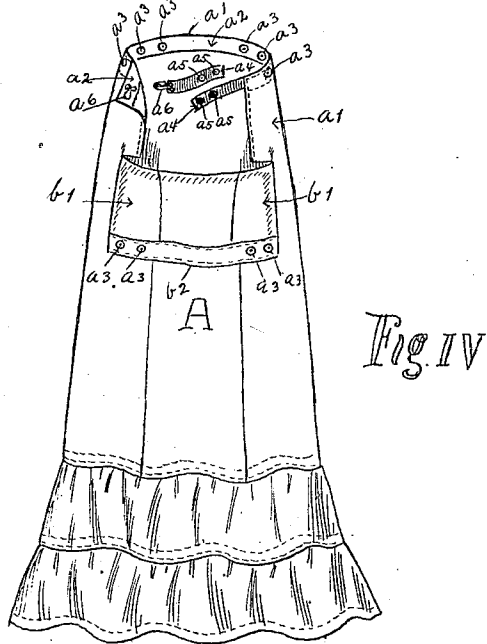
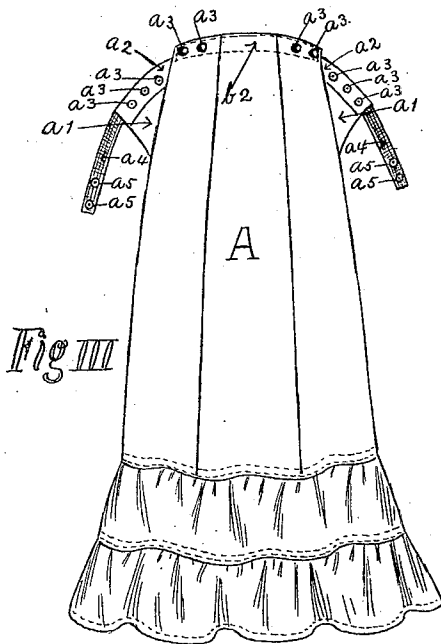
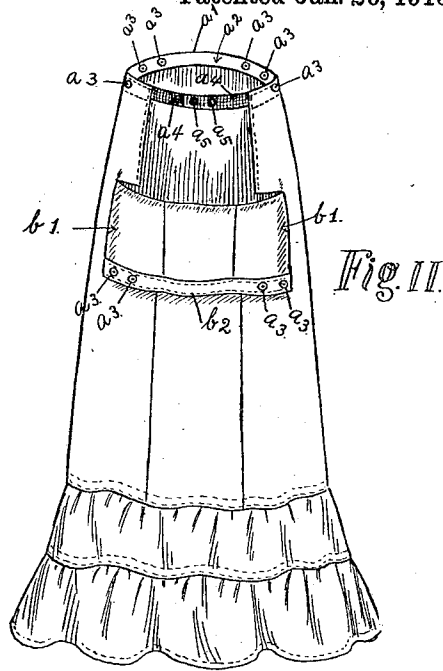
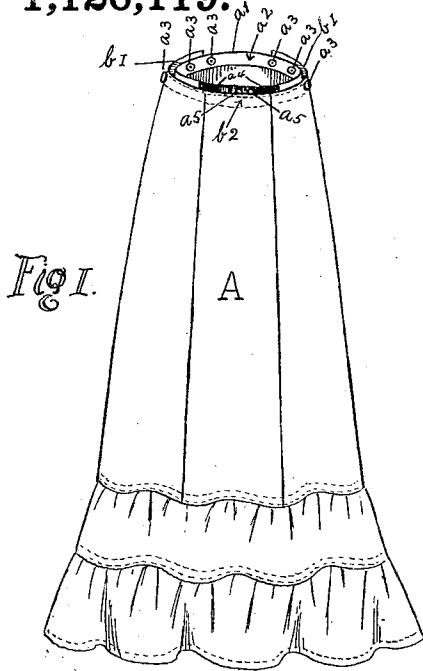


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HAYMAN STOFF, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Skirts, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a skirt that will conform smoothly and readily to the body at the waist.

A further object is to provide a readily adjustable skirt affording range of adjustment for different sizes at the waist.

Finally it is purposed to provide a skirt that will close over the waist garment proper without necessity for use of an independent waist belt to hold the waist garment proper close to the body.

The invention resides in a double opening of the skirt, each side having a slit from the waist line extending over the hip. The back portion is provided with elastic tape strap projections from the ends of the waist line proper. These elastic tape straps overlap around the waist of the wearer, and are provided with snap button fasteners permitting adjustment. The important means of adjustment lies in a plurality of snap button fasteners in the two parts of the waist-band of the skirt.

Figure 1 is a front view in perspective of the skirt in adjusted position on the body. Fig. 2 is a front view of the rear division of the top of the skirt, showing the elastic tape strap projections, and the series of snap buttons along the forward part of the band. Fig. 3 is a front view of a skirt made in accordance with my invention and shows the two hip-portions thereof in normal position and the back-portion turned out at each side to show the snap-buttons on the inner side thereof; and Fig. 4 is a similar view showing the two hip-portions dropped down and disclosing detachable elastic straps or tape attached thereto, one of which is shown as attached and the other detached.

Referring to the drawings A designates the body of the skirt proper which is made of any usual fabric.

a^1 designates the back division or portion of the skirt.

a^2 designates a band permanently secured on the back division or portion and provided with a series of the bottom members of the snap button fasteners, a^3 .

a^4 designates the elastic tape straps which

are provided with snap fastening buttons, a^5 , for fastening at the front of the wearer. These straps a^4 are drawn over the waist proper of the wearer, forming a belt to take the place of the ordinarily used independent and additional belt to hold the said waist in at the waist line of the wearer. These elastic straps a^4 are detachably adjusted to the band, a^2 , by means of a hook and eye which permits of ready replacement by the wearer of the elastic straps when same become weak from wear.

b^1 designates two hip-portions or divisions of the skirt, and each of these is made to overlap the front section or edge of the back division or portion a^1 at the sides of the wearer. The band b^2 which is secured to each of the hip-portions or divisions b^1 is also provided toward its ends with the top members of the snap fastener buttons, a^3 . The plurality of said snap fastener buttons at the ends of the overlapping divisions a^1 and b^1 accomplishes the double purpose of a close and smoothly fitting, and an adjustable skirt.

It is understood that other means may be employed in making the projecting elastic straps, a^4 , detachable and attachable with the back division a^1 .

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire Letters Patent to secure, is,

1. A skirt body divided at the sides into front and back portions; one of said portions being of wider dimensions than the other, the side edges of one of the portions being adapted to have an overlapping relation to the side edges of said other portion; both of said portions being provided with non-elastic waist-bands, that on the wider portion being of a length greater than that on the other portion and one of said bands being adapted to have its ends arranged in overlapping relation to the ends of the band on said other portion; coacting fastening instrumentalities on said bands adjacent their ends and adapted to retain the ends of said bands in overlapping engagement and thereby to hold the two portions snugly to the body of the wearer; elastic waist-encompassing straps extending from the ends of the band on the portion which has its side edges underlying the side edges of the other portion and adapted to be tensioned while encompassing the waist of the wearer and to underlie and be covered by the band on the

front portion; and coacting fastening instrumentalities on the straps for holding the free ends of the straps together and beneath the band on the front portion.

5 2. A skirt body divided at the sides into front and back portions; one of said portions being of wider dimensions than the other, the side edges of one of the portions being adapted to have an overlapping relation to the side edges of said other portion; 10 each of said portions being provided with a non-elastic waist-band, and that on the wider portion being of a length greater than that on the other portion and one of said 15 bands being adapted to have its ends arranged in overlapping relation to the ends of the band on said other portion; a plurality of series of fastening instrumentalities formed in alinement on the band of one 20 portion; a plurality of fastening instrumentalities formed in alinement on the other band and adapted to coöperate with one or another of the fastening instrumentalities of each series on the other band to hold the two 25 portions snugly to the wearer and the ends of the bands in overlapping relation; and elastic waist-encompassing straps extending from the ends of one of the bands and adapted to be stretched while encompassing 30 the waist of the wearer and thereby effecting a drawing action on the back portion to hold it snugly to the body of the wearer; and a coacting fastening instrumentality on

the end of each elastic strap for connecting the free ends of said straps together beneath the band on the front portion. 35

3. A skirt divided at its sides to present a front portion and a back portion; one portion being of greater width than the other portion; the side edges of one portion being adapted to have an overlapping relation to the side edges of the back portion; both portions being formed with non-elastic waistbands, that on one portion being of less width than that on the other portion; elastic waist-encompassing straps secured to the ends of the band on the back portion and adapted, when the skirt is on the wearer, to draw the back portion snugly to the body of the wearer and constantly to maintain it in a taut condition; coacting fastening instrumentalities on the free ends of the waiststraps and adapted to connect said ends together; a series of fastening devices mounted in alinement adjacent each end of the band on the back portion and in spaced relation; and a coacting fastening device secured adjacent each end of the band on the front portion and adapted to coöperate with that fastening device of the series on the band of the back portion which will hold the front portion taut upon the wearer. 40 45 50 55 60

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