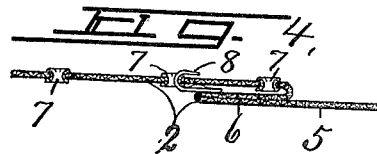
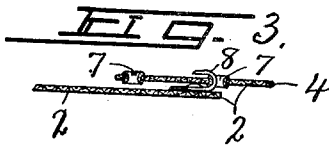
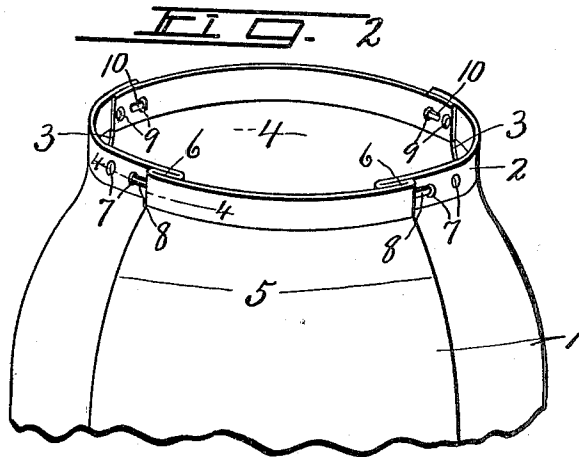
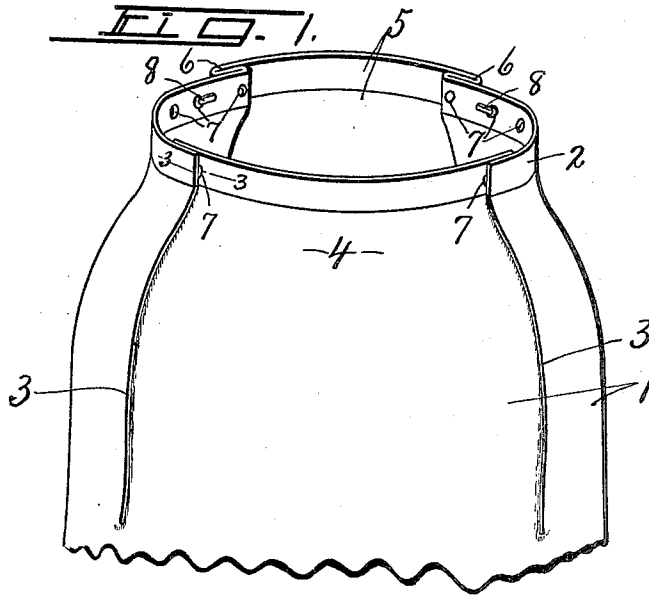


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FANNIE A. KAUFLE, of Weedsport, in the county of Cayuga, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Skirts, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain improvements in skirts and refers more particularly to under-skirts and to the means for adjusting the band and forming a raised panel at the back.

The main object is to provide simple means for adjusting the band to different waist measurements and at the same time to impart to the body or hip portions increased symmetry and grace of form in all positions of adjustment without liability of producing irregular folds or wrinkles.

Another object is to afford greater symmetrical fullness at the back by providing the same with a raised panel, which may be made any predetermined width, according to the needs or desires of the wearer, depending upon the position of the attaching hooks hereinafter described.

A still further object is to provide the front portion of the band and adjacent portions of the body of the skirt with symmetrically disposed vertical slits and suitable means of adjustment whereby the wearer may more conveniently adjust the skirt to the waist than would be possible with the slits at the sides or back. Another advantage in providing the vertical slits in the front of the band and adjacent portion of the body of the skirt is that it maintains the proper fullness or flare at the bottom of the front of the skirt in all positions of adjustment at the waist by reason of the fact that as the sides of the band are brought forward during such adjustment, it brings part of the skirt body forward whereas if this adjustment is made by slits at the rear, the front portion of the skirt is drawn rearwardly and thereby reduces the flare or fullness of the front portion of the skirt.

Other objects and uses will be brought out in the following description.

In the drawings—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the portion of a skirt as seen from the front. Fig. 2 is a similar perspective view of the same skirt as seen from the rear. Figs. 3 and 4 are sectional views through portions of the waist band taken

respectively on lines 3—3, Fig. 1, and 4—4, Fig. 2 showing the means for adjusting the girth of the waist band and also the means for varying the width of the raised panel at the rear.

This skirt comprises a body portion —1— and a waist band —2—, the front portions of the body and waist band being slit vertically at —3— at opposite sides of the center thereof for forming the front flap —4—. The rear portion of the body and band is provided with a raised panel —5— formed by folding portions thereof as —6— outwardly or rearwardly at opposite sides of the center of the back. The rear portions of the band —2— are provided with a series of eyelets —7— and hooks —8—, the eyelets being arranged in sets uniform distances apart at opposite sides of the center of the back of the skirt, while the hooks —8— of which there is one at each side of the center of the back are attached to the band equidistant from the center thereof adapted to engage with either of said eyelets preferably the ones which are equidistant from such center so that the raised panel —5— will be symmetrical and central of the back in all positions of adjustment. In like manner the sides of the band of the skirt are adjustable along the front portion of said band and for this purpose the ends of said front portion are provided with separate sets of eyelets —9— arranged equidistant from the center thereof and adapted to be engaged by hooks —10— on the portions of the band at opposite sides of the slits.

Aside from the advantages of adjustment to conform to different girths of waist, it will be observed that by slitting the band and adjacent portion of the skirt vertically in front of the sides and bringing the sides forward for adjustment about the front portion of the band, the fullness of the skirt is brought to the front to preserve the flare or form of this portion of the skirt, while the raised panel or box plait —5— at the back serves to give rotundity and symmetry of form to this portion of the skirt without liability of extra or irregular folds at the hip or front.

The points of securement of the hooks —8— to the back of the skirt determines the width of the panel, which always remains the same in all positions of adjustment of the hooks in varying the size of the waist.

During such adjustment of the band, the degree of lap of the panel on the body of the skirt will, of course, vary but these laps will always fold flat and give to the hips
5 and back the desired fullness.

What I claim is:

1. A skirt having a waist band and vertical slits in the front thereof at opposite sides of the center, the meeting ends of the
10 band at both of the slits being provided with adjustable interlocking connections whereby the body of the skirt is drawn to the front during such adjustment to preserve the proper fullness at the lower front
15 of the skirt, the back of the skirt having portions thereof at opposite sides of the center folded outwardly and laterally to form a raised panel centrally at the back, and means for varying the width of the folds, and holding them in their folded positions without
20 varying the width of the panel.

2. A skirt having a waist band, the front portion of the skirt including the waist band having vertical slits equi-distant from the center of said front, the edges of the waist
25 band at each slit being overlapped and provided respectively with a series of eyelets and a hook for interlocking engagement with the eyelets, the back of the skirt including the corresponding portion of the band
30 having folds equi-distant from and at opposite sides of the center of said back to form a single raised panel, the overlapped portions of each fold in the band being provided respectively with a series of eyelets
35 and a hook for engaging in said eyelets.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand on this 23 day of March 1912.

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