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Fig. 1.

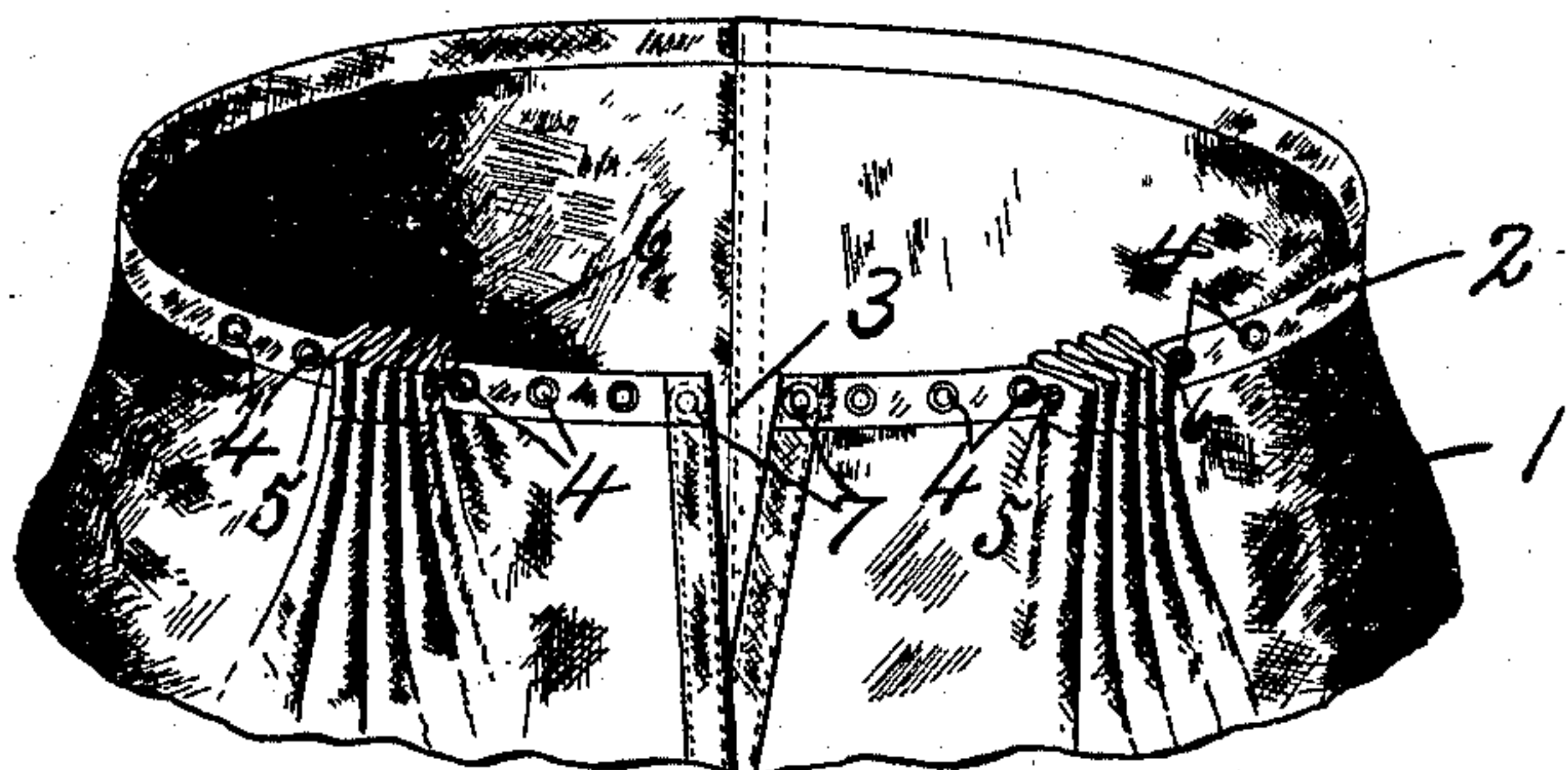


Fig. 2.

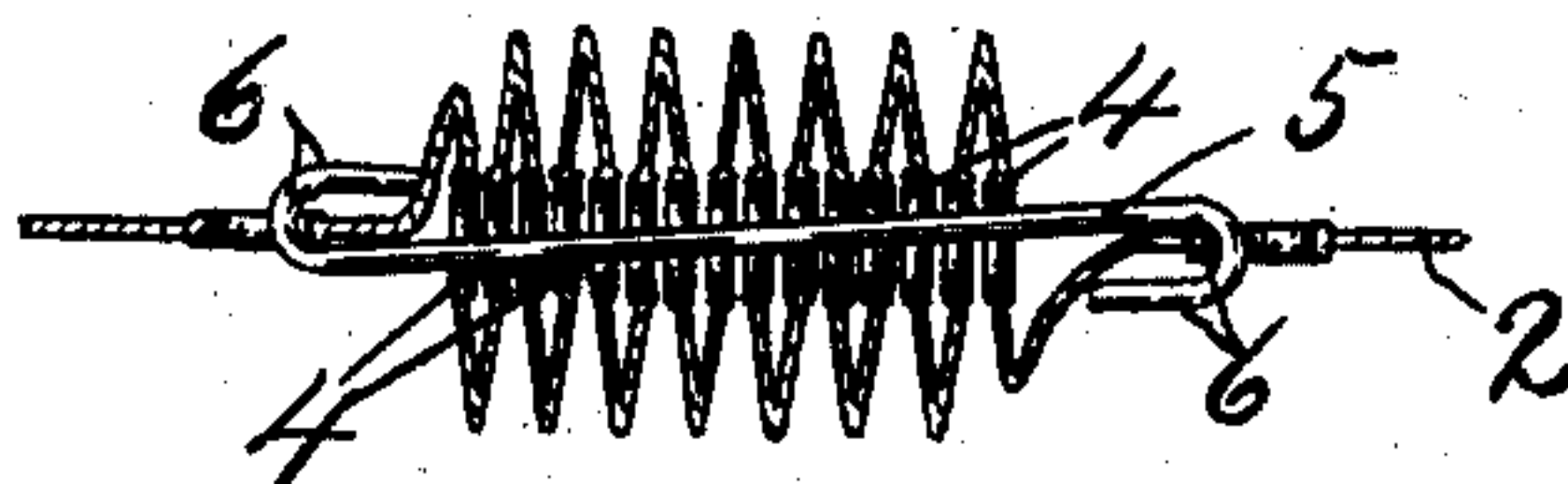


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MILBURN M. MERRILL, of Weedsport, in the county of Cayuga, in the State of New York, have invented new and
5 useful Improvements in Plaiting Attachments for Skirt-Bands and Similar Garments, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

10 This invention relates to a plaiting attachment for bands of skirts and other garments in which it is desired to maintain a series of uniform folds or plaits and to permit the number of folds to be increased or diminished at
15 will.

My object, therefore, is to provide a simple, practical, and efficient device upon which may be folded a variable number of uniform
20 plaits, the device being adapted to be worn with the garment to hold the plaits from spreading or unfolding, and thereby to always maintain a symmetrical series of folds.

It will be evident from the subsequent description that this device is applicable to
25 many uses in the art to which it relates—as, for instance, in the formation of multifold darts, which may be arranged at regular or irregular intervals in the garment, and particularly at the bands of the inner or outer
30 skirts and waists. It is also apparent that if it is desired to form plaits in the outer garments, in which instance portions of the devices might be exposed, they may be formed of silver or gold plated metal or otherwise or-
35 namented to add to the pleasing appearance of the garment.

In Figure 1 of the drawings I have shown a portion of a skirt having its waistband provided with a series of plaits or multifold
40 darts as folded upon and held in position by my improved plaiting attachment. Fig. 2 is an enlarged transverse horizontal sectional view through a series of plates, showing more clearly the application of my invention
45 thereto. Fig. 3 is a face view of one of the detached plaiting devices.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

In order to demonstrate the practicability
50 of this invention I have shown a portion of a

skirt 1, having a band 2 and a vertical slit 3, the band being provided with a series of apertures in which are secured at regular intervals eyelets 4, which are generally located at the back of the skirt at opposite sides of the
55 slit 3. These apertures or eyelets are adapted to receive my improved plaiting attachment, which consists of a rigid bar 5 of suitable metal or equivalent material, having its opposite ends bent backwardly in opposite
60 directions for forming open-sided loops or hook-shape extremities 6. The bar 5 is of sufficient length to take in a considerable number of folds, and yet is short enough so that its ends lie close to the waist of the wearer
65 without distorting the garment or perceptibly bending the bar, and any number of these bars may be used to form as many multifold darts as may be desired.

It is evident that this device is reversible
70 and interchangeable and can be used in either a vertical or horizontal position, is simple and economical in manufacture, and does not add materially to the cost of the garment to which it is applied.
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The plaits or folds may be formed on either end of the bar by simply slipping the eyelets successively over the hook-shape end in the manner seen in Fig. 2—i. e., the bar is hooked from either end into the eyelets, which
80 are then moved along the bar toward the opposite hook, the latter forming an abutting shoulder for the folds—and when a sufficient number of plaits or folds are made the remaining parts of the band may be extended
85 so that the end eyelets pull directly against the closed ends of the loops, as seen in Fig. 2.

Any suitable means may be employed for fastening the edges of the slit 3 together, and for this purpose I have shown clasp-sections
90 7, similar to the ordinary glove-fasteners; but it is evident that an ordinary hook or eye or equivalent fastener may be used, if desired, this feature forming no part of my present invention.
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Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A plaiting attachment for skirt-bands, a bar passed through the band at intervals to
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form plaits in the band, said bar having hook-shape extremities interlocking with the band to hold the plaits from spreading.

2. In combination with a garment-band
5 having a series of eyelets arranged side by side, a bar inserted through successive eyelets to form plaits in the band, and means on the bar to prevent spreading of the plaits.

3. In combination with a skirt-band having
10 a row of eyelets arranged at regular inter-

vals, and a bar inserted through the eyelets and provided with hook-shape extremities for the purpose described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of March, 1903.

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