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SKIRT BELT.

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Fig. 1.

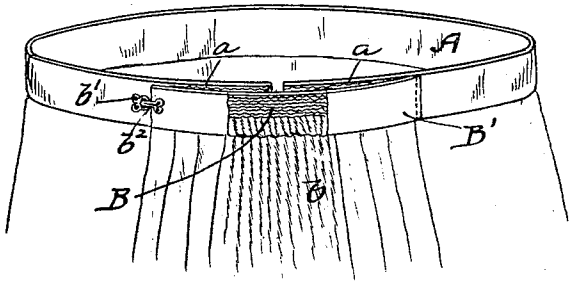
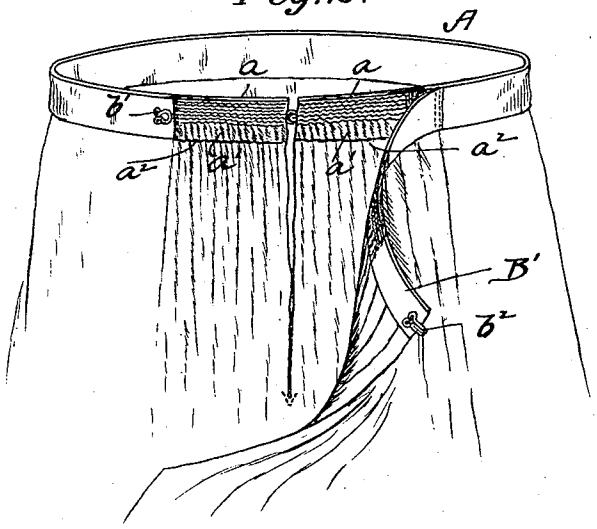


Fig. 2.



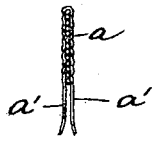


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST A. ALPERS, a citizen of the United States, residing in Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Belts, of which the following is a specification.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the belt with the elastic strip for the drapery secured across the opening. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the belt and a portion of a skirt, the elastic strip being turned back; and Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the elastic section or strip.

In most skirts it is customary to add a piece of ruffled or shirred drapery to give the fullness generally desired, and this fullness is usually at the back, and when an elastic skirt-band is employed it is of course necessary that the edge of the skirt shall be shirred or ruffled where it is secured to the elastic section of the belt. Since the fullness resulting therefrom should be at the same part of the skirt as the location of the drapery, the strip to which the drapery is secured should also yield.

A represents the belt-band consisting of a straight strip of any suitable fabric, and to each end of this strip is secured an elastic section *a*, these two sections being provided with suitable means, as hooks and eyes, for fastening the belt around the waist. The lower edge of the elastic strip is provided with a double ruffle *a'*, between which the upper shirred edge of the skirt a^2 each side of the opening is stitched.

To one end of the band A is secured one end of a drapery strip B', having an elastic section B similar to the sections *a*, and to the strip B' and section B is secured the shirred upper edge of the drapery *b*, usually worn at the back of the skirt. The free end of this strip is provided with means for fastening it to the other end of band A, so that the strip B and the drapery will overlie and cover the opening in the belt and skirt. The means for fastening is indicated by the hook and eye at $b'b^2$. As is obvious, one of the elastic sections *a* may be omitted.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

As an article of manufacture, a skirt-belt consisting of a band having an elastic section at its point of opening and a second elastic strip permanently secured at one end to one end of the inelastic portion of the band, and means for securing the free end of said strip across the opening of the band, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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