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HULA SKIRT BELT

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Fig. 1.

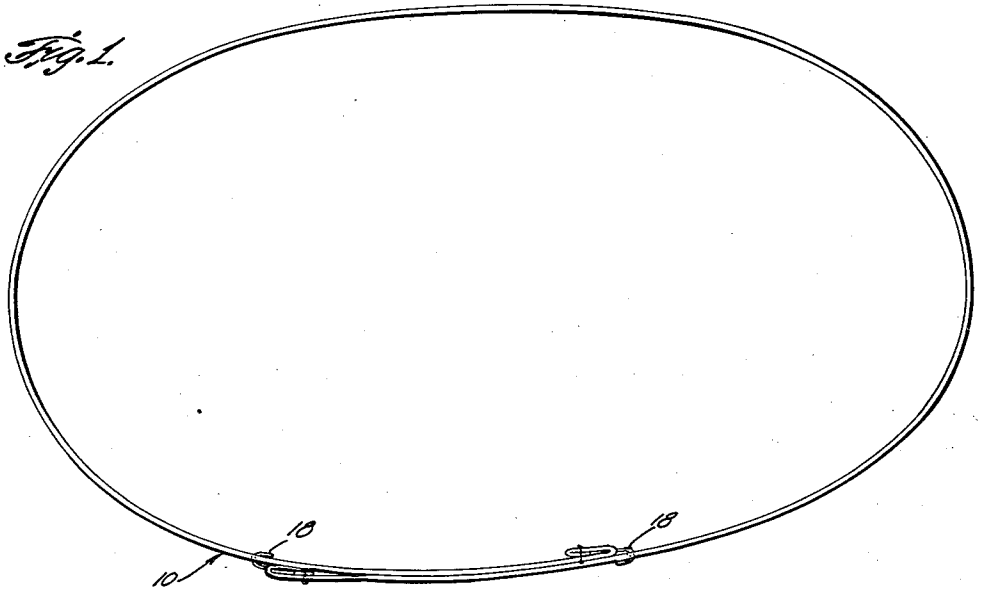


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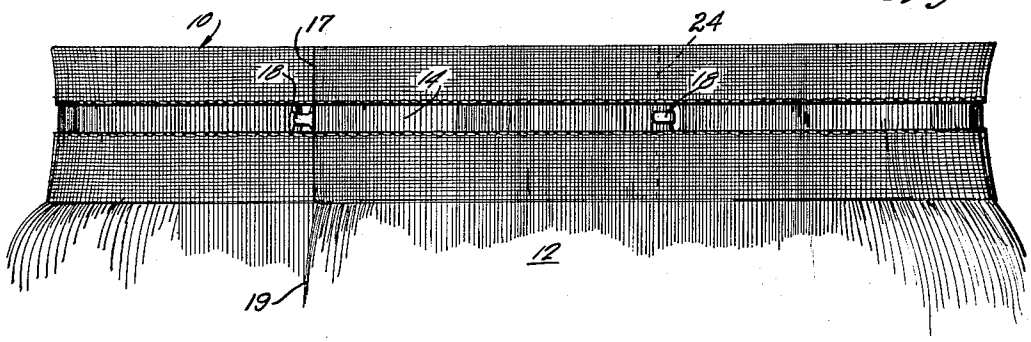


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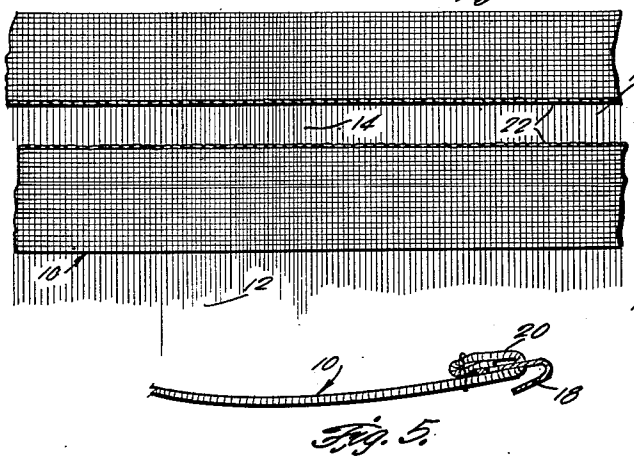


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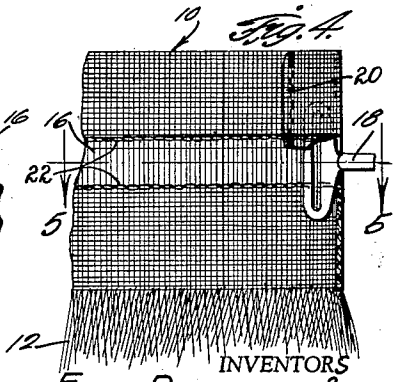


Fig. 5.

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The present invention relates to garments generally and in particular to a belt for skirts and other garments.

An object of the present invention is to provide a novel and unique belt for a hula skirt, one which is formed integrally with the skirt, and one having novel means for fastening the belt about the waist of a wearer.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a belt which lends itself to the manufacture in automatic machinery requiring little or no manual labor in its construction, one which may be manufactured in quantity at reasonable costs, and one which is highly effective in action.

These and other objects and advantages of the hula skirt belt of the present invention will be fully apparent from the following description when taken in consideration with the annexed drawing, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a plan view of the belt constructed according to the present invention,

FIGURE 2 is an elevational view of the upper portion of a hula skirt showing the belt of the present invention,

FIGURE 3 is a plan view of a portion of the belt,

FIGURE 4 is a plan view of another portion of the belt, and

FIGURE 5 is a view taken on the line 5—5 of FIGURE 4.

With reference to the drawing in detail, in which like numerals indicate like parts throughout the several views, the belt of the present invention is designated generally by the reference numeral **10** and it is formed integrally with a hula skirt **12** fabricated of substantially vertically disposed pick or weft threads **14** all of them extending through and transversely of the belt **10** and terminating at the upper end of the belt **10**.

Such construction is enhanced by the removal of the warp threads in the area designated in FIGURES 3 and 4 by the numeral **16**. This leaves the pick threads **14** unattached in this area **16**. The ends **17** and **24** of the belt **10** are provided with hooks **18** as in FIGURES 4 and

5, which may be engaged with any one or several of the pick threads **14** as in FIGURE 1 and in FIGURE 2.

Preferably, each end **17**, **24**, of the belt **10** is provided with a hem **20** in which is anchored the hook **18**. Other means may be employed however for fastening the hooks **18** as desired.

Another feature of the invention is the provision of leno weave **22** bounding each side of the area **16**. These leno weave retain the warp threads in their place and prevent their movement into the area **16**. The belt **10** is formed integrally with the hula skirt **12**, of which only the portion adjacent the belt **10** is shown in FIGURE 2. The skirt **12** is preferably fabricated of flexible material with a plurality of wift strands and two groups of warp strands arranged in spaced relation along one edge of the weft strands and with a hook on each end of the sheet between the groups of warp strands, each hook being engageable with the portion of an adjacent weft strand between the warp strand groups for securing the sheet in skirt form about a person's waist with the ends of the sheet in overlapping relation as shown most clearly in FIGURE 2.

Obviously, the area **16** may be of such width as desired and the belt **10** may be of such width as found practical for the purpose intended. Other changes and modifications may be made in the skirt and belt without departing from the spirit of the invention as set forth in the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

In a hula skirt, a sheet of flexible material fabricated of a plurality of weft strands and two groups of warp strands arranged in spaced relation along one edge of the weft strands, said sheet having opposed ends, and a hook on each of said ends of said sheet between said groups of warp strands, each hook being engageable with the portion of an adjacent weft strand between said warp strand groups for securing said sheet in skirt form about a person's waist with said ends of said sheet in overlapping relation.

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