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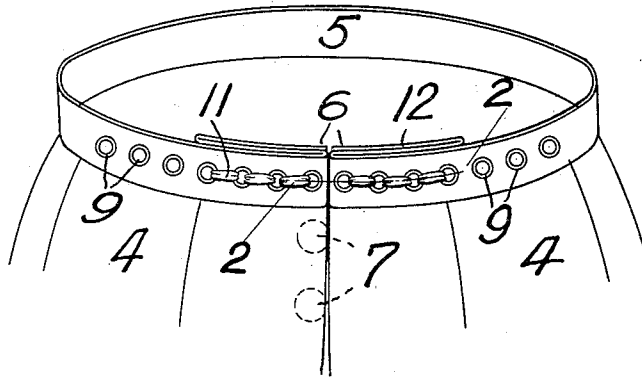


FIG. 1.

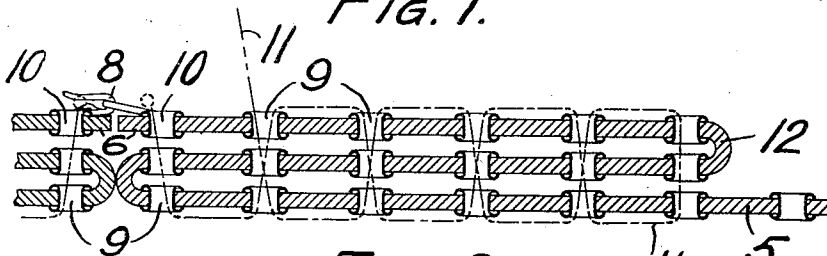


FIG. 2.

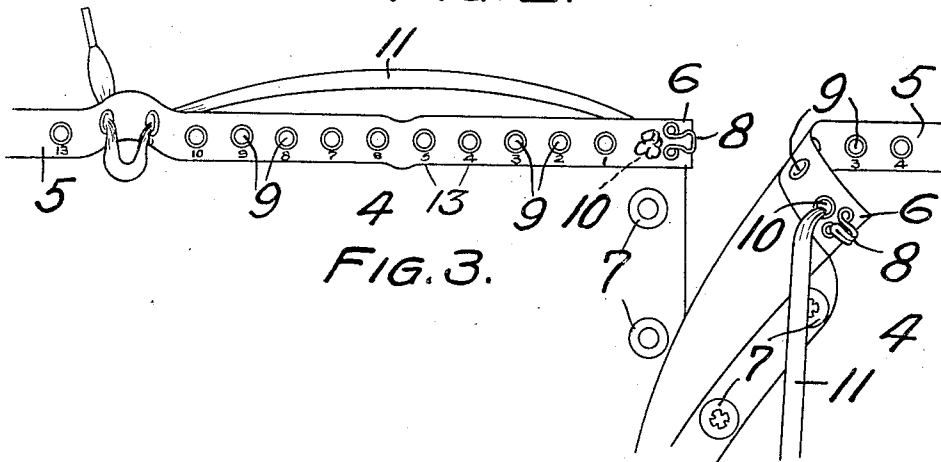


FIG. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS R. GAINES, of the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec and Dominion of Canada, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Waistbands for Garments, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in
10 waist bands for garments, such as skirts, underskirts, and the like, and the object is to provide a simple and inexpensive means for adjusting the waist band to any size of waist which will prevent all unsightly full-
15 ness at the point of adjustment.

A further object is to prevent any sagging of the skirt at the plaits formed by adjustment.

To accomplish these objects, I provide
20 each end of the waist band of the garment with an equal number of evenly and closely spaced eyelets. Through the first eyelet of each end of the band a lace is knotted, which is adapted to be passed through the other
25 eyelets in such a manner as to secure the plait formed to adjust the waist band.

Referring to the drawings which illustrate this invention:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the back of a skirt arranged according to this invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, illustrating the method of securing the adjusting
30 plaits. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the interior of the back portion of the skirt fully extended.

In the drawings, 4 designates the body and 5 the waist band of a skirt, which is made much larger than ordinary, the ends 6 of the band being in the center of the back.
40 The skirt is made in a sufficient number of gores to suit the length of the band and is provided with a suitable placket opening where the ends of the band meet. Suitable placket fasteners 7 are provided for the skirt, and hook and eye fasteners 8 for the ends of the band, in the usual manner. Each end of the band is provided with a series of closely and evenly spaced eyelets 9, preferably about twenty in number, and
50 with an additional eyelet 10 located at each end of the belt and the same distance from the first of the eyelets 9, as these eyelets are from one another. A suitable lace 11 is knotted or otherwise secured at one end
55 through each eyelet 10, said lace hanging on the outside of the skirt, as seen in Fig. 3.

To adjust the skirt, reversed folds or plaits 12 of equal width are taken up at each side of the placket opening, the width of the plaits being determined by the eyelets 9, 60 which are provided with consecutive numbers designated 13 for this purpose. The making of these folds or plaits will be described with reference to Figs. 2 and 3, designating the eyelets by their numbers. The
65 nearest eyelet to the required adjustment is selected and the lace 11, which is hanging outside the skirt from the end eyelet 10, is passed inwardly through this eyelet and outwardly through the next eyelet. In the
70 drawings, these eyelets are No. 11 and No. 12, respectively. The band is now folded between these two eyelets and slipped along the lace until it engages the end of the belt, eyelets No. 11 and No. 12 being in register
75 with the end eyelet 10, as seen in Fig. 2. The belt bends naturally between eyelets No. 5 and No. 6 thus forming the plait shown in Fig. 2. The lace is now threaded inwardly through eyelets No. 13, No. 10, and
80 No. 1, which are in register, and outwardly through the next three eyelets. The threading is continued until the opposite edge of the plait is reached. The lace is then threaded
85 back through the same eyelets but in a reverse direction, as indicated by the broken line in Fig. 2, which represents the lace. This method of threading the lace constitutes an exaggerated "shoemaker's" stitch
90 of great strength which holds the plait securely from edge to edge and prevents any sagging. When the last series of eyelets, which will leave the lace inside the skirt, is reached, the lace is threaded through and
95 allowed to hang inside the skirt, no fastening being required other than friction. When the adjusting plait is very narrow there is not a sufficient number of eyelets for the lace to be firmly secured by friction, and the lace may, therefore, be threaded several
100 times through the eyelets. The other side of the skirt is treated in the same manner and the adjustment is complete.

The skirt has always the same appearance in the back regardless of the adjustment; 105 *i. e.* there are never more than the two central plaits. The plaits are always securely held and cannot sag at the corners and produce an unevenness in the bottom edge, or drag in the back of the skirt. The adjust- 110
ment is simple and may be quickly and easily effected before putting on the gar-

ment and is, moreover, fully as strong as any other portion of the belt. The putting on or off of the skirt does not interfere with the adjustment. No metal fastenings which
5 break, corrode, or cause unsightly projections, are used, neither is there any injury to the material such as might be caused by the alteration of ordinary sewing.

Having thus described my invention,
10 what I claim is:—

A garment having a vent or placket opening at the back thereof, fastenings for said placket opening, a belt secured to the garment having its ends at the placket open-

ing, a fastening device securing the ends of said belt together, a series of evenly spaced eyelets toward each end of the belt, the eyeleted portions of the belt being plaited in such manner that the plaits meet at the back, a lace fixed to each end of the belt and
20 inserted back and forth through the eyelets from edge to edge of the plait.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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