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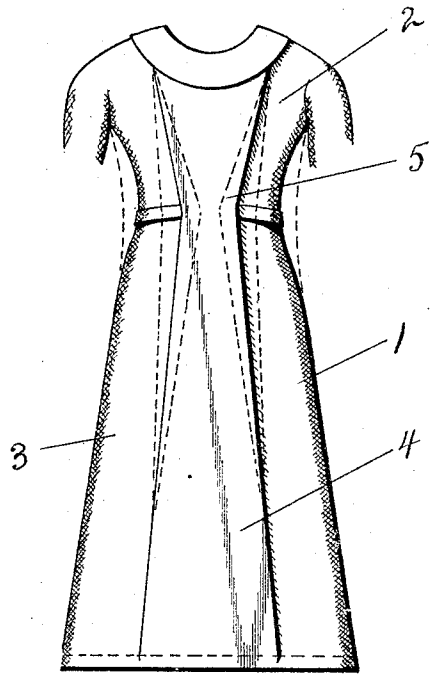
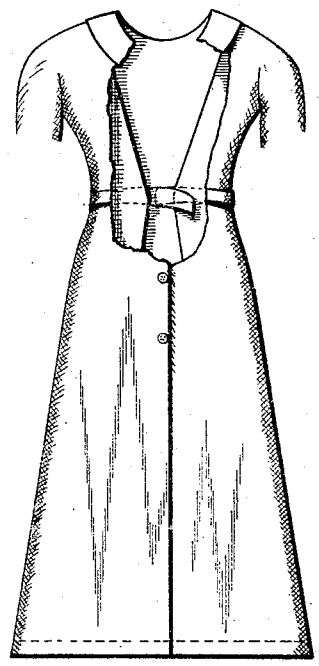


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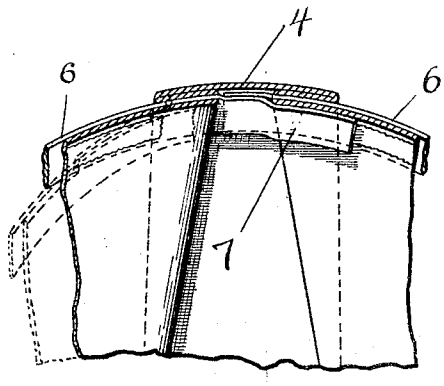


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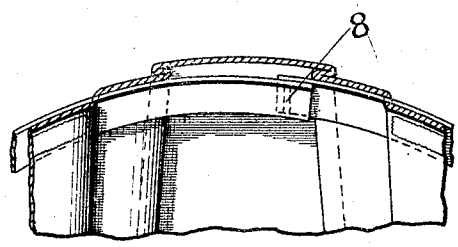


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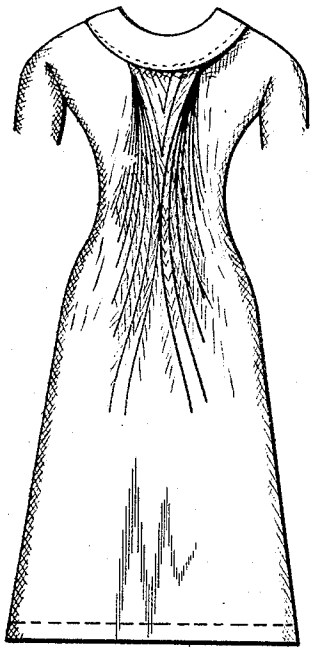
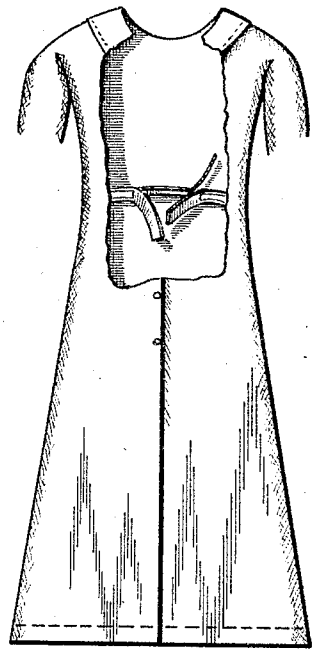


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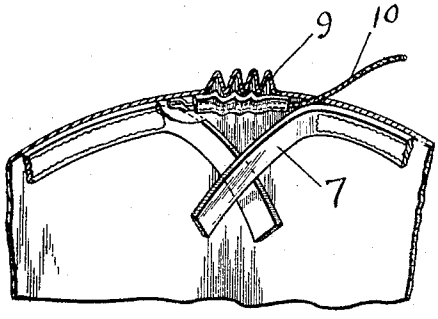


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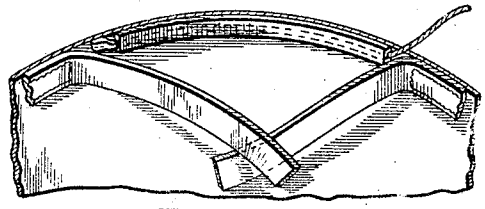


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HYLAS R. KETCH, a resident of Decatur, county of Macon, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in garments for women, and particularly to dresses which are designated house or work dresses, but of course, may be applied to better classes of dresses, if desired.

The principal object of this invention is the provision of a dress which may be readily adjusted to fit the individual wearer and may be permanently sewed after being fitted. It is understood that these dresses are furnished in standard sizes and as there is considerable variation in the waist measures of the wearers, it is desirable to provide means for adjusting the size of the waist of the dress.

In this invention, the dress at the waist line is merely basted or pinned together and when purchased, the wearer can adjust the size of the waist to suit herself and can permanently sew the dress in adjusted size. The construction whereby this is accomplished is simple and very little work is required on the part of the wearer to make this adjustment.

To the accomplishment of the foregoing and such other objects as may hereinafter appear, my invention consists in the combination, construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and then sought to be defined in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, and which show merely for the purpose of illustrative disclosure, two embodiments of my invention, it being understood that various changes may be made in practice within the scope of the claims without digressing from my inventive idea.

In the drawings,

Figure 1 represents a rear elevation of a garment constructed according to my invention, shown as sold, a larger adjustment being indicated by dotted lines;

Fig. 2 is a front view of the dress, part of the front being broken away to show the adjusting and securing means;

Fig. 3 is a sectional and perspective view through the waist showing the garment adjusted, as sold;

Fig. 4 is a similar view showing an adjustment for the larger size waist;

Fig. 5 is a rear elevation of a garment embodying my invention, but using a slightly different construction;

Fig. 6 is a front elevation of this garment, the front portion thereof being broken away to facilitate disclosure;

Fig. 7 is a sectional and perspective view of the rear part of the garment, showing it in a small adjustment, and

Fig. 8 is a similar view showing it at its largest adjustment.

Referring now to the drawings, and first to Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 4 inclusive, the numeral 1 designates the dress having the waist portion 2 and the skirt portion 3. This dress is provided with the fullness 4 extending the length thereof to form a panel, the fullness being greatest at the waist as at 5. The belt members 6 are secured around the outside of the waist line and are provided with the free ends 7 within the back portion of the dress after passing through the seam by which the panel is secured to the dress proper.

This garment is sold substantially in the condition shown in Figs. 1 and 3, the edges of the panel at the waist line being basted or pinned to the body of the garment and the free ends 7 of the belt being similarly detachably connected together. Of course, any other means of attachment may be used. The purchaser fits the garment to herself, having removed the temporary fastening and when the free ends of the belt are adjusted properly, they are secured together permanently, if desired, as at 8, so that the garment fits the waist of the wearer. If desired, the panel may be permanently stitched or secured to the body of the garment. This, therefore, provides a strong, permanent belt portion adjusted to fit the waist of the wearer so that the garment will always retain its attractive appearance and will give satisfactory service.

The same idea is embodied in a slightly different form of dress shown in Figs. 5, 6, 7 and 8. In this construction I use the free belt ends 7 but have the casing 9 secured between the spaced end portions of the belt provided with the draw string 10. The op-

eration of fitting this dress is substantially the same as previously described, the free ends of the belt, being permanently secured together so that the fit is permanent. The difference resides in forming the gathers at the rear part of the waist line instead of the panel.

It is therefore obvious that I have provided a very simple form of garment which may be readily and quickly adjusted at the waist by the individual wearer and this adjustment made permanent by fastening the free ends of the belt within the back portion of the garment together by stitching or otherwise. This gives this part of the garment sufficient strength to stand the stress and strain of wear. Either the gathers or panel give the attractive appearance for the rear part of the garment, so that it is an embodiment of utility and also attractiveness.

What I claim is:

A garment of the character described, including in combination, a waist and a skirt, a belt member stitched to the waist of the garment for a larger part of its extent, but having free end portions within the garment and at the rear thereof, said free end portions of the belt being spaced apart and arranged to overlap so that they may be temporarily secured together, as when the garment is sold, and then may be fitted to the waist of the individual wearer and secured together to form a permanent fit.

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