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WOMAN'S SKIRT.


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTA ADLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tacoma, in the county of Pierce and State of Washington, my post-office address being 729 South J street, in Tacoma, Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Woman's Skirts, and said improvement to be designated as a "duplex skirt," of which the following is a specification.

My invention pertains to dress-skirts worn by women.

The object of my invention is to provide two or more skirts in one. This object is attained by means of the device hereinafter described, and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of my invention as worn as a plain dress-skirt. Fig. 2 is a view of the same with the reversible flounce reversed to form a trimming on the bottom of the skirt. Fig. 3 is a view of the invention with the reversible flounce detached, leaving a short skirt for walking, cycling, golfing, or other exercises. Fig. 4 is a view of Fig. 3 with the short skirt reversed. Fig. 5 is a view of Fig. 1 reversed; and Fig. 6 is a view of Fig. 2 reversed, all of which shows six styles or designs of skirts combined in one skirt. Fig. 7 illustrates one manner of fastening the detachable reversible flounce to the short skirt, and Fig. 8 shows another manner of fastening the same.

Similar letters refer to similar parts in the several views.

My invention comprises the simple idea of making a dress-skirt of double-faced cloth and so finishing the same in making that it may be worn with either side out. To this I have added the idea of a detachable reversible flounce, whereby a skirt may be shortened by removing the flounce or by reversing the flounce. The bottom of the skirt is decorated with trimming of different color from the body of the skirt. The reversible flounce may be used on a skirt that is not reversible, and I do not limit myself to using it only on reversible skirts.

My invention comprises a short skirt A and a detachable extension or flounce B, made in any desirable style or shape. The material used is preferably of double-faced cloth or dress-goods, each face of the cloth being of a separate and distinct color or pattern. By this means I obtain a skirt that when worn one side may appear plain, as in Fig. 1, and on being reversed by turning the inner side out may appear as a plaid or figured skirt, as indicated in Fig. 5.

The skirt A is made of a length commonly worn when walking, cycling, golfing, or other outdoor exercise, also for working, traveling, and for rainy-day use. This skirt with the flounce B detached, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, may be worn for these uses.

The reversible flounce B is designed not only as an extension to make the short skirt A a full-length skirt, but to make a trimming or ornament to the same, as seen in Figs. 2 and 6.

By means of the several uses herein set forth for the use of the two parts of the skirt, detachable and reversible, I provide in one skirt a garment that is not only suitable for the home and social gatherings, but for traveling, walking, working, cycling, golfing, and, in short, for all uses required in modern times.

My invention is also desired to be used of two thicknesses of different kinds of dress-goods, whereby the same effect is obtained as in using double-faced cloth.

The flounce B is attached to the skirt A, preferably by means of metallic socket-clasps, whereby the joining edges may be quickly attached to or detached from each other. The lower edge of the skirt A is finished with a double hem, one being in the form of a facing or flap C sewed on the skirt, leaving a split between the two bottom edges. The socket-clasps D are fastened to the inner side of one of these edges, as indicated in Fig. 7, and the stud-clasps E are fastened to the two faces of the top edge of the flounce B, so that when reversed they will fit, respectively, into the socket-clasps D. The flounce may be fastened to both sides of the split hem by means of socket-clasps on each, as shown in Fig. 8.

It is to be observed that the flap or split hem serves the purpose of covering the fasteners and of protecting them from contact.
with the undergarments. The facing-flap may be made a feature of ornament as well as of utility.

The fasteners D and E may be attached to the cloth of the garment or they may be fastened to narrow brads or strips of cloth and these brads stitched to the garment. (See Figs. 7 and 8.)

In order to avoid confusion in fastening the flounce B to the skirt A, I designate a starting-point by means of a trade-mark or other label placed between two of the fasteners on the skirt and the respective two fasteners on the flounce, as indicated at TM, Fig. 8.

It is to be observed that I do not limit myself to any one kind of fastener, but reserve the right to use buttons, hooks and eyes, or any suitable means whereby I may fasten or detach the flounce B to the skirt A in the most practical manner. It is to be further observed that my invention is designed for the use of housewives, tourists, pleasure-seekers, saleswomen, working women, and shop-girls and that I do not limit myself to making any one kind or style of skirt in duplex form.

The reversible flounce B can be detached from the skirt A almost instantly and but a short time will be required to again attach it. It can be worn from the home to places of business or amusement and be detached and laid aside during working hours or times of amusement and again attached before returning to the home. When traveling, the reversible skirt and flounce are especially useful on account of the various uses to which they are adaptable and the several changes of skirt that they provide for the wearer. A dress for rainy weather is readily made by detaching the flounce, which can be easily carried in a hand-bag.

I am aware that it is old to form a dress-skirt with contrasting faces, so that the appearance may be altered by reversing and wearing the skirt with either face out. I am also aware that it is old to provide a skirt with a detachable flounce, so that by removing the flounce the skirt will be shortened.

It will be observed that my invention differs from the foregoing in providing a skirt in which either the upper part or the flounce, or both the upper part and flounce, may be reversed so as to present a greater combination or variety of combinations than under either of the constructions before mentioned and in which the skirt may be converted from either a long or a short skirt to the other with a different combination of colors, as desired. To enable this to be done, the skirt and flounce are so shaped and “finished” that the object in view can be attained without destroying the outlines of the skirt under any of the combinations effected. Furthermore, the upper part of the flounce is provided with fastening means which will permit the flounce to be attached by either of its faces to the lower portion of the upper part of the skirt, thus enabling the flounce to be reversed and reattached to the upper part without destroying the outline.

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

1. A duplex dress-skirt comprising a reversible skirt and flounce, suitable fasteners for attaching said flounce to said skirt, said fasteners spaced and mounted on a narrow braid or strip of cloth and said braid or strip of cloth sewed to the connecting edges of said skirt and flounce, as shown and described and for the purposes set forth.

2. A duplex skirt comprising a body portion having a split hem on its edge, a detachable flounce provided with fastening means for attachment within the split hem, and means provided on both inside faces of the hem to receive the fastening means on the flounce, substantially as described.

3. A duplex skirt comprising a body portion having a flaps along its lower edge, a detachable flounce provided with fastening means at its opposite faces for attachment to the skirt, and means on the body portion and on the flap adapted to receive the fastening means of the flounce, substantially as described.

4. A duplex skirt consisting of a body portion having a split hem on its edge, and a detachable flounce provided with means at its opposite faces for attachment within the split hem, substantially as described.

5. A duplex skirt, comprising a body portion, a detachable flounce, fastening devices applied to the body portion and flounce for attaching the two together, and means applied at corresponding points along the fasteners of the body portion and flounce to indicate the starting-point for attaching the body portion and flounce together, substantially as described.

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