located and consists of an outer strip 2 which is secured around the front portion of the dress, but is detached therefrom at the back. To this strip 2 at the back of the dress, an inner strip 3 is secured by lines of stitching along the outer edge thereof forming tubular belt sections. In these tubular end portions of the belts, strips 4 of buckram or other suitable stiffening material are secured, and strips of elastic 5 are secured at their inner ends to the buckram as shown at 6, and at their other ends are secured to the dress at the edges of the latter. A simple form of attaching this end of the elastic to the dress is by projecting snap button members 7 and 8 through the same. While, of course, other means may be provided for the purpose, the snap button members form a secure fastening means and also act as a means for fastening the dress.

The elastic strips 5 extend beyond the ends of the belt, and they, as well as the ends of the belt, are inclosed in pockets 9. These pockets 9 comprise strips of material which are secured at one end, and at their edges to the dress, but at their outer ends are open so that the ends of the belt are free to move longitudinally in the pockets. The dress is therefore permitted to expand at the waist line, so as to fit various sizes of waist, and the longitudinal movement of the belt is not detected because the free ends of the belts move in the pockets 9 and only the elastic strips 5 are stretched. The plaiting of the dress allows this movement without any appreciable effect on the garment as the plaits open and close to conform to the movement of the belt.

The stiffening strips 4 of buckram or other material keep the ends of the belt in shape, so that it slides freely longitudinally in the pockets without wrinkling, and the strips which form the pockets as well as the belt sections may be ornamented in a manner to give to the garment an extremely attractive appearance.

Various slight changes might be made in the general form and arrangement of parts described without departing from my invention, and hence I do not limit myself to the precise details set forth, but consider myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A device of the character described, comprising a garment, a belt fixed to the garment and free at one end, a pocket into which the free end of the belt projects, and a strip of elastic permanently secured at one

end in the pocket and at its other end secured permanently to the belt, substantially as described.

2. A device of the character described, comprising a garment, pockets secured to the garment at the waist line and open at one end, belt sections secured to the garment and at their free ends projected into the pockets, and elastic strips secured permanently in the pockets and secured permanently to the belt ends, substantially as described.

3. A device of the character described, comprising a plaited garment open at the back, pockets secured to the back of the garment at the opening therein, said pockets open at their outer ends, belt sections secured to the garment and projected at their free ends into the pockets, and strips of elastic secured permanently within the pockets and secured permanently to the belt sections, substantially as described.

4. A device of the character described, comprising a plaited garment open at the back, pockets secured to the back of the garment at the opening therein, said pockets open at their outer ends, belt sections secured to the garment and projected at their free ends into the pockets, said belts at their free ends of tubular form, strips of stiffening material in the belts, and elastic tapes permanently secured at one end in the pockets and at their other ends projected into the belts and secured to the stiffening material, substantially as described.

5. A device of the character described, comprising a plaited garment, pockets secured to the garment and having their open ends projecting in opposite directions, tubular belt sections secured at one end to the garment and at their free ends projecting into the open ends of the pockets and movable therein, and elastic tapes permanently fixed to the inside of the pockets projecting into the tubular belts and permanently attached to the tubular belts, whereby the elastic tapes maintain the ends of the belts within the pockets and allow longitudinal movement of the belts without withdrawal from the pockets, substantially as described.

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

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