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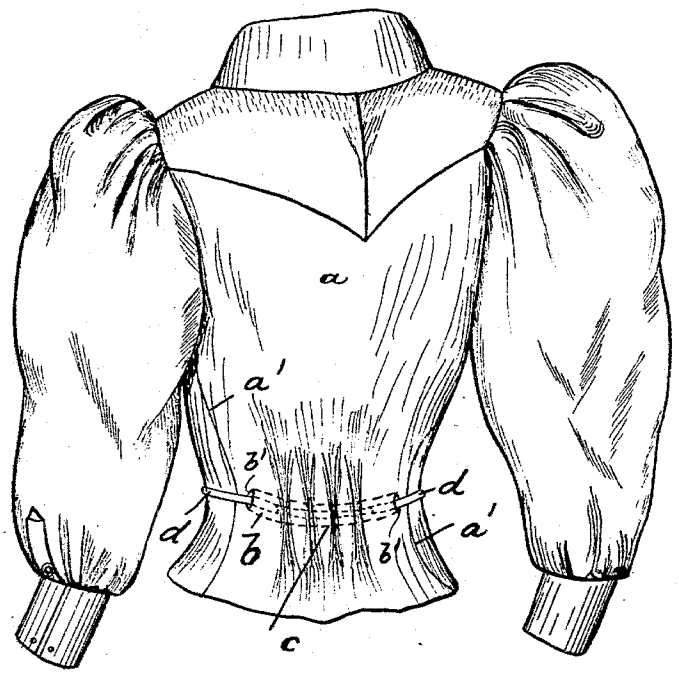
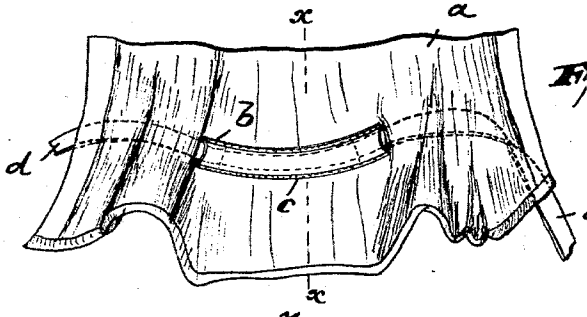


Fig. 1.



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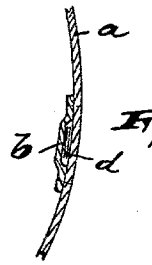

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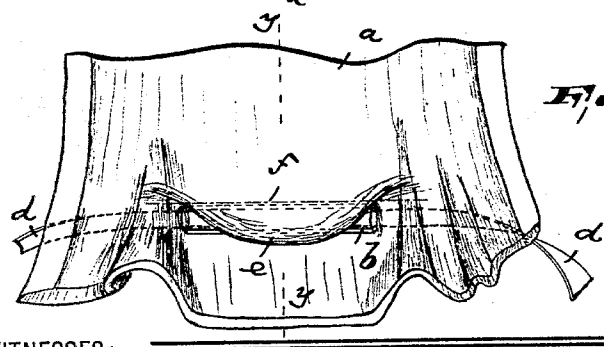

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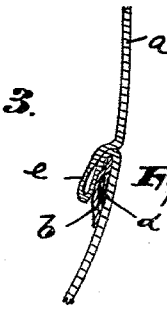

Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ZACHARIAH DEMAREST, 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 Waists; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a lady's waist which by a simple manipulation can be adjusted at will to fit a long or short waisted person.

The invention consists in the improved lady's waist, in the means of changing its length, and in the combination and arrangement of the various parts thereof, substantially as will be hereinafter more fully described, and finally embodied in the claim.

With reference to the drawings, Figure 1 is a rear view of a lady's waist provided with my improvement; Fig. 2, an inside view of the rear portion of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a view similar to Fig. 2, the waist being shortened; and Figs. 4 and 5 are sectional views on the lines *x x* and *y y* of Figs. 2 and 3, respectively.

In said drawings, *a* represents a lady's waist provided on its inside with a shirr-facing *b*, stitched to the waist and arranged in such a position that when the garment is worn it will be covered by the waistband of the wearer's skirt. The shirr-facing extends only on the rear portion of the waist—that is to say, to about the armpit-seams *a'*—and has a curve or drop in the center, as shown at *c* in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings. The shirr strings or tapes *d* are secured on the inside of the waist and between it and the shirr-facing and at or near the opposite ends thereof and pass through openings *b' b'*, arranged in the waist and at the ends of the said shirr-facing.

The arrangement of parts as above described constitutes a garment provided with my improvements adapted for a long-waisted lady. If the same garment is desired for a short-waisted person, a plait or tuck *e* is formed in the back of the waist and in front of the shirr-facing, extending from end to end of the latter, and is stitched to the same, as at *f*, by any chain-stitching machine. Said plait or tuck *e* is formed by simply taking hold of the waist at or near the ends of the shirr-facing and pulling laterally on the same until the shirr-facing becomes substantially straight. The "slack" thus obtained is doubled over the shirr-facing and stitched thereto, as above described and as clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 5 of the drawings. It will be manifest that by simply pulling out the chain-stitched thread the garment is again adapted for a long-waisted person.

I am aware that it is not new to provide garments, such as shirts, with tucks or plaits for an analogous purpose, and lay no claim, broadly, thereto.

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

As an article of manufacture a waist provided on its inner face at the back thereof with a downwardly-curved shirr-facing, each end of said shirr-facing having an opening; and a draw-string lying between the body of the waist and the shirr-facing and extending through the openings, the shirr-facing when straightened forming a plait in the body of the waist thereby shortening the back of the waist.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of September, 1895.

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