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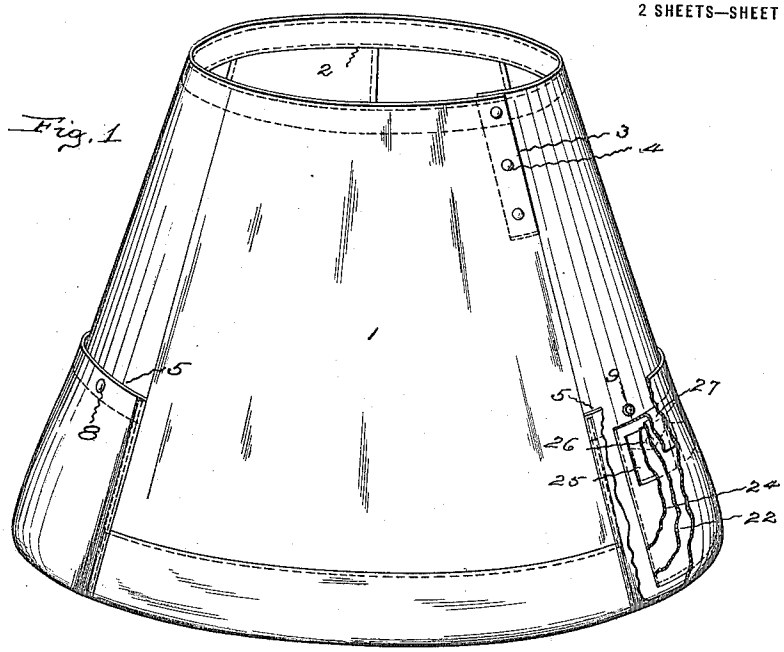
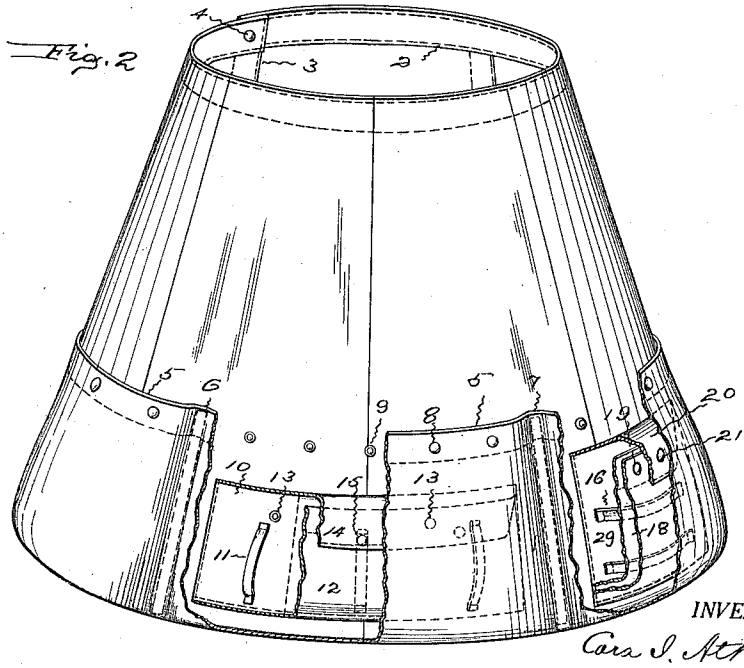


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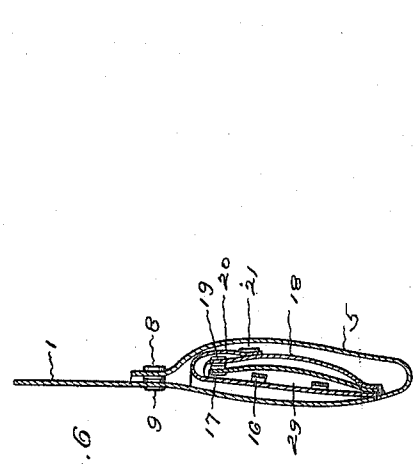


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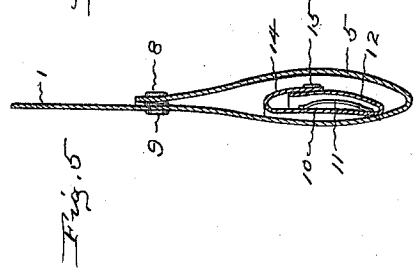


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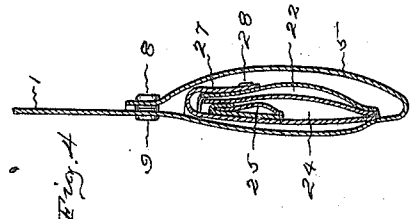


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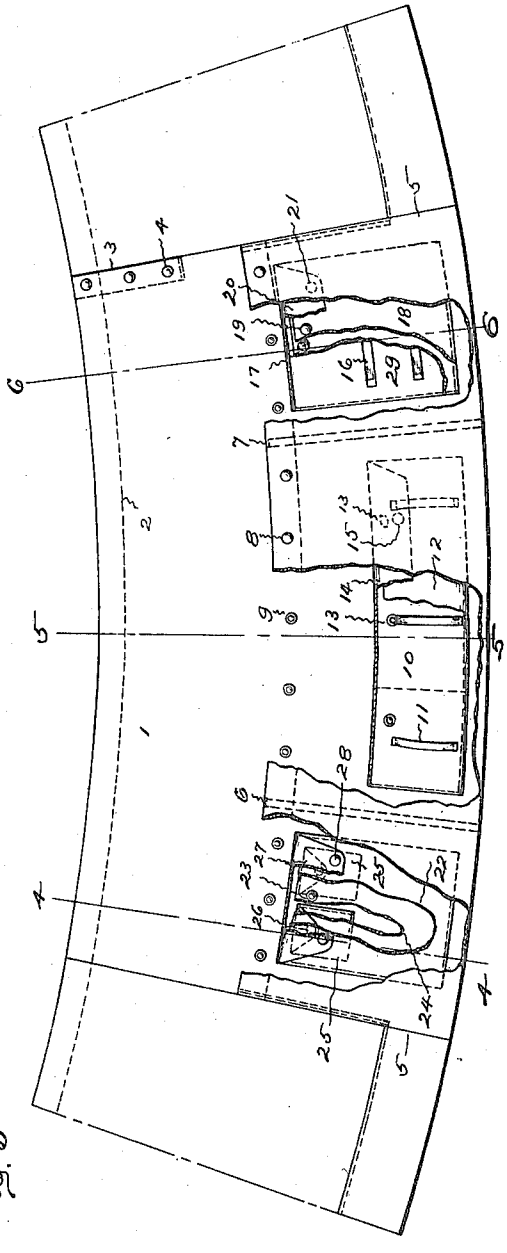


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CORA I. ATKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at West Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ladies' Traveling-Skirts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an underskirt or petticoat which is particularly designed for the use of ladies who are touring or traveling.

The object of the invention is to provide a skirt which is light in weight, inexpensive to make up, and neat in appearance, having concealed yet readily accessible receptacles for conveniently and safely carrying money in the form of bank drafts, travelers' checks, bills or specie, also for jewelry, tickets and the like valuables, which valuable receptacles are so arranged that they do not detract from the appearance of the wearer's gown, or afford a source of annoyance or discomfort to the wearer whether standing or sitting. In attaining this object a skirt is made of suitable fabric of the desired size to fit the wearer with the front left plain. Around the lower edge at the sides and back, preferably at a level which will come below the knees of the wearer, and beneath a concealing flap numerous individually fastened pockets are made one within another of the required shape for receiving the various tickets, checks, bills, gold, jewelry and the like, which a tourist or traveler is likely to carry.

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings shows a front view of a skirt which embodies the invention, with portions of one side of the concealing flap and the pockets cut away. Fig. 2 shows a back view of the same with portions cut away. Fig. 3 is a view showing the skirt cut down the front and laid flat with portions of the concealing flap and parts of the several pockets cut away so as to show their arrangement. Fig. 4 shows on larger scale a section on the plane indicated by the dotted line 4—4 on Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a similar section on the plane indicated by the line 5—5. Fig. 6 is a section on the plane indicated by the line 6—6.

The body 1 of the skirt may be made of silk, satin, or any other fabric which is desired. This body has a band 2 that is designed to be gathered about the waist of the wearer. In the style shown the skirt has an overlapped opening 3 down one side from the top which is held closed by common ball and socket fasteners 4. The lower edge of the skirt at the sides and back is turned up, or has a piece attached to form a protecting or concealing flap 5. The flap forms a long pocket around the lower edge of the skirt which is closed at the bottom and at the ends. At intervals, as at 6 and 7, this flap is stitched from top to bottom so as to divide the pocket into sections, and at the top the flap is provided with button sockets 8 designed to be engaged with spring ball fasteners 9 of a common type for the purpose of holding the upper edge of the flap to the body of the skirt. Desirably this concealing or protecting flap does not extend across the front breadth so that when the skirt is worn it will have a smooth front that will not detract from the appearance of or show through the outer skirt worn by the user. Moreover, by omitting the flap and pocket from the front of the skirt there will be nothing heavy or stiff for the limbs of the person to strike in the forward movement thereof.

Fastened to the body of the skirt at the back inside of the concealing flap is a pocket 10 of considerable length. In this pocket are elastic straps 11 under which long railroad tickets, drafts or the like may be placed without folding. The outer wall 12 of this ticket pocket is provided with fasteners 13 by which its upper edge may be held closed, and the flap 14 is also provided with fasteners 15 by which it may be secured down over the upper edge of the outer wall of the pocket. In this section which extends around the back, long railroad tickets may be placed beneath the bands and held by first securing the upper edge of the outer wall of the pocket and then fastening down the flap over the edge of this outer wall of the pocket, and finally by fastening the upper edge of the protecting flap. With tickets inclosed in this inner pocket there is also room for papers of less value in the outer pocket formed by the protecting flap. These parts are desirably arranged at the back low enough down to come beneath the knees of the wearer in such manner that they are perfectly safe and yet do not detract from the appearance of the overskirt, or afford annoyance or inconvenience when the wearer of the skirt sits down.

In the section beneath the flap on one

side—in the form illustrated on the right side—is a double pocket, the inner compartment 29 being provided with elastic straps 16 which can be conveniently used to hold a book of bankers' travelers' checks. The top of the front wall of this pocket is provided with fasteners 17 which are designed to secure the upper edge to the body. The upper edge of the outer compartment 18 of this pocket is also provided with fasteners 19 by means of which it may be secured, and the flap 20 is provided with fasteners 21 so that it may be held down over the fastened upper edges of the inner compartments. Travelers' checks may be placed in the inner compartment, bills or other forms of money in the outer compartment of the inner pocket and articles of less value may be placed in the receptacle formed outside of the pockets by the protecting flap. These pockets are at one side where they are inconspicuous and do not detract from the appearance of the overskirt. On the other side beneath the protecting flap is a main pocket 22 provided with a spring fastener 23 by means of which its upper edge may be held closed, and back of this is an inner pocket 24 containing small pockets 25 with flaps and fasteners 26 designed for carrying gold and jewelry. These parts, besides having their own fastenings, are protected by a flap 27, having fasteners 28, which is secured over the upper edges of the pockets and is concealed beneath the protecting flap. These pockets for coin and jewelry are on one side in such position that they will not be conspicuous when the skirt is worn.

With the pockets arranged in this manner the money and similar valuables of a lady who is touring or traveling may be carried in an inconspicuous yet in a very safe way, and at the same time not interfere with the free movement of the wearer or the appearance of the outer gown, and yet can be conveniently reached when it is desired. All the weight is supported from the hips.

The invention claimed is;

1. An underskirt having a body with a waist band at the top, an upturned protecting flap along the sides and back only of the bottom of the body, means for temporarily fastening the upper edge of the protecting flap, pockets secured to the body within the protecting flap, and means for temporarily fastening the pocket flaps.

2. An underskirt having a body with a protecting flap forming an upwardly opening pocket at the back and sides only of the bottom, means for temporarily fastening the upper edge of the protecting flap, a long pocket containing retaining straps within the middle section of said flap pocket, short pockets on both sides of the long pocket within the flap pocket, small pockets within said short pockets on one side, and means for temporarily fastening the open upper edges of said pockets within the flap pocket.

3. A lady's garment having a hanging skirt body with a waist band at the top of the skirt and an upturned protecting flap at the bottom of the skirt, means for detachably securing closed the upper edge of said protecting flap, pockets attached to the body within the protecting flap, means for temporarily fastening the upper edges of said pockets, and means secured within the pockets to the walls thereof for retaining in position articles placed in said pockets.

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