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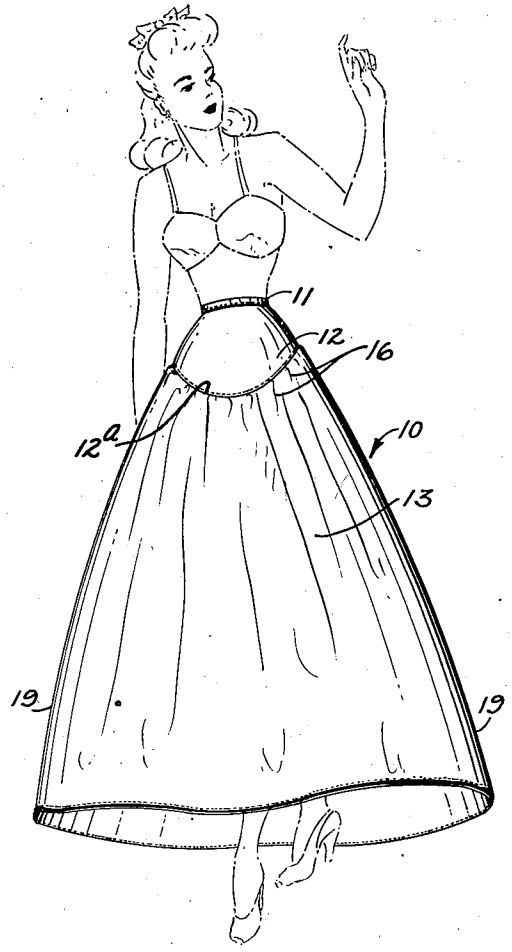


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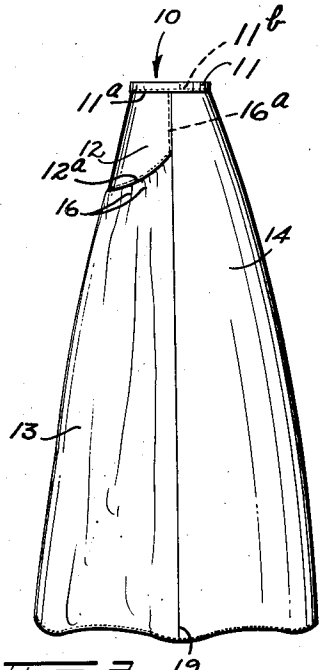


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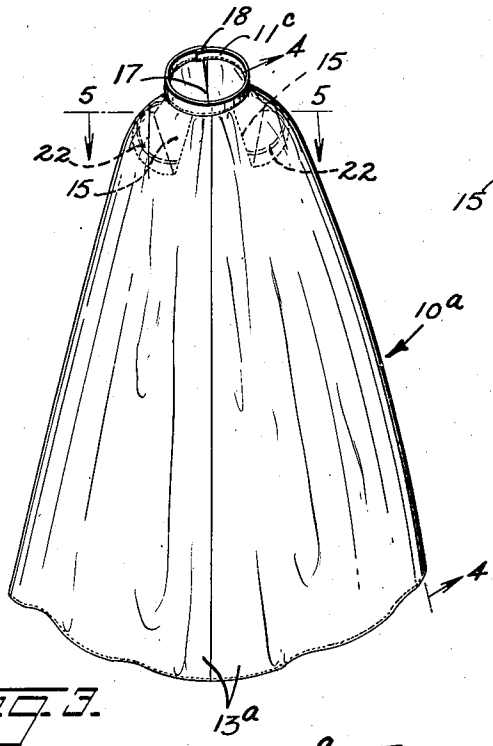


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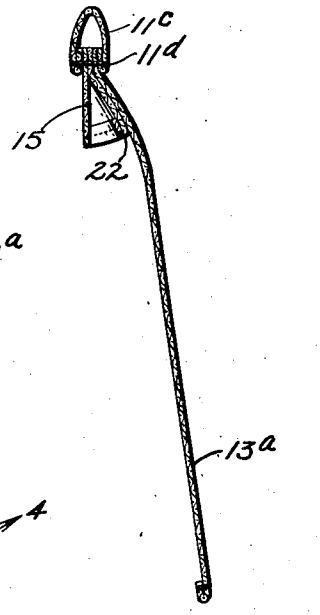


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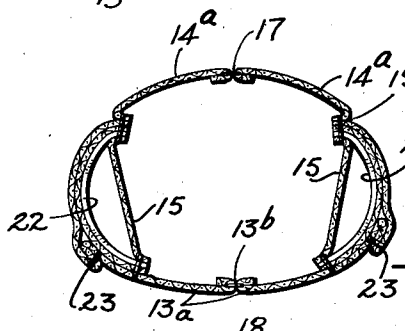


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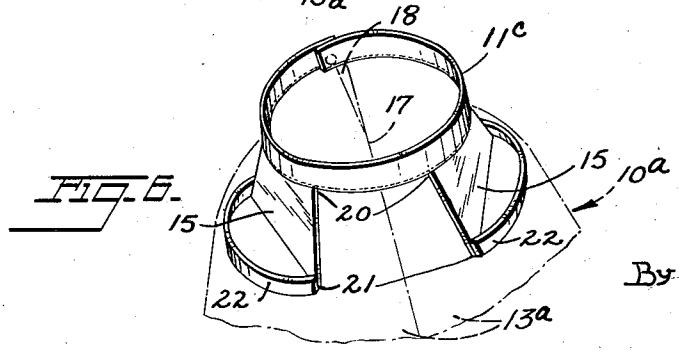


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This invention relates to women's apparel, and more specifically to a skirt or petticoat provided with hip pads to distend it at its sides.

An object of the invention is to provide a skirt or petticoat that is distended at its sides, flat and smooth in the back and across the abdomen and full in circumference around the bottom, thus revealing a flowing attractive silhouette which is especially desirable for evening wear.

These and other objects are accomplished by forming in either of the two species presented a skirt or petticoat with a waist band, a yoke supporting a gathered portion, and hip pads narrower at the top than at the bottom distending the skirt flaringly at its sides. Thin elastic strips of bone, steel or other suitable material extend within the bottom portion of the hip pad to stiffen it.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a crinoline skirt embodying the invention herein, the skirt being worn by a person diagrammatically represented.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the skirt shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a front perspective view of a skirt in which are incorporated side hip bustles in accordance with an other species of the invention.

Fig. 4 is a vertical section through a side of the skirt and taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 6 is a perspective of the hip bustle showing the relation of a skirt therewith in outline.

Referring to the drawings in detail, an under skirt 10, preferably made of crinoline fabric is to be supported from the waist of the wearer in a modish manner so that features of fashion such as a doll waist, rounded hips, flat abdomen and hooped skirt are attained and to this end a waistband 11 of satin or other suitable material is hemmed as at 11a and sewn as at 11b to the upper edge of a yoke 12 as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The yoke may be made of any material desired and preferably flexible to provide a flattening medium extending across the abdomen and to midway around the hips. A front portion 13 of the skirt 10 is gathered at its upper edge as at 16 and sewn to the lower edge of the yoke 12 as at 12a while

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the back halves 14 of the skirt, joined at a center seam are sewn to the side edges of the yoke as at 16a and to the waistband 11 to present a smooth rear effect, the skirt providing a flat abdominal silhouette with a gathered front and flared bottom. The flexibility of the yoke 12 gives the sides of the skirt a full effect as viewed from the front while preserving the flat silhouette features desired.

In like manner, the skirt 10a shown in Fig. 3 is shaped by the use of a shaping side hip bustle which consists of hip pads 15 or cushions pliable enough to conform to the shape of the hips and fit snugly thereon, the pads being narrower at the upper edge 20 where they are sewn to the waistband 11c with the upper edge of the skirt at at 11d than they are at the lower edge 21 where they have attached thereto in any suitable manner, the bustle strips 22.

The strips 22 are flexible, being made of bone, wood, plastic or metal and maintain their bowed semi-circular contour when the pads 15 fit on the hips so that the skirt drapes over the semi-circular hoop sections 22 and has the full effect desired. The upper edge of the skirt is sewn to the waistband 11c, the back sections 14a of the skirt being joined at the seam 17 wherein a placket is provided as at 18. The front portions 13a of the skirt are seamed as at 13b and for fullness may be tucked as at 23 in the side front portions thereof.

The bustle strips 22 are of such flexibility that the pads 15 have a resilient hip engaging effect so that the skirt sits firmly in place and the strips may have movement corresponding to the movements of the hips of the wearer so that the appearance of ease and flexibility is given the skirt when worn. When the pads are on the hips, the strips are thrust outwardly to give a definite flaring effect to the skirt as viewed from the front and at the same time preserve the flat silhouette effect in producing a skirt having a hooped bottom contour.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. A skirt, comprising a waist band for engaging about the waist of a wearer, a skirt rear

portion attached at its top edge to the bottom edge of the rear half of said waist band and depended therefrom, a skirt front portion having its top edge spaced from the bottom edge of the front half of said waist band and having its side edges secured to the adjacent lower side edge portions of said skirt rear portion, and a yoke set into the space between the top edge of said skirt front portion and the bottom edge of said waist band, said yoke having its edges secured to the top edge of said skirt front portion, to the bottom edge of the front half of said waist band and to the adjacent side edge portions of said rear skirt portion above the lower edge portions thereof which are secured to said skirt front portion.

2. A skirt, comprising a waist band for engaging about the waist of a wearer, a skirt rear portion attached at its top edge to the bottom edge of the rear half of said waist band and depended therefrom, a skirt front portion having its top edge spaced from the bottom edge of the front half of said waist band and having its side edges secured to the adjacent lower side edge portions of said skirt rear portion, and a yoke set into the space between the top edge of said skirt front portion and the bottom edge of said waist band, said yoke having its edges secured to the top edge of said skirt front portion, to the bottom edge of the front half of said waist band and to the adjacent side edge portions of said rear skirt portions above the lower edge portions thereof which are secured to said skirt front portion, said yoke, being positioned to extend across the abdomen of the wearer and formed of flexible material to have a flattening effect on the abdomen.

3. A skirt, comprising a waist band for engaging about the waist of a wearer, a skirt rear portion attached at its top edge to the bottom edge of the rear half of said waist band and depended therefrom, a skirt front portion having its top edge spaced from the bottom edge of the front half of said waist band and having its side edges secured to the adjacent lower side edge portions of said skirt rear portion, and a yoke set into the space between the top edge of said skirt front

portion and the bottom edge of said waist band, said yoke having its edges secured to the top edge of said skirt front portion, to the bottom edge of the front half of said waist band and the adjacent side edge portions of said rear skirt portion above to the lower edge portions thereof which are secured to said skirt front portion, said yoke and said skirt front portion having their contacting edges rounded and said skirt front portion having its top edge gathered and secured to the bottom edge of said yoke to produce fullness in the front of the skirt.

4. A skirt, comprising a waist band for engaging about the waist of a wearer, a skirt rear portion attached at its top edge to the bottom edge of the rear half of said waist band and depended therefrom, a skirt front portion having its top edge spaced from the bottom edge of the front half of said waist band and having its side edges secured to the adjacent lower side edge portions of said skirt rear portion, and a yoke set into the space between the top edge of said skirt front portion and the bottom edge of said waist band, said yoke having its edges secured to the top edge of said skirt front portion, to the bottom edge of the front half of said waist band and to the adjacent side edge portions of said rear skirt portion above the lower edge portions thereof which are secured to said skirt front portion, said yoke having its side edges straight for attachment to the said adjacent side edge portions of said skirt rear portion.

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