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Fig. 1

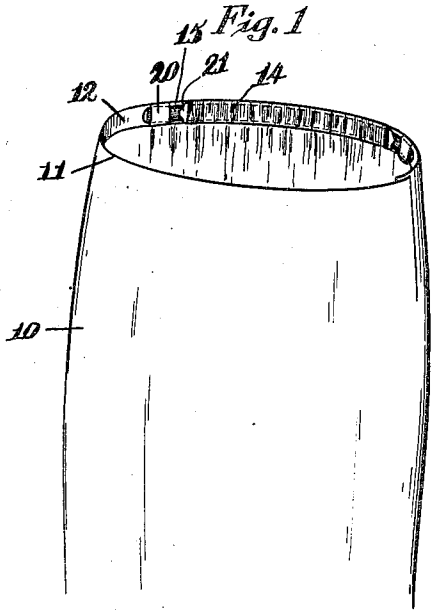


Fig. 2

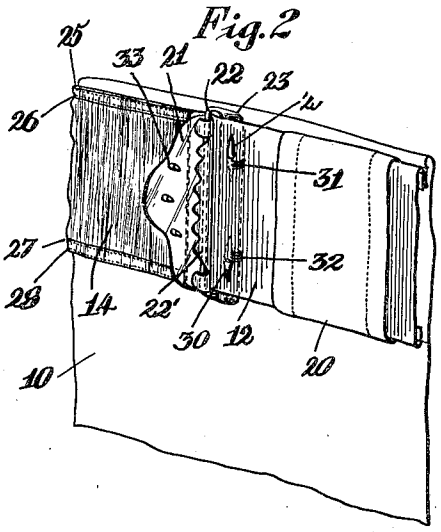


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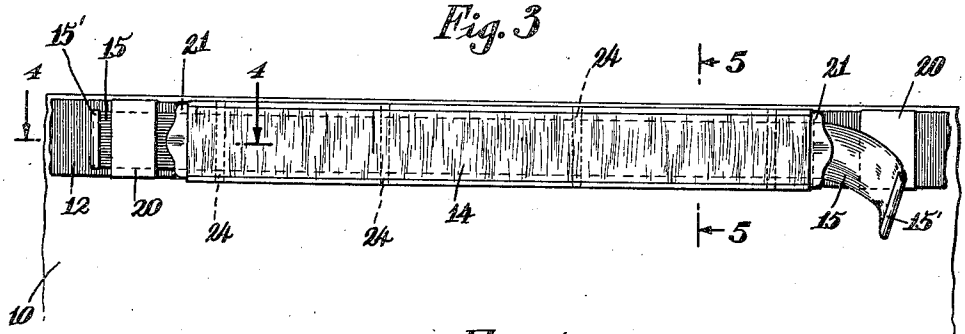


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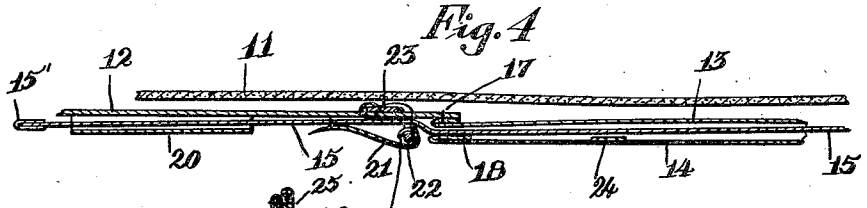
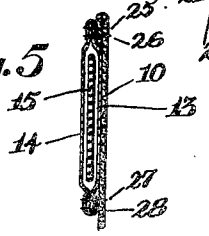


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This invention relates generally to belts in which there is provided a means to permit the expansion of the belt when in use, and more specifically to belts of this kind which are incorporated in the garment.

The main object of the invention resides in the provision of a belt incorporated in any garment provided with a waist-band whereby the garment will fit different figures without requiring any alteration in the garment and without disturbing the appearance and intended set thereof.

Another object of the invention resides in the provision of a belt incorporated in any garment provided with a waist-band wherein a pronounced and graceful gathered effect is produced and maintained following the adjustment of the said belt and wherein the garment is efficiently supported on the wearer in the desired manner.

These objects and other incidental ends and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear in the progress of the disclosure and as pointed out in the appended claims.

The drawing, accompanying this specification, shows a preferred form of the invention wherein corresponding reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective showing the improved belt as attached to the upper part of a skirt.

Figure 2 is a view in perspective showing a portion of the rear inner face of the skirt with the belt attached.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the upper part of the skirt showing the inner side of the rear half of the skirt spread out linearly.

Figure 4 is a sectional view of Figure 3 through the plane 4—4 thereof.

Figure 5 is a sectional view of Figure 3 through the plane 5—5 thereof.

In accordance with the invention and in accordance with the preferred form thereof shown in the accompanying drawing, numeral 10 designates the ordinary skirt having a waist-band portion with which the improved belt cooperates. It is understood that any other garment having a waist-band portion may be used with the improved belt. Numeral 11 designates the waist-band portion of skirt 10 and is provided with a tape member extending along the inner side of the said waist-band portion, the said tape member being stitched to the upper edge or hem of the skirt 10, the said line of stitching not being shown in the accompanying drawing. The tape member, being designated by numeral 12, serves as a stiffening band to the upper portion of skirt 10 and can be designated as a waist band. Tape member or waist-band 12 is not continuous but extends from the ends of a section of a pocket having rear and front walls 13 and 14 respectively, the said section extending across the back of the skirt preferably and on the inner side of the waist-band portion thereof. The said pocket section may of course extend along any other portion of the skirt other than the back.

The pocket formed of walls 13 and 14 preferably has the same width as waist-band 12 and is attached to the upper edge or hem of the skirt 10 by rows of stitching 25 and 26, and if desirable the pocket may be stitched at the lower edge thereof to the skirt by lines of stitching 27 and 28 as shown in Figure 5. The forward wall 14 of the said pocket may have stitched therein a plurality of spaced stiffening members 24 to give the said pocket rigidity about the longitudinal axis thereof and at the same time to give the said pocket ability to be shirred or gathered along the waist-band portion of skirt 10. The shirring or gathering of the pocket together with the waist-band portion of skirt 10 is indicated by numeral 14 in Figures 1 and 3.

Adapted to slide in the pocket of walls 13 and 14 is an elastic or inelastic band member 15 having reinforced end terminals 15', the ends of the said band member 15 protruding slightly beyond the limits of the pocket and being provided with loops 20 sewed to the waist-band 12. At the ends of the pocket are two similar clasps 21, the said clasps pivoting about a pintle 22 projecting over and across the outer surface of band member 15, the said pintle forming a loop and extending under the rear surface of waist-band 12, the said loop being designated by numeral 23. Loop 23 is affixed to the rear surface of waist-band 12 by means of stitching 31 and 32, the said stitching penetrating orifices 29 and 30 in the loop 23 as shown best in Figure 2. The pivotal clasp at the edge which engages the outer surface of band member 15 is provided with serrations 22' whereby the band member at that end is prevented from sliding when the other end is stretched. As an auxiliary friction element, the pivotal clasp at the edge opposite the serrated one is provided with a plurality of short projections 33 adapted to engage the outer surface of band member 15 when the clasp is in engaging position.

It may be mentioned at this time, that tape member or waist-band 12 may be cut at the waist-band portion for the formation of a placket, the said placket being shown in Figure 1.

In operating the belt either one of the clasp members 21 is disengaged from band number 15. The band number 15 adjacent the said disengaged clasp is drawn until the waist-band of the skirt is of the proper fit, such drawing causes a shirring or gathering in both the pocket and the waist-band portion of the skirt as shown by number 14 of both Figures 1 and 3. When the fit of the belt has been adjusted to the desired size the clasp member is returned to its engaging position, thereby making permanent the adjusted size of the belt. In order to increase the girth of the waist-band to any desirable size, either one of the clasps 21 or both is disengaged from the band member 15, and the shirred portion of the pocket and waist-band portion is straightened out to the desired increase in size, whereupon the clasp members 21 are forced into frictional engagement with the band member to make permanent the said increased size.

I wish it understood that minor variations and changes in the material and intergradations of parts in the location and completion of the several parts may all be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention, and without departing from the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A belt for a garment affixed to the waist-band portion thereof, comprising a section of a pocket longitudinally disposed and affixed to the inner surface of the said waist-band portion, a tape member adapted to slide within the said pocket, a pair of pivotal clasping members disposed exterior to the ends of the pocket and affixed to the inner surface of the waist-band portion, the said clasping members being adapted to engage and disengage the said tape member for adjustment of the girth of the garment, the said pocket being provided with vertically disposed stiffening members to permit a shortening and lengthening thereof and to prevent folding about the longitudinal axis thereof.

2. A belt for a garment of thin material and being affixed to the waist-band portion thereof, comprising a section of a pocket longitudinally disposed and affixed to the inner surface of the said waist-band portion, a tape member adapted to slide within the said pocket, a pair of pivotal clasping members disposed exterior to the ends of the pocket and affixed to the inner surface of the waist-band portion, the said pocket being provided with vertically disposed stiffening members to permit a shortening and lengthening thereof and to prevent folding about the longitudinal axis thereof.

3. A belt for a garment affixed to the waist-band portion thereof, comprising a section of a pocket longitudinally disposed and affixed to the inner surface of the said waist-band portion, a tape member adapted to slide within the said pocket, a pair of pivotal clasping members disposed exterior to the ends of the pocket and affixed to the inner surface of the waist-band portion, the said clasping members being adapted to engage and disengage the said tape member for adjustment of the girth of the garment, and a reenforcing tape member extending from the ends of the pocket and attached along the inner surface of the waist-band portion of the garment, to provide a waist-band continuous with the pocket, the said pocket being provided with vertically disposed stiffening members to permit a shortening and lengthening thereof and to prevent folding about the longitudinal axis thereof.

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