

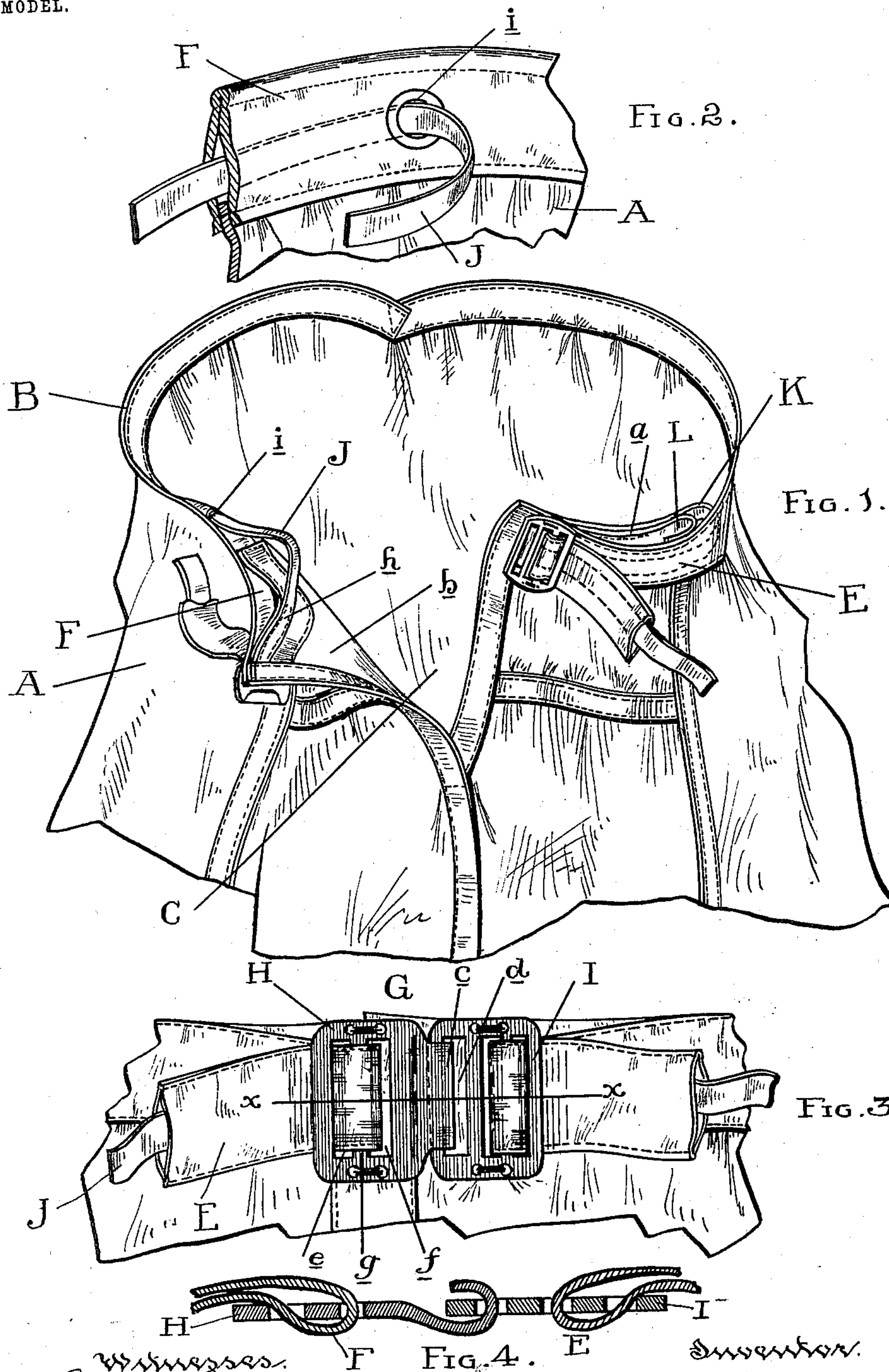
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL H. CAMP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jackson, in the county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The invention has reference to skirts so constructed that the waist size thereof may be varied at the will of the wearer; and the invention consists in the novel and simple construction of the adjusting means and the peculiar arrangement and combination of the various parts thereof, as fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings illustrating my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the top portion of a skirt with my adjusting means applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a sectional perspective view of a portion of the waist-section. Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation, and Fig. 4 is a section taken on line *x x* of Fig. 3.

The reference-letter A designates the skirt proper or body, the waist-section of which is provided with a band B, extending about the top of the skirt in the usual manner.

C is the usual placket-opening, and E and F, respectively, are straps attached to the waist-section of the skirt upon opposite sides of and at points remote from the placket, as shown. Preferably I have shown the straps referred to as formed by a continuation of the waistband B, the band proper in this instance terminating at each side of the skirt at a considerable distance from each edge of the placket, leaving the sections *a* and *b* of the skirt-body free or unprovided with a band, so as to fold readily when the adjustment is effected. The straps described are also tubular in construction for the purpose hereinafter set forth.

A securing device G is employed, detachably connecting the rear meeting portions of the skirt, consisting in this case of a buckle comprising detachable sections H and I, carrying, respectively, the hook *e* and an eye *d*. The buckle-sections may be attached to the skirt in any manner, preferably sewed, as shown, and each section is slotted, as at *e* and *f*, to form cross-bars *g*. The straps previ-

ously referred to pass through the slots in the buckle-sections in the manner indicated in Fig. 3, being held against movement in one direction, but free to pass through the buckle-sections when drawn in the opposite direction.

J and K represent draw-strings, one accompanying each strap. Each string is secured at one end to the waist-section at a point *h* between the placket and the point of attachment of the strap, while the opposite end is adjustably connected to the buckle-section. Preferably I have shown the draw-strings as extending through eyes *i*, formed in the waistband into and projecting through and beyond the tubular straps.

The skirt being fastened in the usual manner at the back by engaging the buckle-sections, the waist size may be decreased by drawing upon the ends of the straps. After effecting the adjustment in this manner a fold (indicated by the reference-letter L) is formed in the skirt adjoining the placket, and this is held tightly and smoothly against the waistband by means of the draw-string. It will be apparent from the construction of the skirt as set forth that the adjustment may be very readily and quickly effected after the skirt is fastened and that by the use of the draw-strings described the folds formed in the skirt are held smoothly in place, so that there will be no bulging or unsightly enlargements produced around the waist or hips.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. An adjustable skirt cut to admit of a fold being formed on either side of the placket, a securing device detachably connecting the rear meeting portions of the skirt, adjusting devices adapted to produce and maintain folds in the waist-section on the side of the placket and means independent of the fold-producing devices arranged to overlie and hold the folds to the waistband.

2. A skirt provided with a placket, a sectional buckle detachably connecting the meeting portions of the skirt at the placket, straps adjustably connecting the buckle-sections and the portions of the waist-section adjoining the placket and arranged to produce and maintain folds in the waist-section on the sides of the placket and draw-strings independent of the fold-producing devices ar-

ranged to overlie and hold the folds against the waist-section.

3. In a skirt provided with a placket, the combination with a securing device detachably connecting the rear meeting portions of the skirt at the placket, straps secured to the waist-section upon opposite sides of and at points remote from the placket and having adjustable connections with the securing device, and draw-strings accompanying the straps, each looped through the waist-section with its ends secured respectively to said section and adjustably connected to the securing device.

4. A skirt provided with a placket, a sectional buckle detachably connecting the meeting portions of the skirt at the placket, straps secured to the waist-section upon opposite sides of and at points remote from the placket and having adjustable connections with the buckle-sections, and draw-strings accompanying the straps, each looped through the waist-section with its ends secured respectively to said section and adjustably connected to the buckle-sections.

5. A skirt provided with a placket, a sec-

tional buckle connecting the meeting portions of the skirt at the placket, hollow strap secured to the waist-section upon opposite sides of and at points remote from the placket and having adjustable connections with the buckle-sections, and draw-strings secured at one end to the inner side of the waist-sections and having their free ends looped through said waist-section and said hollow straps.

6. A skirt provided with a placket, a securing device detachably connecting the meeting portions of the skirt, hollow straps secured to the waist-section upon opposite sides of and at points remote from the placket and having their free ends adjustably connected with the securing device, and draw-strings secured in said hollow straps, the inner ends of said draw-strings being looped through and secured to the waist-sections.

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

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