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SHIRT WAIST.

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Fig. 1.

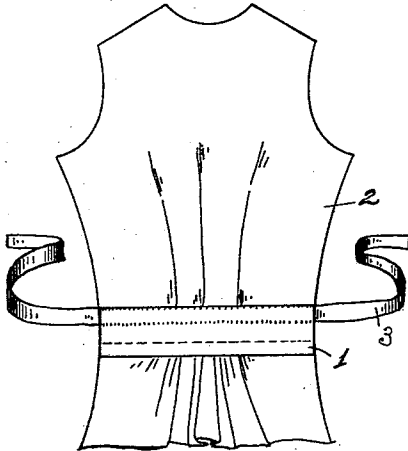


Fig. 2.

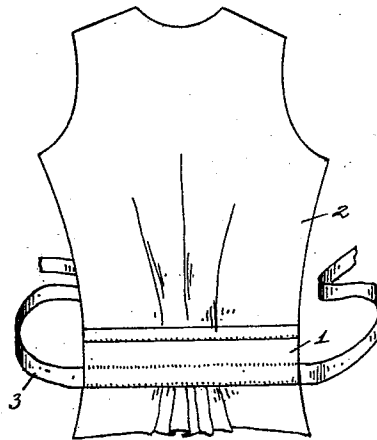
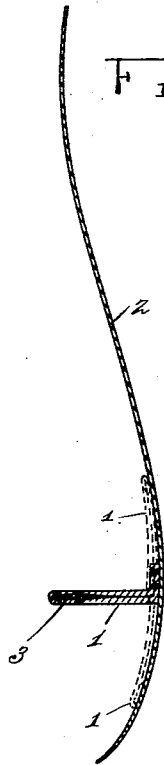


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED H. GRAFFTEY, of Indianapolis, county of Marion, and State of Indiana, have invented a certain new and
5 useful Improvement in Shirt-Waists; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which like numerals refer to like parts.

10 My invention relates to improvements in ladies' shirt-waists and similar garments that are prepared for the trade in large quantities and are therefore called "stock-waists" or "stock-garments."

15 The purpose of the invention is to render the location of the belt readily adjustable to women whose waists are of different lengths and to enable the wearer to readjust the location. Heretofore the belt has been sewed
20 at both edges to the waist, and when ladies have purchased such waist and the belt was sewed a little too low or a little too high for them or after shrinkage it has been necessary to remove the belt and relocate it. Its nature
25 will be understood from the accompanying drawings and the description following.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is the back of a shirt-waist with the belt turned up. Fig. 2
30 is the same with the belt turned down. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the waist and belt, the belt being shown in dotted lines turned both up and down.

I secure or stitch the belt 1 along one of its

edges only to the shirt-waist 2 at a point which is found by experience to be the loca- 35
tion of the belt of the average-sized woman. Of course I would also make longer and shorter sizes of the waist. In the free edge
40 of the belt I secure the tape 3, which is used only in that variety of shirt-waist which has no belt in front. If the belt extends all round
the waist to the front, then such tape would be omitted. The purchaser when trying on
45 her waist either turns the belt up or down to suit the length of her waist. The stiffness of the belt holds it vertically in place and prevents its wrinkling and its free edge need not
50 therefore be stitched or sewed to the shirt-waist. When made and sold, one edge of the belt is free, as shown in Fig. 3. The tape by
55 being secured to the free edge of the belt rather than elsewhere tends to hold it in place.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As an article of manufacture, a shirt-waist 55
or similar garment comprising the body of the garment, and a belt sewed along only one of its edges to the body at the waist-line, whereby the belt may be turned up or down
60 to adjust the length of the waist to any wearer.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of September, 1895.

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