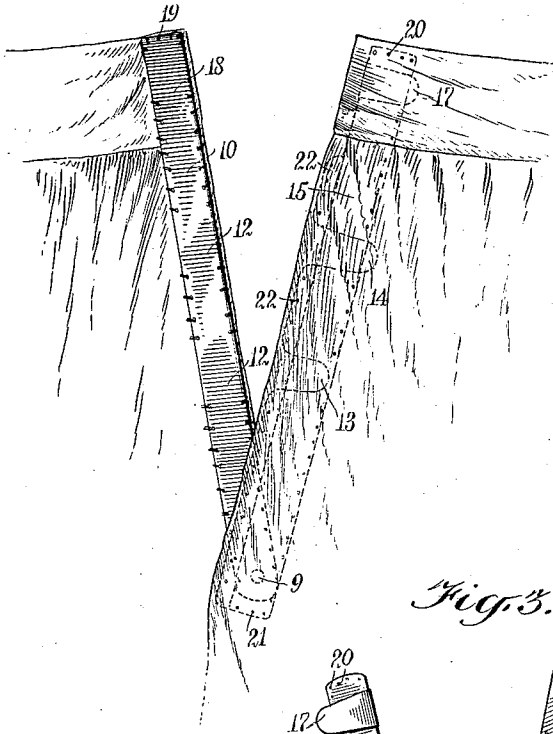


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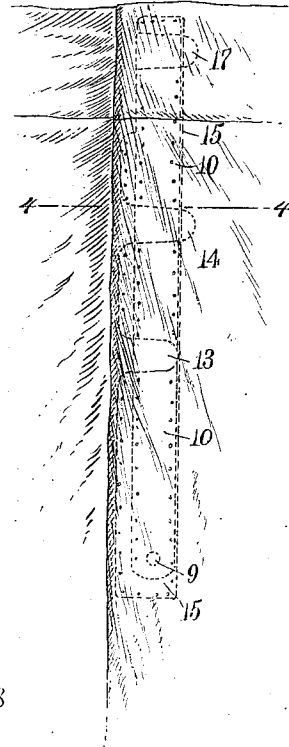
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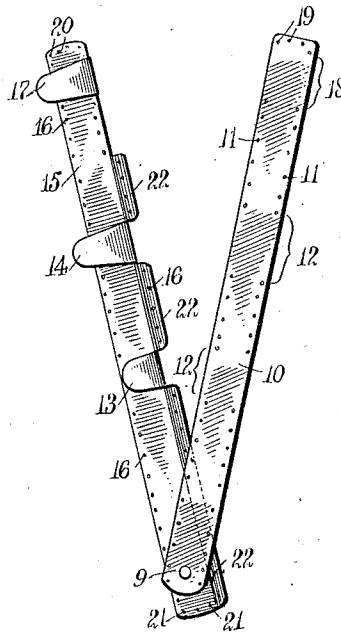
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*Fig. 2.*



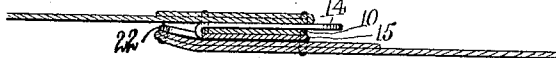
*Fig. 3.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN E. FITZGERALD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Skirt-Placket Fastener, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Among the principal objects which the present invention has in view are: to provide a simple and efficient means for securing the edges of the placket of a woman's skirt, the operation of which is rapid and the securement of which is certain; to provide a construction for a fastener of the character set forth which, when secured in position in the skirt causes the edges of the placket opening to close upon each other as well as to avoid the gap; and to provide a device of the character mentioned which is economical in construction and efficient in operation.

One embodiment of the present invention is disclosed in the structure illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which like characters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a fastener constructed and arranged in accordance with the present invention, showing its application to a skirt the placket whereof is spread; Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the placket closed, the fastener being shown in dotted lines; Fig. 3 is a side view of the fastener shown in spread position and separated from the skirt; and Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken on the line 4—4 in Fig. 2.

The material from which the fastener is constructed is preferably very thin spring brass. Other materials may be substituted if it is found desirable.

The fastener consists of two members pivotally connected by means of a pivot 9. The pivot 9 is headed to draw the pivoted members as close as is found practicable while recognizing the needs to which it is put. Of the two members mentioned the flat member 10 is provided with a series of edge formed perforations 11, 11. The perforations 11, 11 are intended to receive the threads of suitable stitching or sewing whereby the flat member 10 is securely fastened to the under edge of the placket when overlaid thereon. Intermediate the sewed sections are formed plain sections or intervals 12, 12. Between the metal of the sections 12, 12 and the fab-

ric of the skirt are formed pockets or receptacles which I term eyelets or eyelet holes for a short hook 13 and a longer hook 14, said hooks entering into binding engagement with said eyelets. The hooks 13 and 14 are formed of different lengths, as shown best in Fig. 3 of the drawings, to accommodate the divergence of the flat member 10 and the hook carrying member 15. When the flat member 10 is rotated on the pivot 9 to pass into position to pass under the hooks 13 and 14 it will be found that the variation in lengths of the said hooks is such as to permit the member 10 to enter under both hooks at the same moment. Intermediate the hooks 13 and 14 the member 15 is provided with edge pierced perforations 16, 16, which, like the perforations 11, 11 are provided to receive the stitches for securing the member 15 to the under side of the outer fold of the placket.

As shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, the members 10 and 15 are elongated so as to extend from the lower end of the placket to the top of the belt of the skirt, and the member 15 is provided with another hook 17 which extends under the section 18 disposed between the upper of the sections pierced with the perforations 11, and the perforations 19, 19 provided at and across the extreme end of the member 10. Similar perforations 20, 20 are provided for securing to the belt in its proper position the member 15. The member 15 is provided at the lower end and below the opening of the placket with perforations 21, 21 whereby the said member 15 is secured to the skirt construction at the lower end. It is preferred not to secure the member 10 to the skirt structure at this point.

Intermediate the hooks 13 and 14, and intermediate the lower end of the member 15 and the hook 13, and extended above the hook 14, are slightly depressed edge extensions 22, 22. The extensions 22, 22 are provided with stitching perforations 16, 16 whereby the member is secured to the skirt structure.

In applying the placket fastener to skirts the members are sewed in the manner described, and as shown in the accompanying drawings, to the skirt structure, when it will be found that the pivot 9, while forming the hinge upon which the members swing, also draws the same together to make the two sections of the placket hug each other. The

downturned or inturned extensions 22, 22 have a further effect in that they upset the body portion of the member 15 to form an impression in the skirt in simulation of an overlaid seam, thereby operating to produce the necessary concealment of the hooks and the other appurtenances of the fastener.

The method of securing the placket when provided with members 10 and 15 constructed and arranged as described and as shown in the accompanying drawings, is obvious.

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

15 A skirt placket fastener comprising a flat resilient eyelet band having a perforated edge for sewing to a skirt, the line of perforations being interrupted at intervals to form insertion spaces or eyelet holes for securing hooks; an elongated resilient hook  
20 band also perforated for sewing to a skirt,

said hook band being provided with a plurality of flat hook-like projections, said projections being gradually increased in length beyond the edge of the hook band from the pivotal connection of said hook band with said eyelet band, in order that they may pass under the eyelet band simultaneously, said hook band being further provided with inturned edge sections adapted to protrude the skirt fabric in simulation of an overlaid seam to conceal the placket hooks and other appurtenances of the fastener; and means for pivotally connecting the said eyelet and hook bands at the lower ends thereof.

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

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