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Fig. 1.

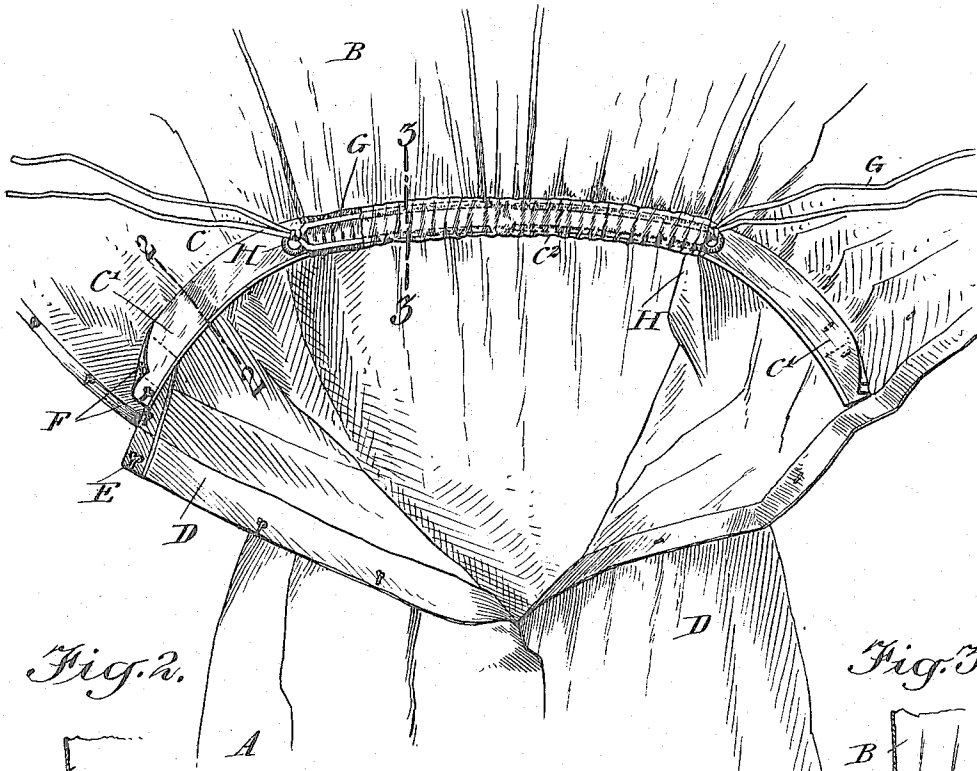


Fig. 2.

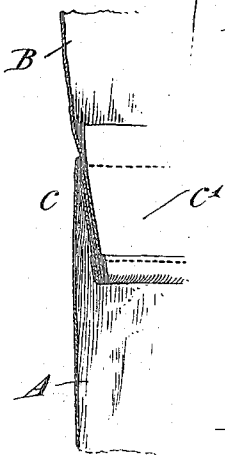


Fig. 3.

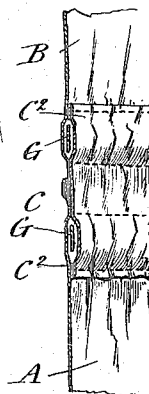
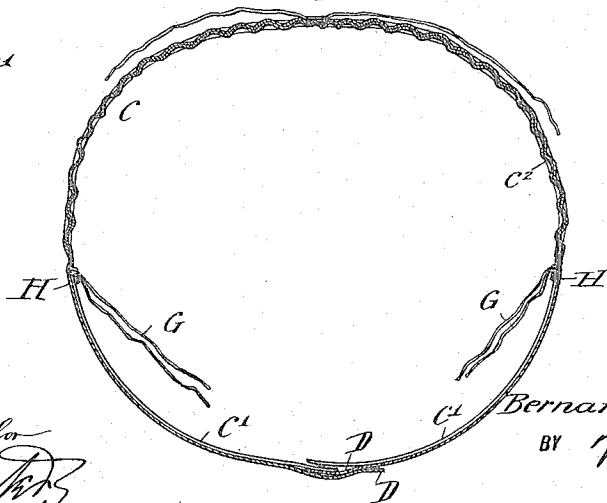


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERNARD SCHIFF, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Maternity Skirt or Dress, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved maternity skirt or dress arranged to provide convenient adjustment of the waist of the garment.

In order to accomplish the desired result the garment is open at the front and is provided with a waistband having non-elastic front portions and a gathered hem at the back, and draw strings in the said hem and secured at the middle of the back and extending out of the hem at the forward ends thereof, and a retaining means on the said front portions of the waistband and to which the outer ends of the draw strings can be tied.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the garment partly opened up; Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross section of the same on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a similar view of the same on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 4 is a sectional plan view of the garment along the waist and with the front closed.

The garment in its entirety combines a skirt A, a waist B and a waistband C, to which the upper end of the skirt A and the lower end of the waist B are secured (see Figs. 2 and 3.) The waist B is open at the front and the upper portion of the skirt A is open at the front, and overlapping front flaps D are thus provided having fastening devices E, such as hooks and eyes, to fasten the flaps together. Similar overlapping flaps D' are on the front of the waist B and the said flaps D' are provided with fastening devices (not shown) to fasten the flaps D' together.

The waistband C consists of front bands C' of non-elastic material and adapted to overlap at the front ends when the garment is closed, and the said front ends of the bands C' are provided with suitable fasten-

ing devices F for fastening the front ends together. The back of the waistband C is in the form of a gathered hem C² (preferably a double one, as shown) and in this hem extend draw strings G secured at their inner ends to the hem at the middle thereof. The outer ends of the draw strings extend through the open front end of the hem C² and are tied to retaining devices, preferably in the form of rings H attached to the inner ends of the non-elastic bands C'. It will be noticed that when the draw strings G are untied from the rings H the gathers of the hem may be gradually drawn out to lengthen the waistband and thus provide the desired compensation at the waist according to the condition of the wearer. When the desired adjustment in the hem C² has been made the outer ends of the draw strings are again tied to the rings H to hold the hem C² in the adjusted position.

It is understood that the bands C' are joined at their rear ends with the open forward ends of the hem C² thus providing a continuous waistband, of which the rear portion can be lengthened or shortened.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the desired adjustment is only made at the back of the garment and not at the front to insure at all times a proper hang of the garment and without producing any undue strains on the abdominal region of the wearer.

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

1. A maternity garment provided with a waistband open at the front and having non-elastic front portions adapted to be fastened together at the front ends, the waistband having a gathered hem on its inner face at the back and draw strings in the said hem and secured at their inner ends to the said hem at the middle of the back, the outer ends of the draw strings extending out through the forward open ends of the hem to allow of gathering the hem more or less, and retaining means attached to the said front portions of the waistband and to which the outer ends of each of the drawstrings are tied after the hem is gathered to the desired extent.

2. A maternity garment provided with a waist band open at the front and adapted to have the ends thereof secured together,

the waist band having a double gathered
hem on its inner face at the back, pairs of
draw strings in the hem, the strings of each
pair of strings being secured at their inner
5 ends to the said hem at the middle of the
hem, said pairs of strings extending out
through the ends of the hem, and rings at-
tached to the front portion of the waist-
band adjacent to the ends of the gathered
10 hem and to each of which a pair of the

draw strings is secured after the hem has
been gathered to the desired extent.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
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