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Fig. 1.

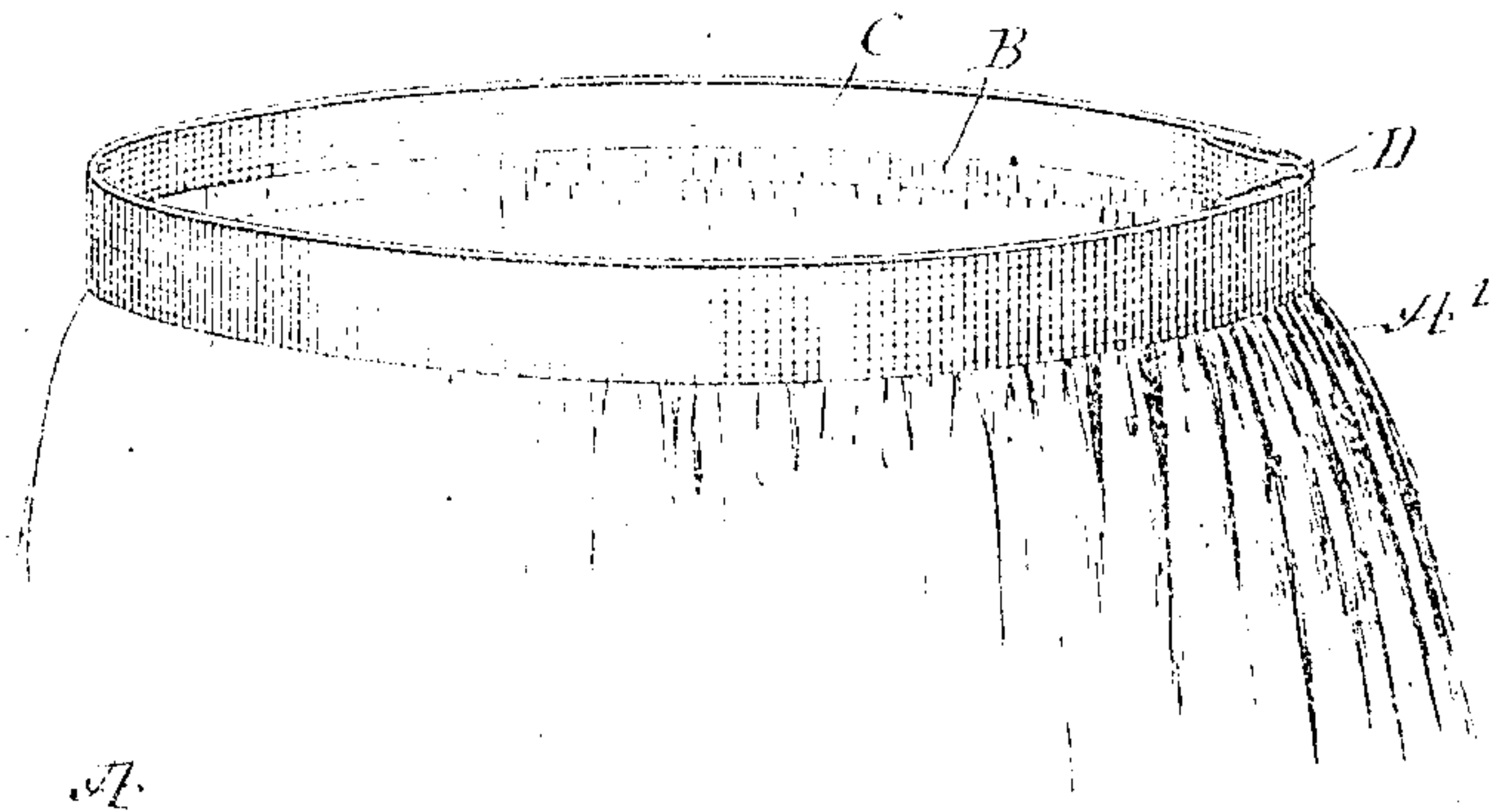


Fig. 2.

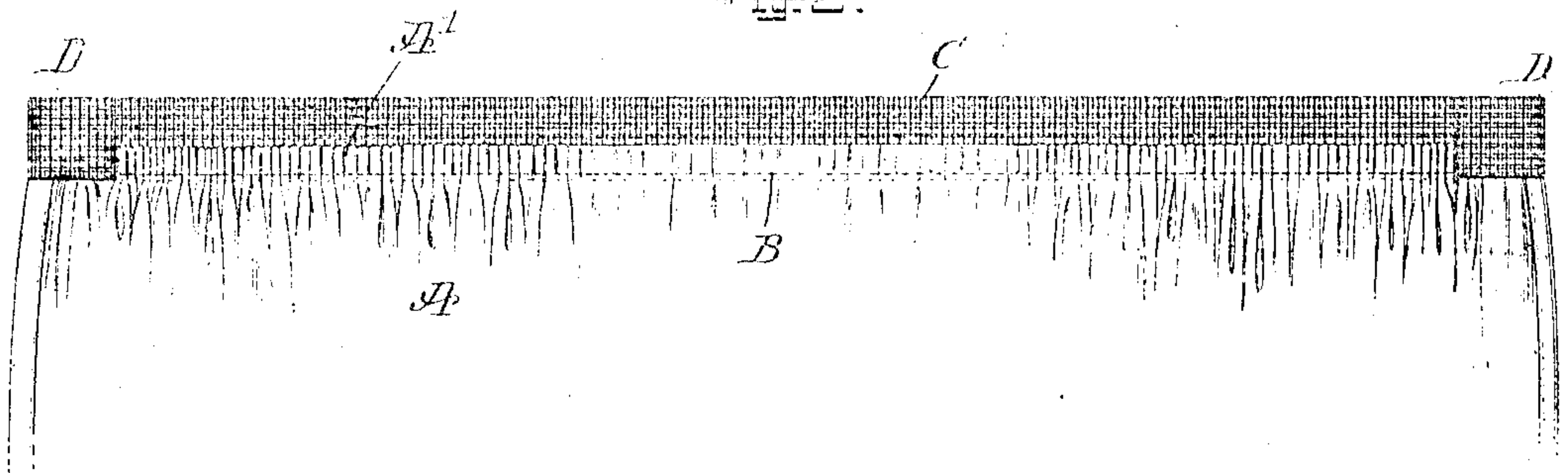
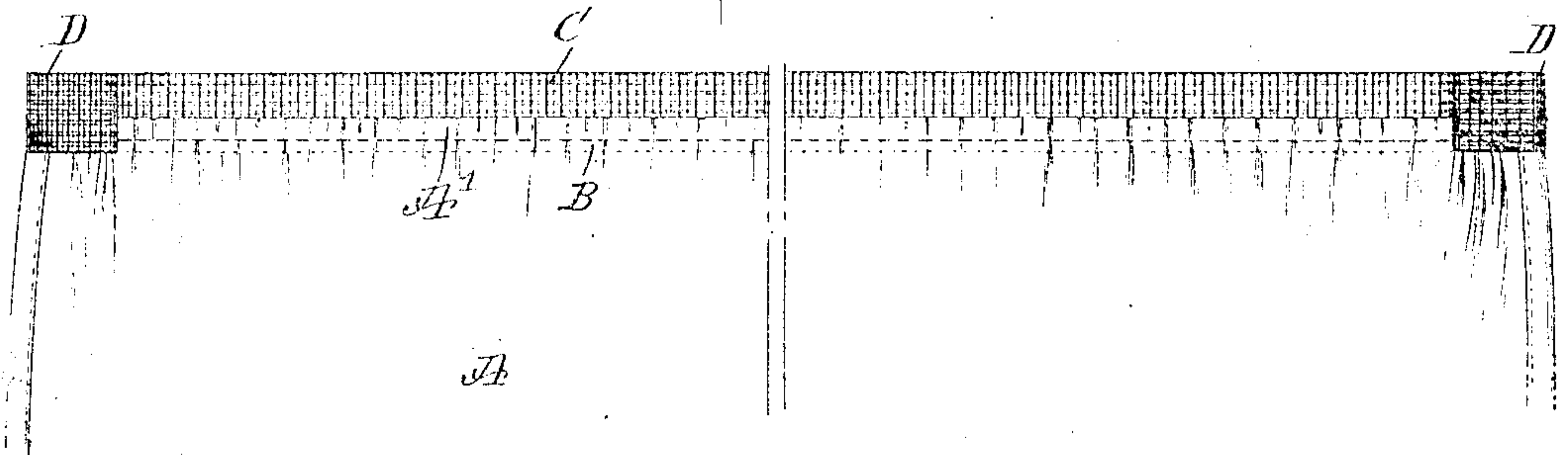


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, BERNARD COHEN and WILLIAM EPSTEIN, both citizens of the United States, and residents, respectively, of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, and of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Skirt, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to wearing apparel, and its object is to provide a new and improved skirt arranged to properly and accurately fit women having different sized waists, at the same time insuring the proper hang of the garment.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claim.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement; Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same in open position; Fig. 3 is a like view of the same showing the elastic stretched.

The body A of the skirt is preferably formed of non-elastic material and has an upper plaited portion A' secured by stitches B to an elastic waist band C, the attachment of the plaited portion A' to the waist band C being preferably at the inner side of the waist band at the lower portion thereof. The plaits of the plaited portion A' preferably increase in number from the front of the garment to the sides or top portions and the back of the garment, and which back is provided with the usual placket D. Now by the arrangement described the waist band C normally fits a thin-waisted person, but in case the skirt is for use by a larger-waisted person the elastic band C readily gives or stretches and with it the plaited portion A', that is, the plaits open up more or less according to

the size of the person's waist. The front portion of the body only requires large or no plaits at all, as the increase in the size of the person's waist is accommodated or compensated for by the skirt stretching along the side or top portions and the back or placket portion of the skirt.

In the manufacture of the skirt described, the waist band C is held in a stretched position and the body A is held with its upper non-plaited portion on the stretched waist band, and then the said parts are sewed together (see Fig. 3), and when the elastic waist band C now contracts and returns to its normal condition then it contracts the upper portion of the body A, thus forming or gathering the upper body portion into plaits, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

By the arrangement described a skirt is formed capable of properly fitting persons having different sized waists, at the same time insuring the proper hang of the garment.

Although we have described the improvement as a skirt it is evident that the improvement is mainly intended for underskirts or petticoats, but may also be used on the outer or dress skirt.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

A skirt comprising a body, an elastic waist band stitched to the upper portion of the body, the body from the sides or hip portions to the back being stitched to the waist band while the latter is in a stretched condition, thereby gathering or plaiting the upper part of the body at the sides and back thereof on the elastic waist band, the plaits increasing in number toward the rear of the body.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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