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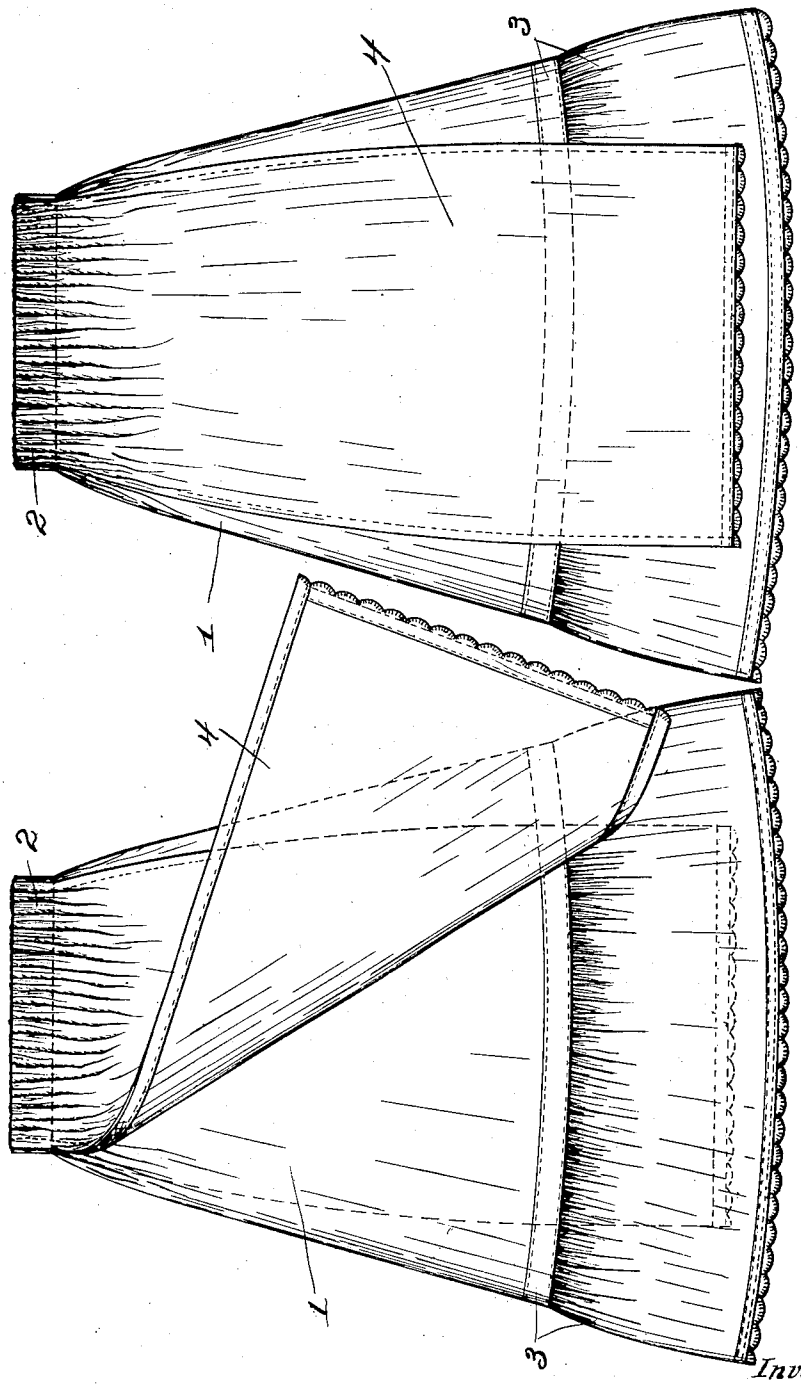


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMY R. STARKWEATHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Amsterdam, in the county of Montgomery and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Underskirts, of which the following is a specification.

Reference may be had to the accompanying drawings, and the reference characters marked thereon, which form a part of this specification. Similar characters refer to similar parts in the several figures therein.

This invention relates to underskirts having a body portion of diaphanous or sheer fabric.

When such underskirts are worn with overskirts of very thin or sheer fabric, the outline or silhouette of the lower extremities of the wearer can be quite readily observed due to the transmission of light through the fabrics of which the outer skirt and the body of the underskirt are respectively made.

The principal object of the present invention is to overcome this objection to such an underskirt, by obstructing or preventing the passage of light therethrough while providing for the ready passage and circulation of air between and through the underskirt and the outer skirt.

In carrying out my invention, I attach, at its upper end only, to the body of the underskirt at its waist-band, or at any desired point below the waist-band, a flap of opaque fabric permeable to air, which flap being free along its side edges from the body portion of the underskirt, and preferably also free along its bottom edge from the body of the underskirt, permits the air to pass or circulate, not only between the underskirt and the outer skirt, but also between the flap and the body of the underskirt, and through the underskirt and the flap, and the outer skirt if made of material so thin or sheer as to permit sufficient light to pass therethrough to render the outline or silhouette of the lower extremities of the wearer visible.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a plan view of an underskirt embodying my invention, the garment being spread out flat.

Fig. 2 is a similar view with the lower portion of the flap folded back.

Referring to the drawings wherein the invention is shown in preferred form, 1 is the body portion of an underskirt made of diaphanous or sheer fabric having any desired kind of waist-band, 2.

I have shown a shirred elastic waist-band.

The lower end of the body portion, 1, of the underskirt may be trimmed or ornamented in any desired manner, as by a flounce, 3.

A flap, 4, of opaque fabric permeable to air is attached at its upper end to the upper end or waist-band, 2, of the body portion of the underskirt, the sides and bottom of the flap being free from the body portion, 1, to permit free movement of the depending portion of the flap relatively to the body portion of the garment.

In use the movements of the depending portion of the flap thus permitted with respect to the body portion of the garment, cause a change and circulation of the air between the flap and the body portion of the garment, and also tend to cause passage and circulation of air through the body portion of the garment and the flap and in like manner tend to cause passage and circulation of air between the flap and the outer skirt, not shown, as well as through the outer skirt if made of a fabric permeable to air.

The flap being comparatively opaque obstructs or prevents the passage of light through the respective skirts which would otherwise render visible the outline or silhouette of the lower extremities of the wearer.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is

1. An underskirt having a body portion of diaphanous material, and a flap of relatively opaque material permeable to air, the side edges of said flap being free from the body of the garment.

2. An underskirt having a body portion of diaphanous material, and a flap of relatively opaque material permeable to air, said flap being attached at its upper end only to the body of the garment.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of November, 1919.

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