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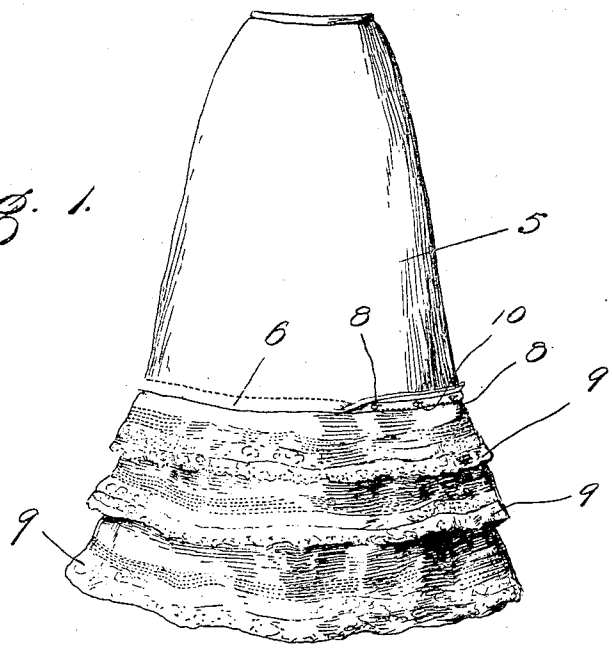
Fig. 1.



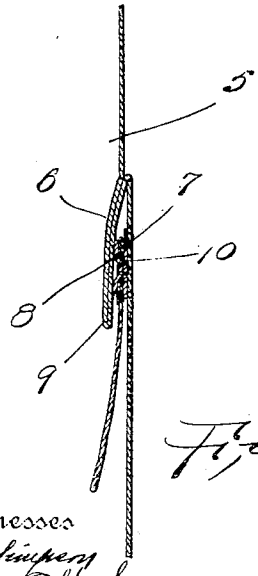


Fig. 2.

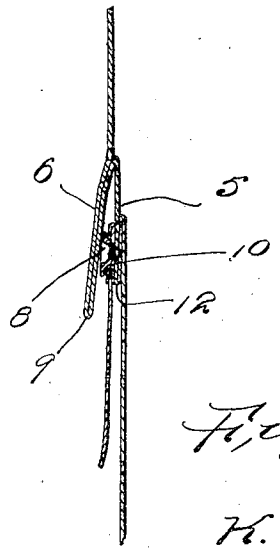


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KATY VERNON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Logansport, in the county of Cass, State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to overskirts, and has for its object to provide a skirt of this character with a detachable flounce, the skirt being adapted to be worn either with or without the said flounce, as may be desired.

A further object of the invention is to provide a skirt of this character of such construction that the flounce may be detached without destroying the utility of the skirt, this object being attained by providing a skirt which will not be foreshortened when the flounce is detached.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is an elevation showing a skirt embodying the present invention, one of the plates being turned up to show the manner of attaching a ruffle therebeneath. Fig. 2 is a vertical section through a portion of the skirt. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, showing a modification.

Referring now to the drawings, the present skirt comprises a body portion 5, having circumscribing tucks 6 formed at intervals thereof and corresponding in number to the ruffles or flounces to be used. Stitched to the body of the skirt beneath each tuck and close to the base of the tuck is a tape 7, the stitching for the tape being at the upper edge thereof, and sewed to this tape at intervals are buttons 8. For each of the tucks there is provided a ruffle or flounce 9, having at its upper edge buttonholes 10. The flounce or ruffle is endless and is disposed around the body of the skirt and the buttons are engaged in the buttonholes at the upper edge thereof, after which the corresponding tuck is folded down over the buttons so as to hide them. When the skirt is to be laundered, the ruffle or flounce is unbuttoned and removed, and it will be understood that the skirt may be worn with or without the ruffles or flounces or with certain of them removed.

In Fig. 3 of the drawings there is shown a modification wherein a minor tuck 12 is formed beneath each of the major tucks 6 and the buttons are sewed to this minor tuck instead of to the tape.

What is claimed is—

A skirt comprising a body portion having a series of major tucks formed therein, one above the other, minor tucks formed in the skirt one beneath each of the major tucks, said minor tucks being stitched at their lower edges to the body portion of the skirt, the said body portion of the skirt being continued downwardly from the lowermost minor tuck to form the lower edge of the skirt, a series of fastening elements carried by the minor tucks and hidden by the major tucks, and a series of ruffles or flounces arranged for connection with said skirt by means of said fastening elements.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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