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Fig. 1.

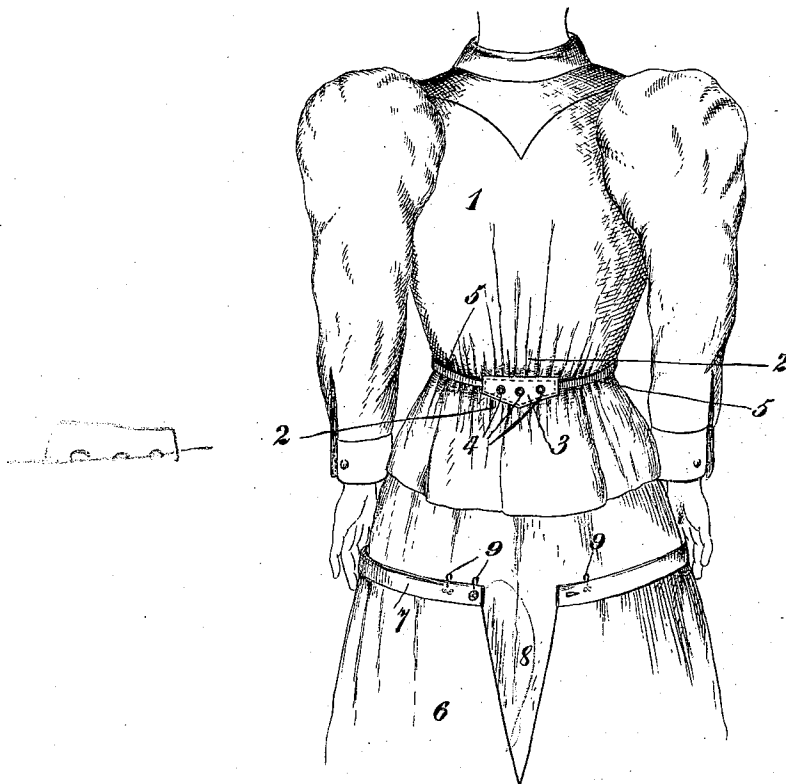


Fig. 2.

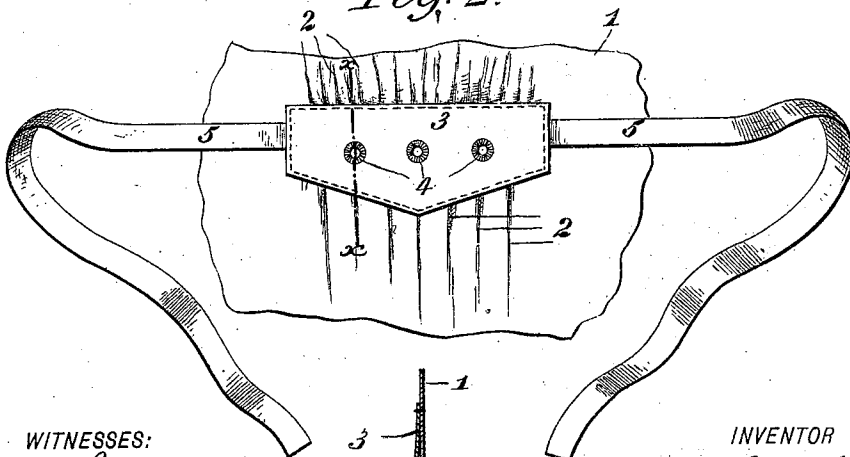
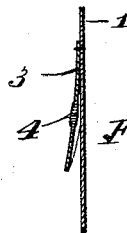


Fig. 3.



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SHIRT-WAIST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED WOLF, of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Waist-Adjusting Devices and Skirt-Hangers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain improvements in that class of devices which are designed for attachment to ladies' shirt-waists and similar garments to afford means for supporting the waistband of the skirt at the rear part thereof, said means also serving to reinforce the gathers at the rear of the waist and to prevent the waist from working up beyond said waistband, so that a neat appearance is maintained at all times.

The invention consists in the particular construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a view showing a shirt-waist provided with my improvements in position on the wearer. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view drawn to a larger scale and showing a portion of a garment provided with my improvements, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line *xx* in Fig. 2.

In the views, 1 represents the shirt-waist or other garment to which my improved waist-adjusting device and skirt-hanger is applied. As herein shown, the garment 1 is of a well-known form, being provided in the rear with a series of gathers 2 at its waist portion, and over said series of gathers 2 is secured, by stitching or otherwise, a flap or tab 3, the upper edge of which is held to the garment 1 by means of stitching, while the lower portion of said tab 3 is free from the garment, as clearly seen in Fig. 3.

The tab or flap 3 may be formed of any material suited to the purpose, it being conveniently made of the same goods as that employed for the garment 1, so as to be as inconspicuous as possible, and the said tab or flap is provided in its lower part, which is free or unsecured to the garment 1, with a

series of alined apertures or eyelets 4, as clearly seen, there being, as shown in the accompanying drawings, three of these apertures 4, arranged longitudinally of the tab or flap 3 and having their edges bound in any way—as, for instance, by means of metal eyelets set through the goods of the tab or flap or by means of buttonhole-stitching.

To each end of the tab or flap 3 is secured in any preferred manner one end of a tape or waistband 5, the opposite ends of said bands or tapes 5 being free and adapted to be passed around the waist of the garment when the same is in place on the person and tied or otherwise secured together at their ends, so as to hold the waist portion of the garment snugly in place and prevent the same from working up above the waistband of the skirt or belt.

6 represents the skirt, having a waistband 7, at the rear part of which is formed a placket-hole 8, and on opposite sides of said placket-hole hooks 9 of ordinary construction or other equivalent fastening devices adapted to engage the eyelets or apertures 4 in the tab or flap 3 are secured, as clearly seen in Fig. 1. The arrangement of said hooks 9 as herein shown is not material to my invention, as they may be arranged in various ways without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In using the device the tapes or bands 5 are first drawn tightly about the waist and tied in front, so as to hold down the lower part of the garment, after which the skirt 6 is put on and its hooks 9 engaged with the eyelets or apertures 4 in the tab or flap of the garment. After the skirt has been fastened properly a belt may be passed around the waist in the usual way, and this serves to hide the tab or flap should the same be visible.

The device constructed as above described serves to support the waistband of the skirt against dropping in the back and enables the employment of pins and other devices for this purpose to be dispensed with, and the tab or flap being of flexible material is not liable to tear or cut the garment when in use or being laundered, and when in use does not press on the person as do the various metallic devices heretofore devised for this purpose. Moreover, the said tab or flap 3, being secured over

the gathers 2 at the back of the garment, acts as a reinforce for the same and prevents said gathers from being drawn out of place, and the tapes or bands 5 serve not merely to keep the waist portion of the garment in place, but also serve as means for adjusting the flap or tab 3 in position exactly at the center of the back.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A lady's shirt-waist or the like having a series of gathers at the rear of its waist portion, and provided with a single tab or flap secured along its upper longitudinal edge over the said gathers, said tab or flap being provided with a plurality of eyelets ranging longitudinally thereof and adapted to receive hooks on opposite sides of a placket of a skirt, whereby the gathers will be reinforced, provision made for readily and securely supporting the skirt from the rear of the waist, and

the waist prevented from working up beyond the waistband of the skirt, as set forth.

2. A lady's shirt-waist or the like having an elongated tab or flap secured directly to the central rear portion thereof, said tab or flap being provided with a plurality of apertures to receive hooks on opposite sides of the placket of the skirt, whereby provision is made for securely supporting the skirt at the rear and the waist effectually prevented from working up beyond the waistband of the skirt, and with a tape at each end, said tapes being adapted to pass around the waist when on the wearer and tied at the front, whereby the waist portion of the garment will be held in place and the tab or flap held in the center of the back of the wearer, substantially as described.

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