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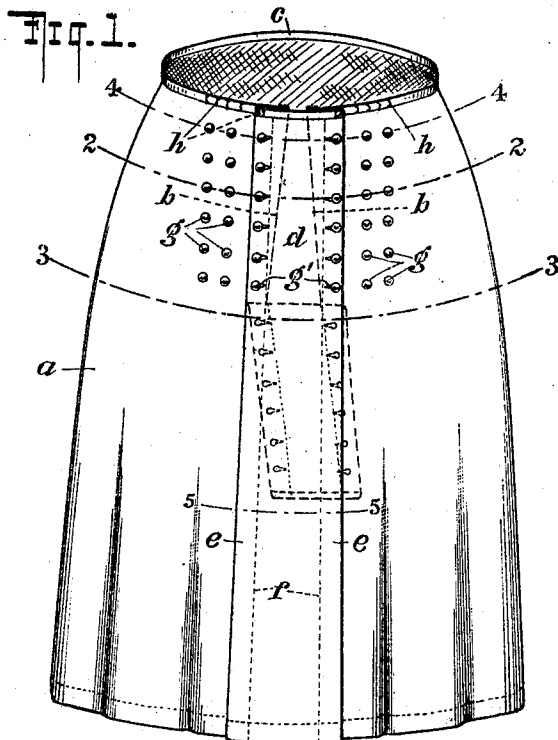


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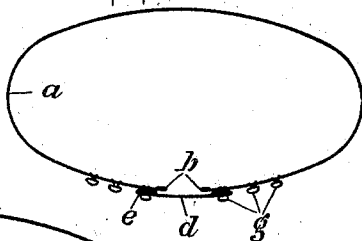
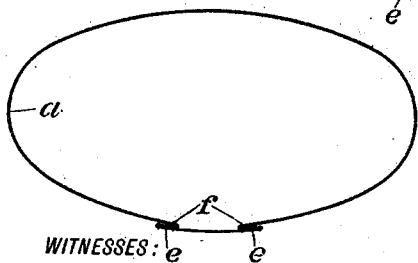


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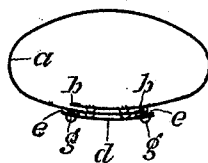
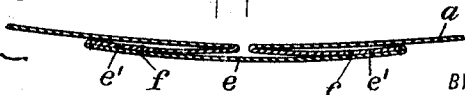


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOE FOX, a subject of the Emperor of Russia, residing at New York city, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part hereof.

My invention relates to improvements in skirts and has for its object to provide a construction of skirt which may be extended and contracted at the waist line and which will proportionately become extended and contracted in width throughout its entire length.

I am aware that heretofore skirts have been devised providing for the expansion of the skirt at or about the waist line but the objection to such constructions has always been that in the absence of a proportionate adjustability of the skirt at its lower portions, the same would become distorted and lose the symmetry and proportion desirable in such garments.

Further advantages of my improved construction will be apparent without further enumeration.

In the accompanying drawings Figure 1 is a perspective view of my construction, Fig. 2 is a diagrammatic cross-section of Fig. 1 taken on the line 2—2; Fig. 3 is a diagrammatic cross-section of Fig. 1 taken on line 3—3 thereof. Fig. 4 is a diagrammatic cross section taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1 showing the skirt in its most contracted form. Fig. 5 is an enlarged detail cross section taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

Like reference letters designate like portions in the accompanying drawings, wherein *a* represents the body of the skirt; *b* represents the placket edges at the front thereof; *c* represents the waist band; *d* represents a flap forming the upper part of a plaited or panel portion *e* which extends throughout the length of the skirt and the lower portion of which is formed by folding the material of which the skirt is made as indicated at *e'* and which is secured in position by rows of stitches *f*. The flap *d* is an extension of the longitudinal portion *e* but is loose from the body of the skirt being capable of attachment to the said body by means of fastening devices such as buttonholes *g'* and buttons *g* which are provided on the

flap and the skirt respectively. In my construction there are two or more such buttons or fastening devices which register with button-holes or other coöperating means on the flap. The fastening devices are placed in rows or series on the upper adjustable portion of the skirt, which includes the waist and hip zones, and each series of said devices, extends longitudinally of the placket opening and is of a length substantially equal to the length of said opening.

It will be observed that by the construction as shown and here described the wearer having, for instance, secured the flap to the buttons *g* on either side of the placket and desiring to contract the diameter of the waist-line, will simply disengage the flap from the buttons and secure the same to the buttons *g* in the next adjacent row, and by so doing will increase the depth of the fold or plait *e'* throughout the length of the skirt. Similarly the flap may be secured to the extreme rows of buttons *g* on either side of the skirt body whereby the waist line will be still further contracted and the fold or plait *e'* will correspondingly be enlarged.

By this contrivance the longitudinal excess of material resulting from a contraction of the waist line is conveniently disposed of by simply enlarging the fold or plait *e'*, which fold will at the same time make proper allowance for a proportionate expansion of the lower portions of the skirt as may be required. The folds *e* are double folds, inturned, so as to be concealed behind the panel portion, and vary in size as the lower, depending portion of the skirt automatically adjusts itself corresponding with the adjustments of the upper portion of the skirt. The folds are furthermore integral with the panel portion of the skirt, by which I mean not merely that the folds and the panel portion are formed from a single piece of woven material but that they may be formed of a plurality of such pieces, so joined, however, as to be capable of performing the function described. When the flap *d* is in engagement with the first row of buttons *g* the remaining buttons disposed at the upper portion of the skirt will serve as ornamentations to the skirt.

In securing the flap *d* to the adjacent rows of buttons the placket edges *b* are brought together and may even eventually overlap and are again separated as the rows of buttons

nearer to said edges are engaged with said flaps. To maintain the upper edge of the flap *d* in proper connection with the skirt body, suitable auxiliary fastening devices, 5 as for instance, hooks and eyes *h*, located respectively on the skirt body and the flap *d* may be supplied at proper points it being understood that for each row of buttons, corresponding auxiliary fastening devices of 10 the kind just mentioned are provided.

It is to be understood that the flap *d* is loose from the remainder of the skirt at a point corresponding to the upper termination of the rows of stitches *f*. It will also 15 be understood that by my improved construction the width of the flap *d* remains the same throughout its various adjustments and that the outer skirt portion running downwardly from the flap likewise retains 20 the same width throughout.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

25 A skirt comprising an upper, adjustable portion, including the waist and hip zones, a lower, depending portion and a panel portion, said upper portion having an opening extending thereacross and a plurality of series of fastening devices extending longi-

tudinally of said opening, each series being of a length substantially equal to the length 30 of the opening, the panel portion extending throughout the length of the skirt and forming a flap at its upper end for covering said opening, said flap being of a length substantially equal to the length of the open- 35 ing and being provided with a series of fastening devices along each of its longitudinal edges, adapted to cooperate with any series of fastening devices on the upper portion of the skirt, said panel portion below the flap, 40 at each longitudinal edge thereof, being connected to said lower portion of the skirt by an integral, inturned, concealed, double fold, whereby with any change of adjustment of the upper portion of the skirt, the lower 45 portion thereof will correspondingly adjust itself automatically by varying the sizes of the said inturned folds.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscrib- 50 ing witnesses.

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