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Fig. 1.

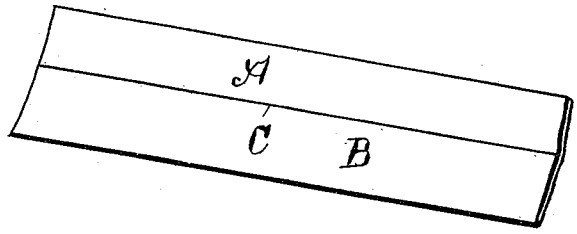


Fig. 2.

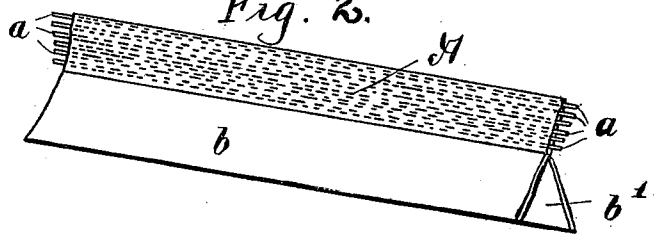
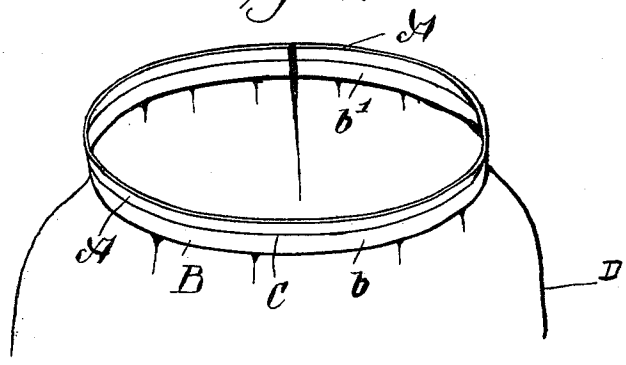


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSIE THOM, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, residing at Eppleton House, Hetton Downs, Hetton-le-Hole, R. S. O., county of Durham, England, have invented an Improved Waistband for Ladies' Dresses and other Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention for an improved waistband for ladies' dresses and other garments has for its object an improved construction of the waistband whereby, while still retaining the necessary stiffness, it is at the same time given a slightly-elastic nature. It can therefore be easily fastened and is more comfortable in wear; also, the band need not be of the exact size required, as it will give slightly.

According to this invention the waistband instead of being formed entirely of unstretchable material, as is at present the practice, is formed of two different materials joined together. The upper portion is of suitable elastic material, while the lower portion, which may be either single or double, is of ordinary material. It will therefore be seen that a certain amount of elasticity is imparted to the upper portion, while the lower acts to restrain this and prevent stretching to such an extent as would interfere with the secure fitting of the skirt upon the person. The elastic material may be either woven elastic or may be of other suitable material having elastic threads or strips inserted.

In order that this invention may be more clearly described, reference is had to the accompanying sheet of illustrative drawings, on which—

Figure 1 shows a portion of a waistband constructed according to this invention, the elastic portion being of woven elastic material. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a double waistband, the elastic portion being formed by inserting elastic threads in the material. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the upper portion of a skirt fitted with a waistband according to this invention.

In the arrangement shown in Fig. 1 the waistband is in two portions. The upper portion A is of woven elastic material, while the lower portion B is of ordinary material, the two being connected along the line C by means of sewing or other suitable means of attachment.

In the arrangement shown in Fig. 2 the elastic portion A is not woven of elastic material, but a number of threads *a* are inserted in it at a convenient stage of manufacture, so as to impart to it an elastic nature. The portion B is in this case formed double, between the two portions *b b'* of which the skirt material is fitted and secured in a manner well known in dressmaking.

In Fig. 3 it will be seen that the skirt D is fitted between the two portions *b b'*, while the upper portion A is either woven elastic material, as in Fig. 1, or with elastic threads inserted, as in Fig. 2.

It will of course be understood that whether the band is formed of double or single material the elastic upper portion A may be either of woven elastic material or the elasticity may be imparted to it by any other suitable means.

Although described for a skirt, this invention may be applied to other garments in which waistbands are used. It will also allow of the same length bands being used for slight differences in waist measurements.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A waistband consisting of an upper elastic portion, and a lower divided inelastic portion adapted to receive the dress-skirt or other garment substantially as set forth.

Signed at Sunderland, in the county of Durham, England, this 30th day of December, 1898.

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