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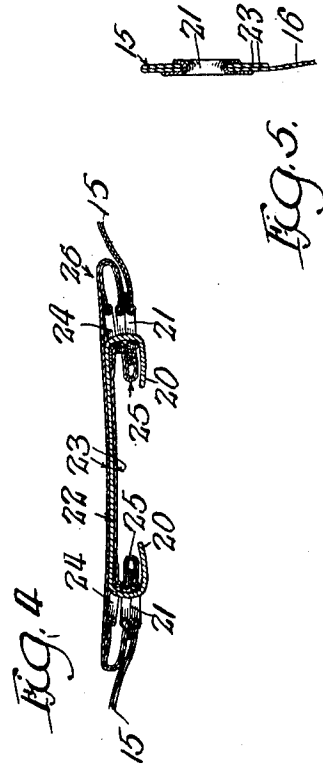
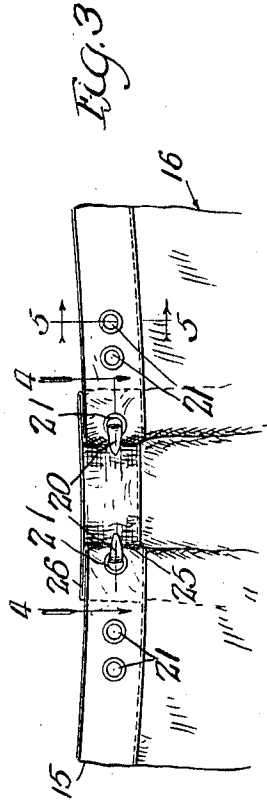
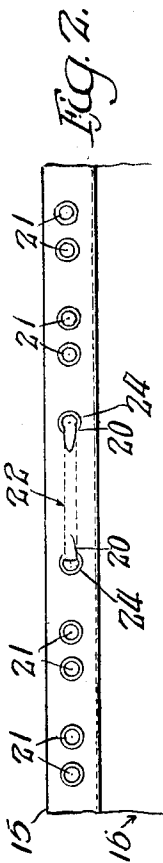
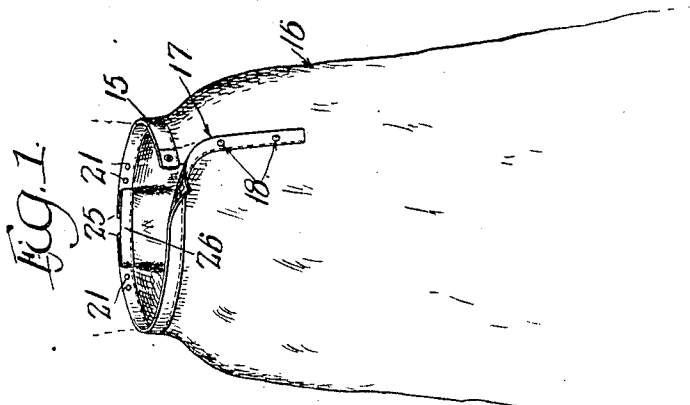


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. LEWY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjusting Devices for Petticoat-Bands; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, references being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a novel waist-band adjusting device for petticoats and the like.

The object of the invention is to provide an extremely simple, strong and durable adjusting device of this character arranged to adjust the garment to waists of considerable variations in size while insuring a smooth and neat fit of all parts of the adjusted band, and avoiding objectionable bunching or wadding of the material of the band in any part thereof.

My improved adjusting device is designed for use with skirts or petticoats having a side placket or opening and in which the waist-band is made continuous or of a single piece from one side of the placket or opening to the other. The adjusting device is located at the back of the band and comprises a central fastening device and a series of complementary fastening devices arranged on the band at the sides of the central fastening device. Said side fastening devices are arranged in such manner that when the band is to be adjusted for smaller size the side fastening devices are shifted inwardly toward the central fastening device and engaged with the latter and the material of the band between the engaged fastening devices is folded inside the band in the form of a flat lying plait which takes up but little room and avoids buckling or bunching of the material of the band. The band is adjusted for a given size waist and remains permanently in such adjustment, and the placket is opened to permit the garment to be donned and removed. The arrangement is such that a band of a given maximum size may be adjusted to closely fit waists varying in sizes through a wide range.

The invention consists in the matters hereinafter set forth and more particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the upper end of a petticoat and an adjusting device embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the upper part of the petticoat and band showing the adjusting devices thereon. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the band adjusted to smaller size. Fig. 4 is a section taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a section taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

As shown in the drawings, 15 designates the waist-band of a skirt or petticoat 16. The said petticoat is provided with the usual slitted side opening or placket 17, the overlapping parts of which carry the usual fastening devices 18 for closing the opening. The waist-band 15 is made continuous from one side of the placket to the other. Located at the back of the waist-band, centrally thereof as herein shown, are two hooks 20, 20 which project rearwardly from the band and turn inwardly toward each other.

21, 21 designate a plurality of metal eyelets which extend through and are clenched to the band, there being a series of said eyelets at each side of the hooks 20, 20. The said eyelets 21, 21 are arranged in pairs, two eyelets of each pair being arranged closely adjacent to each other, while the pairs of eyes are spaced a suitable distance apart. The hooks 20, 20 may be attached to the waist-band in any suitable manner. As shown, said hooks are formed on the ends of a metal plate 22 which lies between the folds 23, 23 of the band, and the ends of said plate are curved rearwardly and toward each other to form the hooks and extend outwardly through eyelets 24 made like the eyelets 21. The arrangement shown provides a firm and reliable attachment of the hooks to the waist-band, and admits of the hooks being attached to the band in a simple manner. However, said hooks may be made separate from each other and otherwise fixed to the band if desired.

In Fig. 2 the band is shown as extended to its full length to fit the largest waist to which the garment is adapted. In order to adjust the band to a smaller waist, the band is grasped between the thumb and finger at one of the pairs of eyelets 21 to form the material of the band into a loop 25, and in such a manner as to bring the two eyelets of a pair flatwise side by side with their openings in alinement. Thereafter the looped

portion of the band is engaged with the hook 20, the said hook passing through the two eyelets. The waist-band at one or both sides of the hooks 20 may be thus adjusted. When
 5 so adjusted the material of the band between the engaged hooks and eyes is formed into a flat plait 26 which lies inside the waist-band, as most clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

The adjustment of the band in the manner
 10 described always produces a flat lying plait at the back which occupies but little space and permits an over garment to be fitted closely thereto and to lie flat thereon and without in any manner detracting from the
 15 neatness of fit of the over-garment. The construction described also avoids slitting of the band and petticoat adjacent thereto and avoids the use of elastic inserts, bands or draw cords and always provides a neat and
 20 close fitting of the band about the waist.

So far as is concerned the general features of the invention, the fastening devices, by which is produced at the point of adjustment on the one-piece band the flat lying
 25 plait, may be otherwise formed and arranged, and I do not limit myself to the details herein shown, except in such claims as are limited to said details. The arrangement herein shown, however, embodying the
 30 metal eyes arranged in pairs along the band, is of great importance by reason of the simplicity of the construction, the ease with which the devices may be applied, and also

the strength of the connection between the looped portions of the band and the attaching hooks. 35

I claim as my invention:—

A petticoat having a single side placket and a band extending continuously from one side of said placket to the other, the top of
 40 the skirt at the band being unslitted and goreless from one side of the placket to the other, and adjusting means for said band comprising a bar provided at its ends with
 45 integral hooks and attached to the band at the back center of the petticoat so that said band will be continuous or unbroken for a considerable distance at each side of said
 50 bar, and a series of pairs of eyelets attached to the band at each side of said bar, and so arranged that the band at the sides of said bar may be brought flatwise together to
 55 form loops, with the eyelets in alinement to engage with the hooks, and to form the material of the unslitted and goreless portion of the petticoat body in a single flat lying
 plait inside the general line of the band.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my invention I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses, this 16th day of
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