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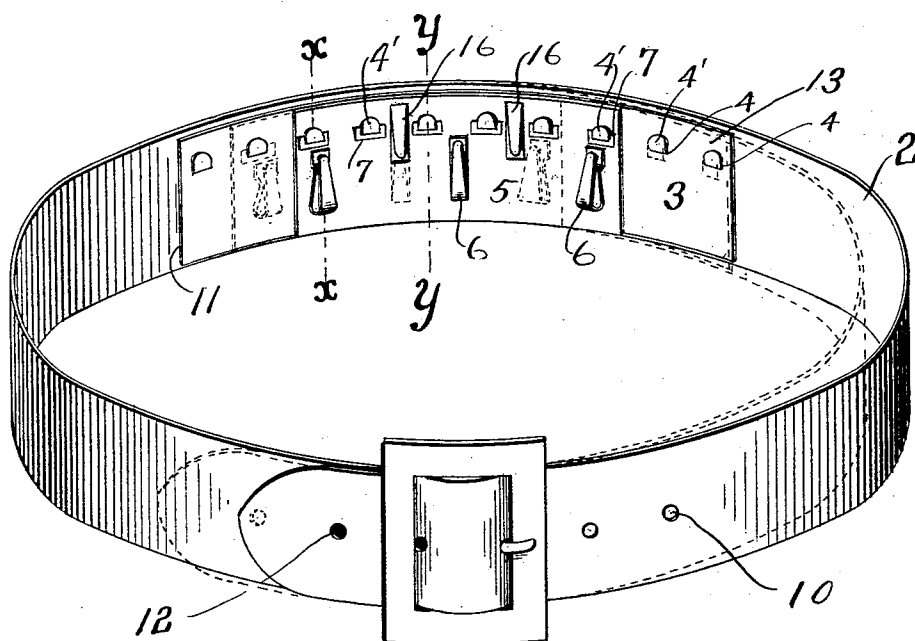


Fig. 1.

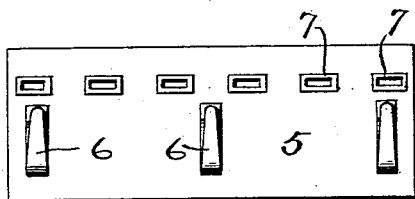


Fig. 2.

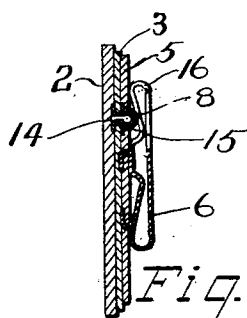


Fig. 3.

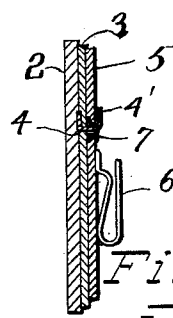


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRIET B. IREYS, of the city of Minneapolis, county of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Belts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to belts, particularly to those for use by ladies and to means employed in connection therewith for the support of the garments, especially the skirt.
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The object of my invention is to provide neat, invisible, and reliable means for neatly and firmly fastening the belt to the band of the skirt or other part of the garment to prevent the skirt from slipping from beneath the edge of the belt.
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A further object is to adapt the fastening device for securing or connecting the band of the skirt with that of the waist to prevent either one from showing below or above the belt, which is intended to conceal both, and whereby the back of the dress is made to present a neat appearance.
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The invention consists generally in the combination, with a belt, of hooks or like fastenings provided upon the inside thereof and adapted to attach to the skirt-band or other part of the garment; and, further and particularly, the invention consists in means whereby the hooks or fastenings upon the belt are made adjustable to permit the general application of the invention to belts as they are turned out by the factories, adapted to fit different persons by simply drawing up the buckle. It is obvious that the turning of the belt would necessitate the change of the skirt-supports in order to bring them opposite the buckle.
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The invention further consists in particular constructions and combinations, all as hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.
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The invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, and in which—
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Figure 1 is a plan view of a belt embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a view of the strip arranged to be adjustably secured upon the inside of the belt. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line *xx* of Fig. 1, showing a modification of the means for fastening the adjustable
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strip to the inside of the belt and the hook for retaining the upper garment in position. Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line *yy* of Fig. 1.

As shown in the drawings, 2 represents a belt of the ordinary size and construction. Opposite the buckle upon the inner surface of the belt I provide the strip 3, which may be of the same width as the belt and made, preferably, of leather, canvas, or other inelastic material, and securely fastened to the belt by being stitched or glued, the latter method being preferable. This strip extends for some little distance upon each side of the center of the rear portion of the belt and is provided with lacings or eyelets 4, through which project hooks 4', said hooks being inserted between the strip 3 and the belt and rigidly secured in place. A second strip 5 is provided, also made of leather or like material, and preferably of the same width as the strip 3, though not as long. Upon the face of the strip 5 I provide a series of upwardly-turned hooks 6 to engage eyelets provided in the band of the skirt, said hooks being secured to the strip 5 by being clenched through the leather, as shown in section in Fig. 3. The strip 5 is also provided with a series of metallic eyelets 7 to receive the hooks 4 when the strip is placed in position on the belt, thus providing a neat and secure fastening between the belt and the band of the skirt which prevents the latter from sagging below the edge of the belt.
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In Fig. 3 I have shown another form of fastening, using the clasps 8 instead of the hooks shown in Fig. 1. This clasp consists of the metal hood 14, securely fastened between the strip 3 and the belt 2, and eyelets 15, provided in the strip 5, through which the hood may be pressed.
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As shown in Figs. 1 and 3, I may provide a series of downwardly-turned hooks 16, secured to the belt in the same manner as the hooks 6 and adapted to engage eyelets or openings provided in the band of the waist or upper garment to retain the same in position under the belt. In case the hooks 16 are used I prefer to employ the fastening for the strip 5, (shown in Fig. 3,) as any upward pull on the hooks would tend to disengage the hooks 4' from the strip 5, though this form of fasten-
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ing may be used if the hooks 4' are securely clenched after passing through the eyelets 4.

The strip 3 is from six to eight inches in length, so that the belt may be adjusted to any ordinary size and the strip 5 on the band of the skirt still be in position to be engaged by the hooks 4' on the strip 3. For instance, if the belt was adjusted so that the buckle would cover the perforation 10 in Fig. 1 the strip 5 would be in position to be engaged by the hooks near the end 11 of the strip 3, and if the buckle is adjusted so as to cover the perforation 12 the piece 5 would engage the hooks at 13 in Fig. 1.

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

1. The combination, of the belt, with a series of fastenings provided inside the same, a part or strip adjustable thereon, and garment-fastenings provided on said part or strip, substantially as described.

2. The combination, of the belt, provided with a series of fastenings on the inside, with a part or strip adapted to be adjustably secured upon said fastenings, and itself provided with upward and downward turned hooks adapted for use as fastenings for the skirt and waist, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with the belt provided upon its inner surface with a series of hooks, of a plate having a series of openings or eyelets, there being a less number of eyelets than

there are hooks, whereby said plate is rendered longitudinally adjustable on said belt, and said plate being also provided with a series of upwardly-turned hooks, for the purpose set forth.

4. In a device of the class described, the combination with the belt, of the plate 3 secured thereto, and provided with a series of openings, the hooks arranged between said belt and said plate, and having one end extending through said openings, a second plate having a series of openings or eyelets to receive said hooks, and said second plate being also provided with a series of upwardly-turned hooks, for the purpose set forth.

5. In a device of the class described, the combination with the belt, of the plate 3 secured thereto, and provided with a series of openings, the hooks arranged between said belt and said plate, and having one end extending through said openings, a second plate having a series of openings or eyelets to receive said hooks, and said second plate being also provided with a series of upwardly and downwardly turned hooks, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of June, A. D. 1896.

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