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Fig. 1

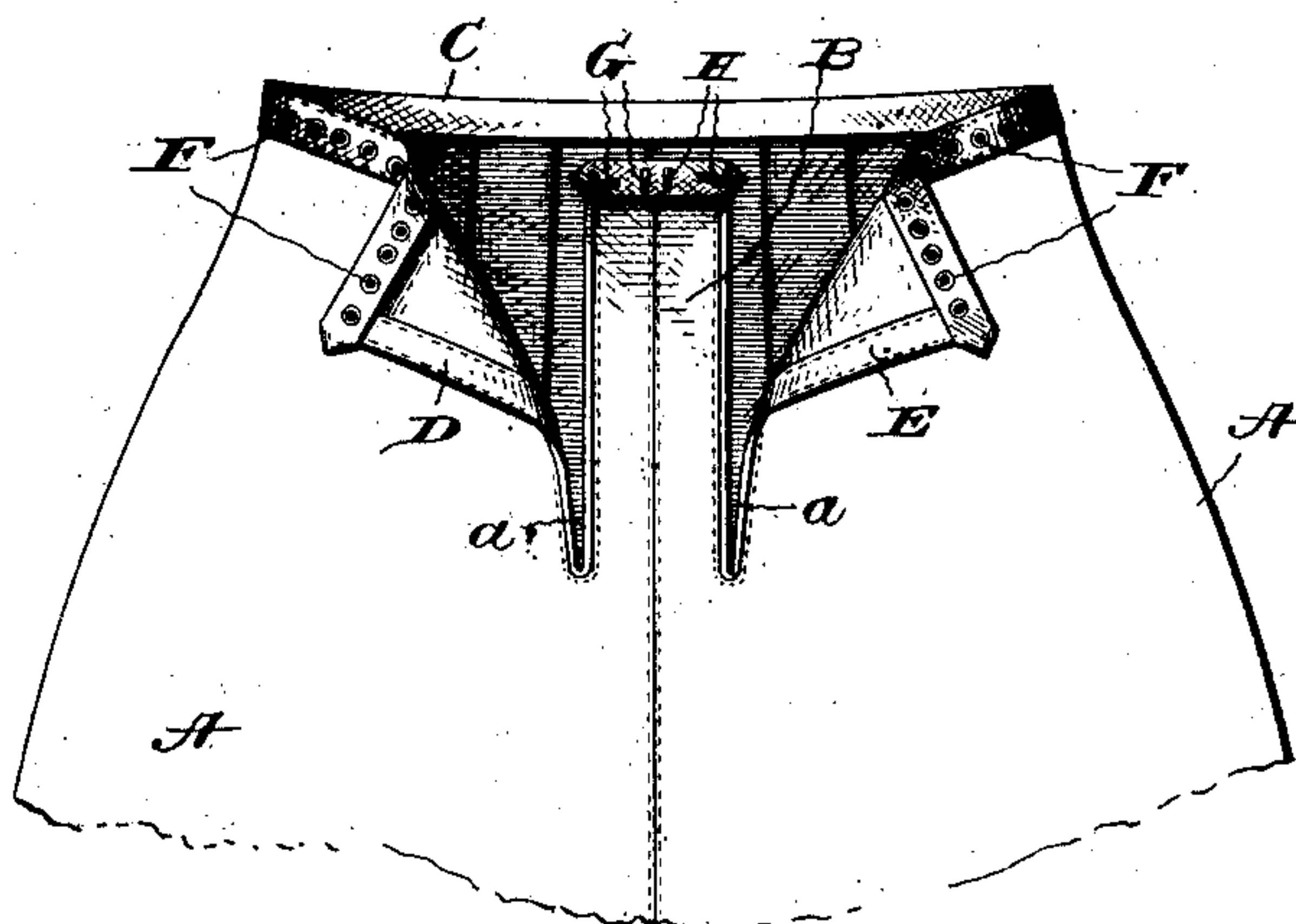


Fig. 2

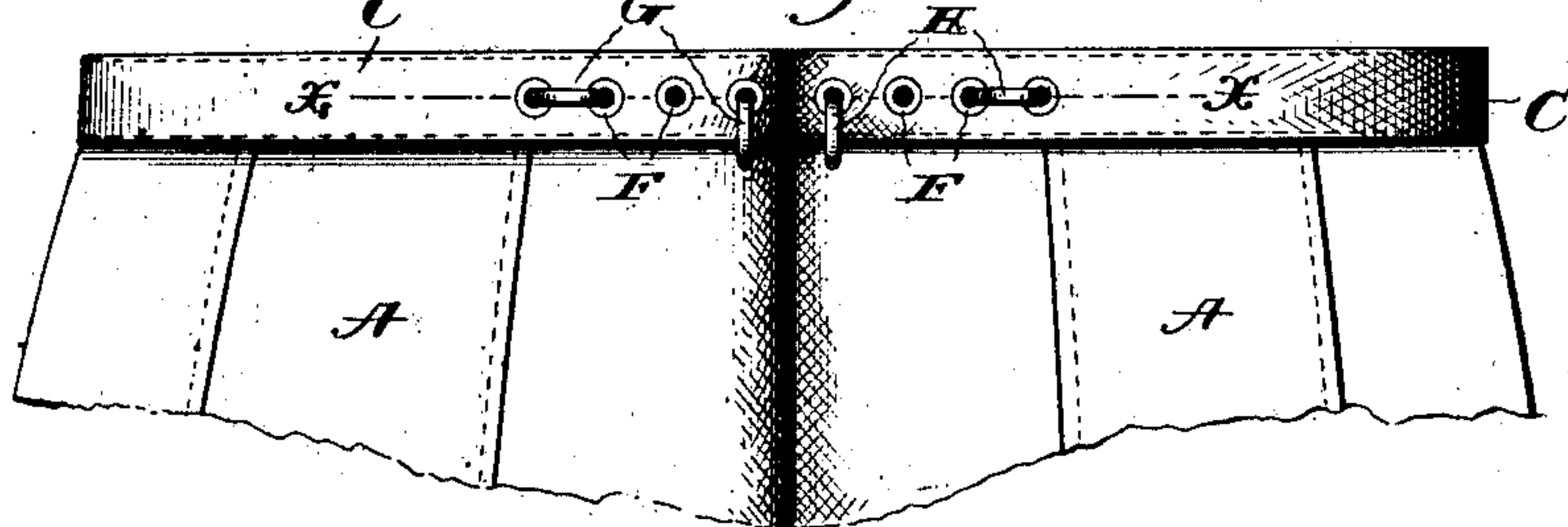


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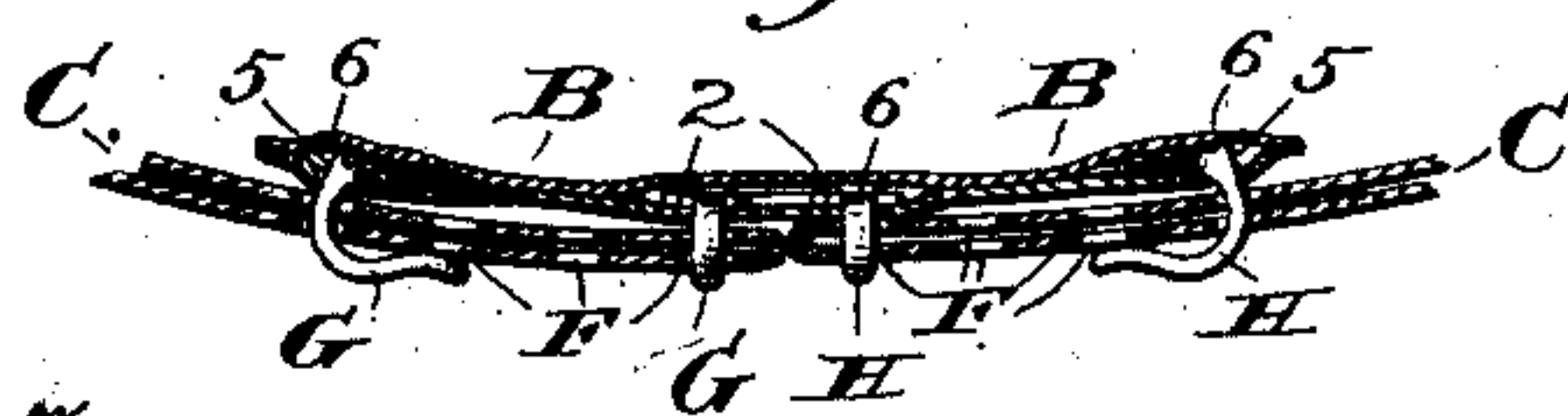


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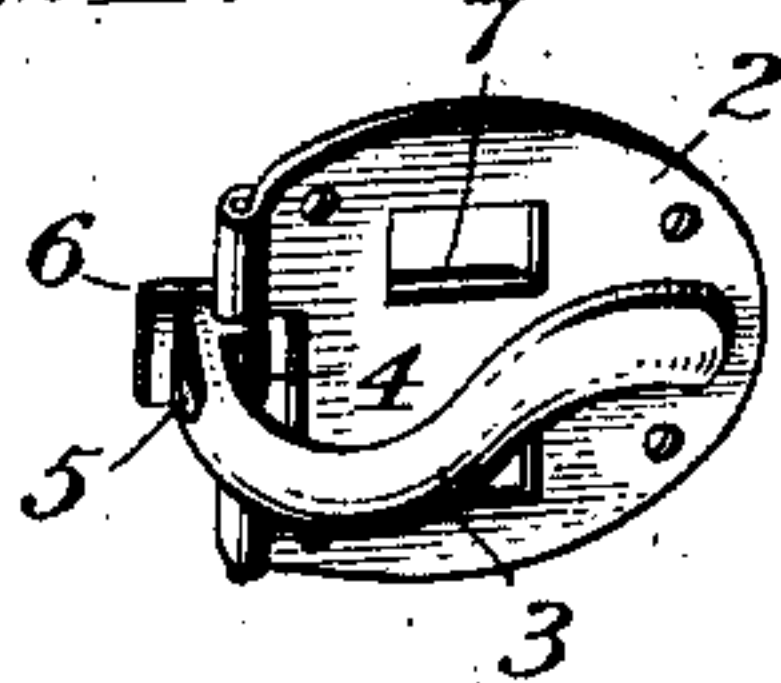
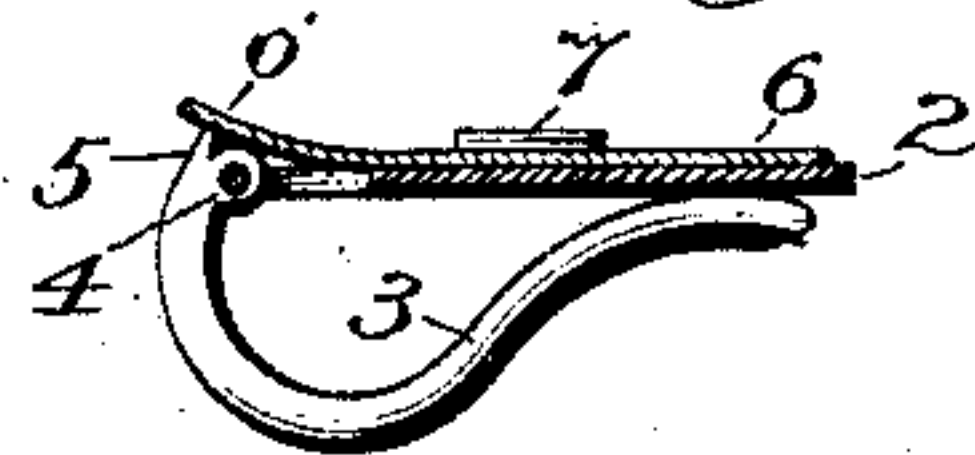


Fig. 5



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM PADERNACHT, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirts or Attachments Therefor, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to improvements in skirts, and has for its object the provision of improved means whereby to close the usual placket opening and permit a wide range of adjustment of the waist band.

The invention comprehends the provision of a waist band and back-piece provided with fastening instrumentalities arranged to secure the folded portions of the skirt,—incident to their adjustment,—to said back-piece, whereby the bends of the folds may closely approach or abut and be always directly in the center of the back; and also whereby each of the layers of the folds will be engaged to insure their retention in adjusted position so that the skirt when in use, and irrespective of its degree of adjustment at the waist, will hang smoothly and closely fit the body.

The invention further embraces the provision of two pairs of hooks, or their equivalents, carried by the back-piece, one pair adapted to engage each of the folded portions of the skirt, whereby it will be held at two separated points; and more specifically, such hooks so arranged that the tongues of each pair will engage through eyelets on the folded portions of the skirt in relatively different operating planes to prevent escape of said eyelets from both hooks of a pair by a movement of the folded portions of the skirt in any one direction.

The hooks just referred to are preferably, though in some instances not essentially of a spring-tongue type made in keeping with my present invention.

All of the foregoing characteristics of my invention, as also the novel details in the construction and arrangement of the several parts, will be apparent from the detailed description hereinafter contained when read in connection with the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, and wherein I have illustrated a convenient embodiment of the invention.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is an elevational view of the skirt, the parts being shown as separated with the placket open; Fig. 2 is an enlarged elevation showing the manner of securing the folds together and closing the placket; Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 2; and Figs. 4 and 5 are detail perspective and sectional views of one of the hooks.

Referring more specifically to the drawings wherein like reference characters refer to corresponding parts in the several views, A designates a skirt which is slit at its top, as at $a-a$, to provide a narrow back-piece B, and C represents the waist band. At the ends of the waist band, in those portions of the skirt D and E which immediately adjoin the back piece B, I provide a multitude of eyelets F of equal number at each end of the waist band, and the eyelets of each series being so arranged with respect to each other, that those of the several layers will register when the portions D and E of the skirt are folded to secure the desired adjustment of the waist band.

On the back piece B, I secure two pairs of hooks G and H, the former adapted to engage the folded portion D of the skirt, and the latter the folded portion E of the skirt in a manner to insure close association of these two folded portions on a line directly in the center of the back of the skirt, as shown in Fig. 2. Each of the hooks is of a spring-tongue type, and upon inspection of Figs. 4 and 5, it will be seen that each hook comprises a perforated securing plate 2, a tongue 3 pivoted at 4 to one end of the plate, and said tongue having a flattened tail-piece 5 adapted to be engaged by a spring 6 in open or closed position to hold the tongue in either of said positions, the spring in turn being secured to the bottom of the plate 2 through the medium of lugs 7 struck out from said plate and bent down over and upon said spring.

The arrangement of the hooks upon the back-piece is such that those of each pair will have their tongues arranged in different operating planes, preferably at right angles, so that when engaging the folded portions of the skirt, a movement of the same in any one direction cannot disengage both hooks, thus insuring against accidental unfastening.

In adjusting the skirt, it is simply neces-

sary to fold the portions D and E of the skirt inwardly upon themselves and to the same extent at each side of the back-piece, and to engage said folded portions over the hooks, the hooks being initially opened to facilitate such engagement. When properly engaged, the hooks will pass through eyelets on all layers of the folds, and securely fasten them at two separated points and in such close proximity that the skirt will have the appearance of being provided with a seam directly down the middle of the back; and owing to the fastening of each layer of the folds the skirt will hang smoothly and present a neat and finished appearance upon the wearer.

I claim:

1. In a skirt, a back-piece, eyeleted portions adapted to be folded and laid upon said back piece, and two pairs of fastening devices secured to and carried by said back piece adapted to pass through registering eyelets on each of said portions when folded, whereby to secure the layers of each fold in place at separated points.

2. In a skirt, a back-piece, eyeleted portions adapted to be folded and laid upon said back piece, and two pairs of hooks secured to and carried by said back piece adapted to

pass through registering eyelets on each of said portions when folded whereby to secure the layers of each fold in place at separated points, said hooks being arranged to have their tongues occupy relatively different planes when in securing position to insure against accidental unfastening of the folded portions by a movement in any one direction.

3. In a skirt, a back piece, an eyeleted portion adapted to be folded and laid upon said back piece, and a fastening device secured to and carried by said back piece adapted to pass through registering eyelets on said portion when folded whereby to secure the layers of the fold in place.

4. In a skirt, a back piece, eyeleted portions adapted to be folded and laid upon said back piece, and fastening devices secured to and carried by said back piece arranged whereby one of said devices will pass through registering eyelets on each of said portions when folded and secure the layers of each fold in place.

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

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