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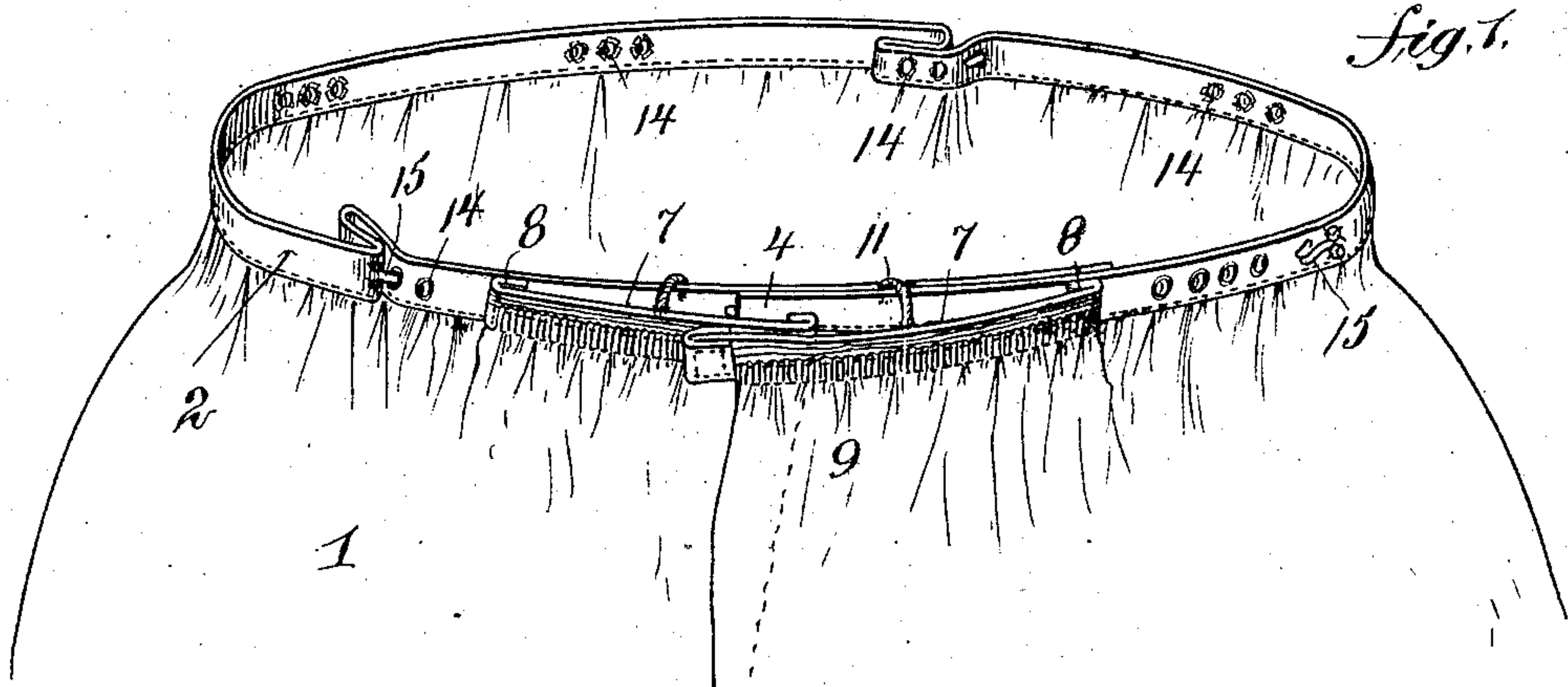


Fig. 1.

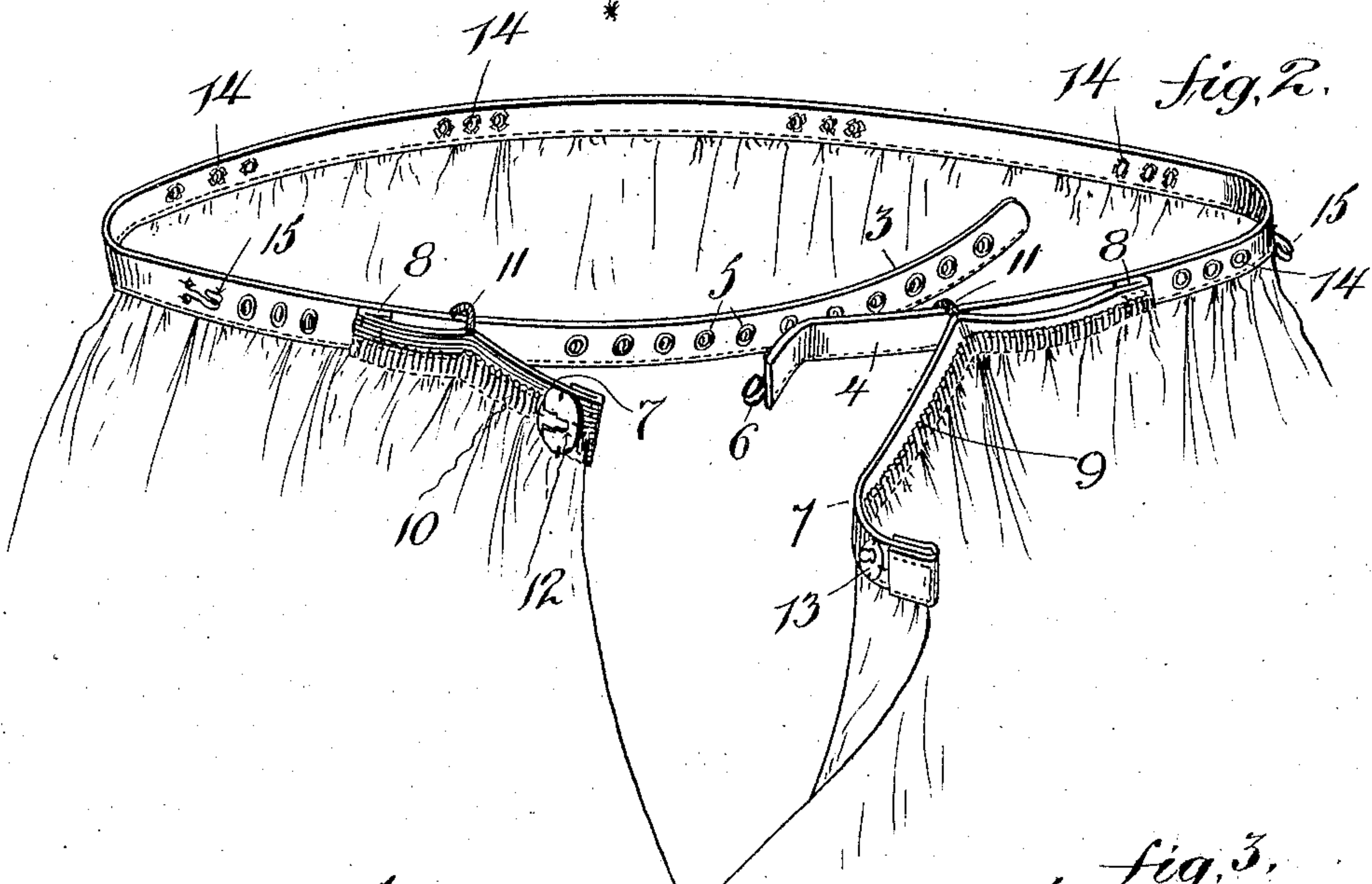


Fig. 2.

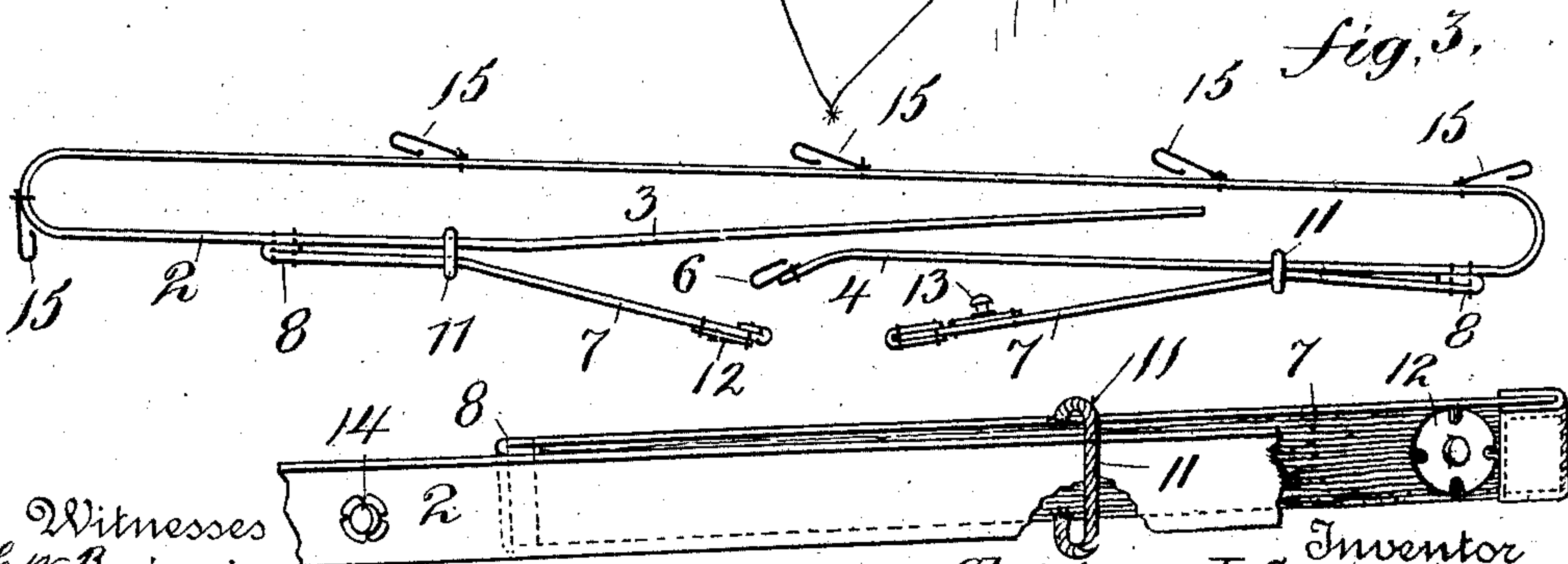


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHRISTINA J. SORENSEN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirts, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and effective skirt having a waistband and other parts which may be adjusted and which will be suitable for persons of different waist measurement, so that the number of garments which any one dealer will require may be limited to one or two sizes.

There are other objects which will more fully appear in the description hereinafter.

In the drawings forming part of this application, Figure 1 is an elevation of a portion of the skirt, showing my improvements applied thereto, the skirt being shown off the wearer. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the skirt open at the rear. Fig. 3 is a plan view of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is an elevation of a portion of a band.

The particular feature of my invention consists in applying to the top of a skirt a band which will fit securely to the wearer and also a supplemental band which is secured to the first band and which extends partly around the waist near the back and on which the goods of the skirt is gathered or shirred, so that the supplemental band, which is resilient, may be secured in place after the first or main band has been fitted securely to the waist, the resiliency of the supplemental band and the shirring or gathering of the skirt material allowing for expansion, so as to conform to the waist of the wearer after the skirt is applied. In this way all the advantages of a non-resilient band are secured as well as the advantages derived from the use of a resilient band, which allows for variation in sizes of the waist. There are other features, such as the use of a series of adjustable means for regulating the fullness of the skirt over the hips of the wearer.

In the drawings the skirt 1 is provided with a waistband 2, which I call the "main band" and which is adapted to entirely encircle the waist of the wearer. The band 2 is provided with overlapping ends 3 and 4, the former being provided, preferably, with

eyelets 5 and the latter with a hook 6 for the purpose of providing means for securing the ends 3 and 4 together. I provide the series of eyelets so that the hook 6 may be secured in the proper one when the band is drawn snugly around the waist of the wearer. Upon the exterior of the main band I also provide a supplemental band 7, which is preferably made of a resilient material, such as elastic and to which the skirt material is attached, so that the supplemental band 7 will form a continuation upon the skirt material of the main band 2 from the points 8, where the supplemental band is joined with the main band.

The material of the skirt where it is secured to the supplemental band is shirred, as at 9 and 10, so that there will be a fullness in the material at the rear of the skirt suitable for allowing contraction or expansion. Loops 11 may be provided on the supplemental band which engage the main band, so as to retain them in proper relation with one another—in other words, so that the supplemental band will not sag. On the ends of the two parts of the supplemental band are secured suitable securing means 12 and 13, which consist of an eyelet and button for securing the ends of the supplemental band together.

In using the skirt the wearer first adjusts the main band snugly around the waist and secures the hook 6 in one of the eyelets 5, so that the band 2 will fit snugly to the waist. The supplemental band is then secured by overlapping the ends thereof and engaging the parts 12 and 13. As the resiliency of the supplemental band and the shirring of the material of the skirt thereon allows for expansion or contraction, the supplemental band will be caused to fit snugly to the wearer. From this it will be seen that it is a tight-fitting non-resilient band which supports the skirt, the resilient band performing the remaining functions. In a skirt, particularly of this character, owing to the same being made for persons of different sizes, it may be desirable in some cases to increase or decrease the fullness of the skirt material over the hips, so I provide a series of eyelets 14 and hooks 15, which are distributed at proper places on the band 2, so that the hooks may engage in any of the corresponding eyelets 14 for the



purpose of folding the material of the skirt, making vertical folds, which become lost in the material of the skirt below.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A skirt having a waistband of non-resilient material adapted to surround the waist, and a supplemental band for a portion of the waist, said supplemental band being of a resilient material and secured to the non-resilient band, the skirt being secured to both the said bands and supported thereby.

2. A skirt having a non-resilient waistband adapted to surround the waist, said band being disconnected from the skirt for a portion of its length, a resilient supplemental band secured to the main band, the skirt being secured to the supplemental band for that portion where disconnected from the main band, the said skirt being so secured to the supplemental band as to expand therewith.

3. A skirt having a waistband of non-resilient material secured part way round the same, and a supplemental waistband secured to the main band between the points of disconnection of the skirt and main band, the skirt being secured to the supplemental band by shirring or gathering so as to expand

therewith, the main and supplemental bands forming a continuous support for the skirt.

4. A skirt having a non-resilient waistband adapted to encircle the waist, having separate ends, and secured to the skirt for a portion of its length, a supplemental resilient band on the skirt between the points of disconnection of the skirt and main band, said supplemental band having separable ends and means for securing the ends of the supplemental band together.

5. A skirt having a non-resilient waistband adapted to encircle the waist and secured part way round the skirt and having free ends adapted to be secured together, a central placket in the rear of the skirt, and a supplemental resilient band, in separate sections, secured to the skirt by shirring or gathering, on opposite sides of the placket, said sections of the supplemental band being secured to the main band and whose ends may be secured together, the main and supplemental bands forming a continuous support for the skirt.

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