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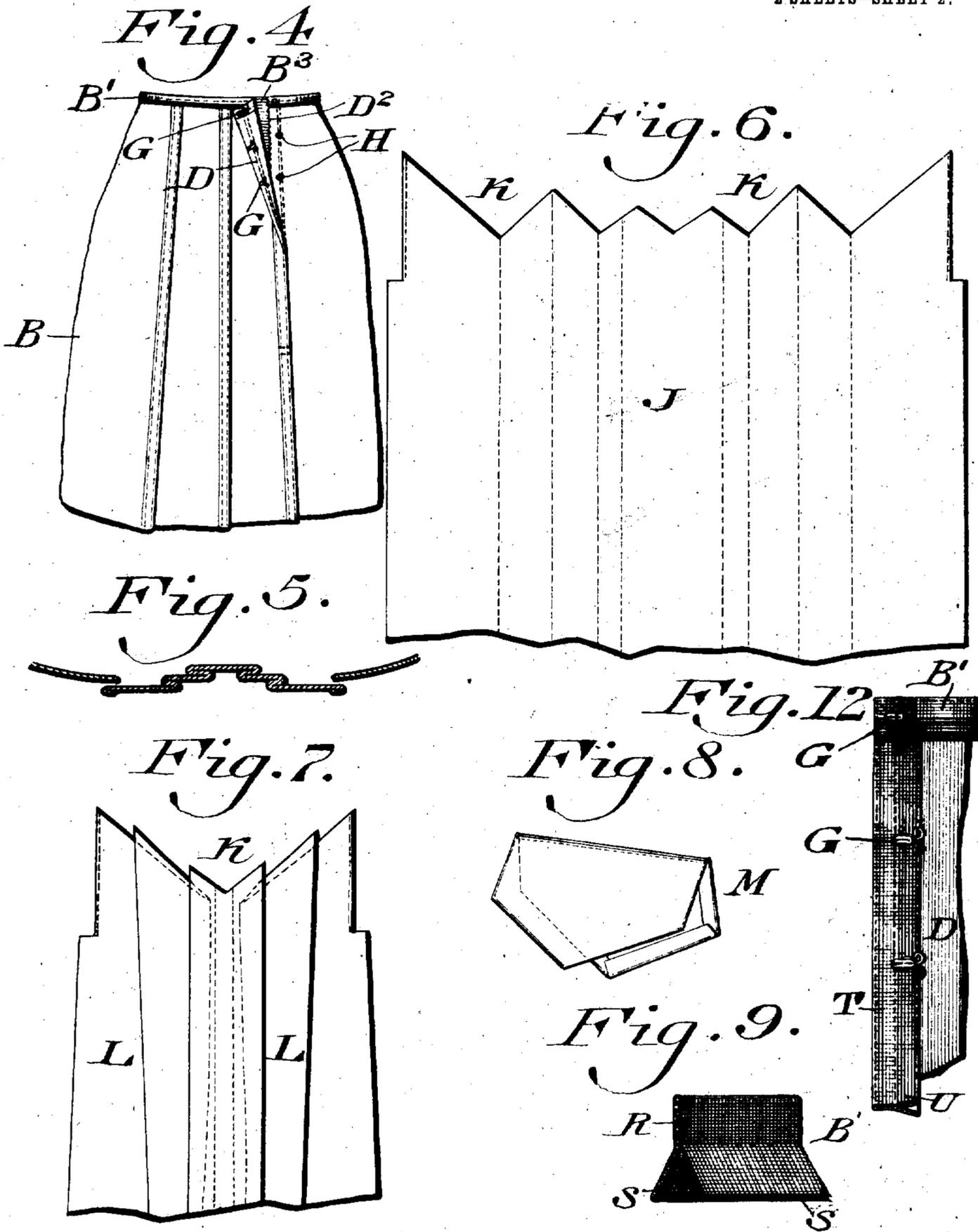
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD J. SEGRELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, county of Essex, State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Petticoat, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in providing a petticoat with a placket, and a lapel adapted to close the same, said placket being in communication with a division in the waist band of the garment, and width-adjusting and fastening devices respectively on said band and lapel, said devices comprising hooks on the band, whereby said eyelets are firmly connected in position and not liable to be disconnected from the band by the draft of the hooks thereon.

It further consists in forming the waist band of the garment of a solid top member and divided lower members pendent therefrom, the divided members being adapted to have the upper edge of the garment body fitted between them, said band having eyelets clenched thereon, the same being adapted for the engagement of the hooks on the lapel, thus providing a band of great strength, the same reinforcing the edge of the body and furthermore firmly retaining the eyelets in position without liability to be drawn out, and avoiding eyes or other fasteners that require to be sewed or stitched into position.

It further consists in providing the lapel with a facing at the top thereof and in forming the edge of said top in such manner that said facing presents no humping or buckling and preserves the normal and unbroken condition of the lapel at the top thereof, especially when in use.

For the purpose of explaining my invention, the accompanying drawing illustrates a satisfactory reduction of the same to practice, but the important instrumentalities thereof may be varied, and so it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the specific arrangement and organization shown and described.

Figures 1 and 2 represent rear elevations of a petticoat embodying my invention, a certain part thereof in one figure being in a different position from that in the other figure. Fig. 3 represents a top edge view thereof on an enlarged scale. Fig. 4 represents a front view of a portion of the garment. Fig. 5 represents a horizontal section on line $x-x$, Fig. 1, on an enlarged scale. Fig. 6 repre-

sents a face view of a piece of material from which the lapel embodying the invention is produced. Fig. 7 represents a side view of said piece in the step of operation, taken from the interior thereof. Fig. 8 represents a perspective view of the facing piece employed. Fig. 9 represents a perspective view of the waist band on an enlarged scale. Figs. 10 and 11 represent sections on lines respectively $y-y$ and $z-z$, Figs. 1 and 2, on enlarged scales. Fig. 12 represents a face view of a detached portion.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings:—A designates a petticoat which is composed of the body B, the waist band B', the lapel C, and the placket D, said body having in its upper portion an opening D' which is located at a different place from the opening D² of the placket D, said opening D² and said placket being located at the side of the garment towards the front thereof, while said opening D' and the lapel C, which is adapted to cover the same, is at the rear of the garment.

The waist band B' has a plurality of vertical divisions B², B³, the same communicating respectively with the openings D', D² of the said placket and lapel. In the waist band are a series of eyelets E, which are located on the opposite sides of the division B² thereof in the longitudinal direction of the band and clenched on the latter, thus firmly connecting the eyelets with said band.

On the sides of the inner face of the lapel C, are hooks F, which are adapted to engage with the corresponding eyelets on opposite sides of the division B², so as to retain said lapel in position relatively to the waist size of the wearer of the garment.

The placket D is provided with hooks G, which are adapted to engage eyelets H on the body B on one side of said placket and the band B', whereby said placket may be retained in closed position.

In the formation of the lapel, I take the length J at the center of the rear of the body and cut the upper edge in zig-zag form as at K, and then gather or fold said length in longitudinal direction, forming the folds L, the zig-zag edge K being also folded imparting to the same a V-shape or one that diverges from center upwardly. A facing M is then secured to the upper folded edge of the lapel, said facing being formed of a folded piece of material, between whose members, said

folded edge is inserted and stitched or otherwise secured in any suitable manner, the lower edge of the facing being downwardly converging or V-shaped, so as to accord with the shape of said edge K of the lapel. By this provision, the interior of the facing is but little occupied by the upper portion of the lapel, and thus the exterior of the facing presents a smooth and unbroken surface without being humped or buckled, the advantageous effect of which on the garment worn over the petticoat being apparent. Furthermore, the facing piece covers and conceals the raw edge of the material of the top of the lapel and strengthens said edge.

In order to reinforce or strengthen the top of the facing M, I apply thereto the binding N, a fabric which is composed of a head P and lengths Q, which are pendent from said head and integral therewith, said lengths receiving between them and being secured to the upper portion of the facing and inclosing and concealing the edge of said facing, while strengthening said upper portion.

The waist band B' is composed of a head R and lengths S, which are pendent from said head and integral therewith, said lengths receiving between them and being secured to the upper portion of the body B and inclosed and concealing the raw edge of said body while strengthening said upper portion, it being also noticed that the eyelets E are clenched partly on said head R and partly on said lengths, and so are firmly connected with the band B' and well enabled to endure the strain to which they are subjected, when the hooks F are connected with said eyelets and the garment is in use, it being also noticed that eyes or similar attaching devices heretofore employed and requiring to be sewed or stitched to the garment are avoided, while the eyelets rest comparatively flat on the waistband and avoid projections thereon.

It will be seen that when the placket and lapel are opened, the garment may be placed on the body of the wearer. Then the placket is closed and secured, and the lapel is raised and the hooks F are fitted in the proper eyelets E relatively to the waist measure of the wearer, it being evident that by means of said eyelets provision is made for fastening the lapel to the band for waists of wearers of varying sizes, whether slender, medium or stout, and furthermore evident that the rear opening or division B² in said band is covered and concealed, as are also the division and opening B³, D', and the garment hangs gracefully in position, its good fit at the stomach and hips is preserved, the outer surfaces of the lapel C forming a comparatively unbroken curve continuous of the curvature of the outer surface of the lengths of the material at the sides of said lapel, the continuous alinement at said lapel and lengths thus being preserved under all conditions of adjustment

without buckling or humping of the lapel, there is no unsightly gathering of the garment over said localities, there is no discomfort in wearing the garment, no sagging of the same, and its length may be adjusted simply by making one or more tucks in the body above the trimming without affecting the general fit of the garment when adjusted at the waist band. Furthermore, the garment may be removed, under ordinary circumstances, by opening the placket D without disturbing the lapel C, and consequently the waist adjustment due to the same. The front finish of the body is such that the placket when closed is scarcely perceptible, while it possesses the advantages in connection with the lapel, as hereinbefore set forth.

Fig. 12 shows a portion of the placket D on an enlarged scale. Each edge portion of the same is reinforced by a binding T, which is similar to the binding N, excepting that the former binding extends in vertical direction on the respective placket members and its divided lengths U receive the opposite edge portions of the body B, which are stitched or otherwise secured to said lengths, thus concealing the raw edges of said portions, while vastly strengthening the placket at the places of occupation of the fastening devices G, H.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A petticoat having a body, a placket therein, and a lapel adapted to cover said placket, said lapel being composed of a length of material of said body having a zig-zag upper edge and folded in longitudinal directions

2. A petticoat having a body, a placket therein, and a lapel adapted to cover said placket, said lapel being composed of a length of material of said body having a zig-zag upper edge and folded in longitudinal directions, and a facing covering said zig-zag edge and the portion of the lapel below the same, said facing being secured to said lapel and having its lower edge shaped to accord with the shape of the folded edge of the lapel.

3. A petticoat having a body, a placket therein, a lapel folded longitudinally and adapted to cover said placket and having a zig-zag upper edge, a forked facing on the upper end of said lapel, and a binding on the top edge of said facing, said binding being composed of a head, and a plurality of members forming a fork pendent therefrom, said edge being fitted between said members and secured thereto.

4. A petticoat composed of a body, a waist band, the latter having a plurality of vertical divisions therein at different places, a plurality of plackets in said body respectively in communication with said divisions, a fastening for one of said plackets, a separable lapel having a zig-zag upper edge and

folded in longitudinal direction and adapted to cover the other placket, hooks on said lapel, and a series of clenched eyelets on said band on opposite sides of the divisions thereof, the same being adapted to receive said hooks in accordance with the waist-adjustment of said band.

5. A petticoat composed of a body, a waist band, said body having a vertical division therein, a lapel on the body adapted to cover said division and having a zig-zag upper edge, and waist - adjusting and fastening devices respectively on said band and lapel, said band being composed of a head, 15 and a plurality of members forming a fork

pendent therefrom, the upper end portion of said body being fitted between said members and eyelets securing said members thereto.

6. In a petticoat, a body, a placket therein, and a reinforce for said placket, said reinforce being composed of a head and divided lengths extending therefrom, the edge portion of said placket being fitted between said lengths and secured thereto and fastening devices secured to said reinforce. 20

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