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Fig. 1

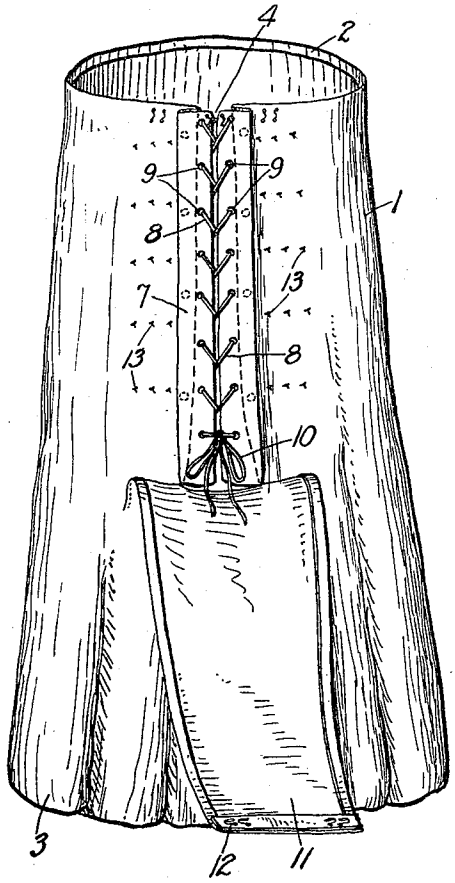


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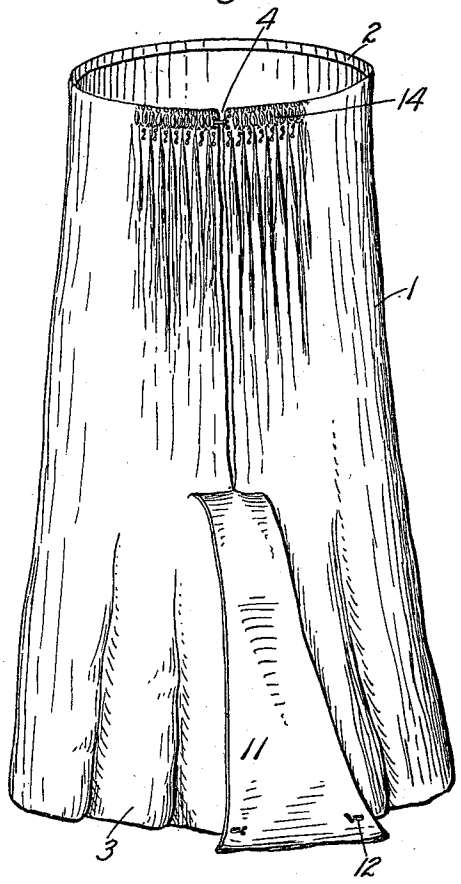
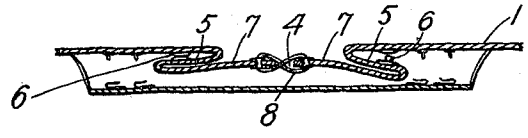


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT MALSIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

My present invention relates to a skirt or garment adapted to be worn by persons of varying degrees of stoutness or slimness, the same being adjustable in size.

The object is to provide a garment of a simple, economical and substantial construction which will present the same neat and tasty appearance when enlarged or made smaller, and to provide means for changing the size of the same without encumbering the garment with numerous extra parts and appliances, making for weight and inconvenience; and the invention, therefore, consists essentially in the construction, arrangement and combination of parts, substantially as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating my invention; Figure 1 is a rear view of my improved adjustable skirt. Fig. 2 is a horizontal cross section of the skirt shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a rear view with a modified means for effecting an adjustment.

Similar characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the different figures of the drawing.

1 designates a skirt having a waist band 2 and the bottom end 3. At the rear is the longitudinal opening 4 extending a suitable distance vertically between the waist band 2 and the bottom end 3, say, for instance, about half the length. The edges of the opening 4 are folded to form the vertical plaits 5, which are adapted to be fastened down upon the skirt 1 by means of the catch devices 6, which may be like an ordinary glove fastener or may have any other desirable construction. Further, the loose edges 7 of the plaits 5 are laced together by means of a lacing 8 passing through the perforations 9, the ends of the lacing being tied together at some suitable point with knots, as at 10.

The body of the skirt 1 is provided at a point below the opening 4 with a flap of sufficient dimensions to readily cover the opening 4, as well as the side plaits 7 and effectually conceal the opening, the plaits, the lacing, etc. from sight. This flap or covering 11 is of a neat and attractive form, usually of the same material as the skirt 1, and is readily manipulated to cover or uncover the plaits and other parts. When lifted in the position to cover them it will be found that ordinary hooks and eyes 12 can be used for attaching the end of the flap 11 to the waist band 2. Also as an additional means of securing the flap in place it can be tacked with a few stitches 13 that are readily removable.

It will thus be seen that the waist portion of the skirt, that is to say the upper half of the latter, can be expanded or contracted by the means which I have already specified, which is done in the following manner:— When the skirt is of the smallest form the clasps 6 will be engaged and also the lacings 8 will be pulled up closely so that the plaits will be securely held closely together, and also closely to the garment, thus making the opening 4 as small as possible with this arrangement. By releasing the fasteners 6 it will be evident that the plaits will be let out so that the material thereon will flatten out and enlarge the size of the skirt. Then the lacings 8 can also be let out as much as they will permit and the size of the skirt still further enlarged. The reverse operation may be pursued if desired by first opening up the lacings and then disengaging the fastenings. The release of the plaits 7 and the consequent enlargement of the skirt at the waist portion will, of course, be covered by the flap 11, and thus the rear of the skirt will present the same appearance at all times, no matter whether the waist band is of small size or of a larger size, inasmuch as the means for increasing or decreasing the size of the skirt is all concealed underneath the removable flap 11, which covers the upper half of the rear part of the skirt.

It will be found that in many skirts a simpler form can be secured than the box-plaits 7 and the catch devices 6 and the laces 8. One form of modification is illustrated in Fig. 3, where I utilize rubber bands 14 in the waist band, which are employed to pucker up the material of the skirt on both sides of the opening 4. These rubber bands permit an automatic increase or reduction of the size of the waist band, dependent on the size of the wearer. The rear of the skirt is covered as in the case of the construction shown in Fig. 1, by means of the flap 11,

having hooks and eyes, or similar fastenings for holding it up in its place.

Various changes in the construction, arrangement and combination of the parts may be made without exceeding the scope of my invention, and I, therefore, reserve the liberty of making as many changes as are found in practice to be necessary.

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

1. In a skirt, the combination with the body of the same, having a vertical opening, of plaits at the sides of said opening and a flap attached to the lower part of the skirt and capable of folding upwardly to cover said plaits.

2. In a skirt, the combination with the body of the same, having a vertical opening, of plaits at the sides of said opening and a flap attached to the lower part of the skirt and capable of folding upwardly and having fastening means for fastening it in its lifted position.

3. In a skirt, the combination with the body of the same, having a vertical opening, of plaits at the sides of said opening, fastening means for connecting the adjoining edges of said plaits together and a flap attached to the lower part of the skirt and capable of folding upwardly to cover said plaits.

4. In a skirt, the combination with the body of the same, having a vertical opening, of plaits at the sides of said opening, and adapted to be connected to the body of the skirt, and a flap attached to the lower part of the skirt and capable of folding upwardly and adapted to cover said plaits.

5. In a skirt, the combination with the body of the same, having a rear vertical opening, of plaits at the edges of said opening, said plaits having fastening means for connecting them to the body of the skirt and a flap attached to the lower part of the rear of the body of the skirt, capable of folding upwardly to cover said plaits.

6. In a skirt, the combination with a body having a rear opening, of plaits on the edges of the opening, said plaits having fastening means for connecting them to the body of the skirt, and fastening means for connecting together the adjoining edges of the plaits, and a flap attached to the lower part of the rear of the body of the skirt capable of folding upwardly to cover the plaits.

7. In a skirt, the combination of the body, having an opening in the rear portion, the edges of the opening being folded to form plaits, fastening devices underneath the plaits for securing them to the body of the skirt, lacing devices at the adjoining edges of the plaits for connecting them together, and means for covering the plaits so as to conceal them from view.

8. In a skirt adapted to be increased or diminished in size, the combination of the skirt body having a rear opening the edges of which are folded to form plaits, catch devices underneath the plaits for holding the same to the body of the skirt and for permitting unfolding of the plaits when desired, a lacing means passing through openings in the edges of the plaits for securing said edges together more or less loosely, and a flap secured centrally to the skirt about midway of its height and adapted to cover the plaits, said flap having fastening means for securing the end thereof to the waist band of the skirt.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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