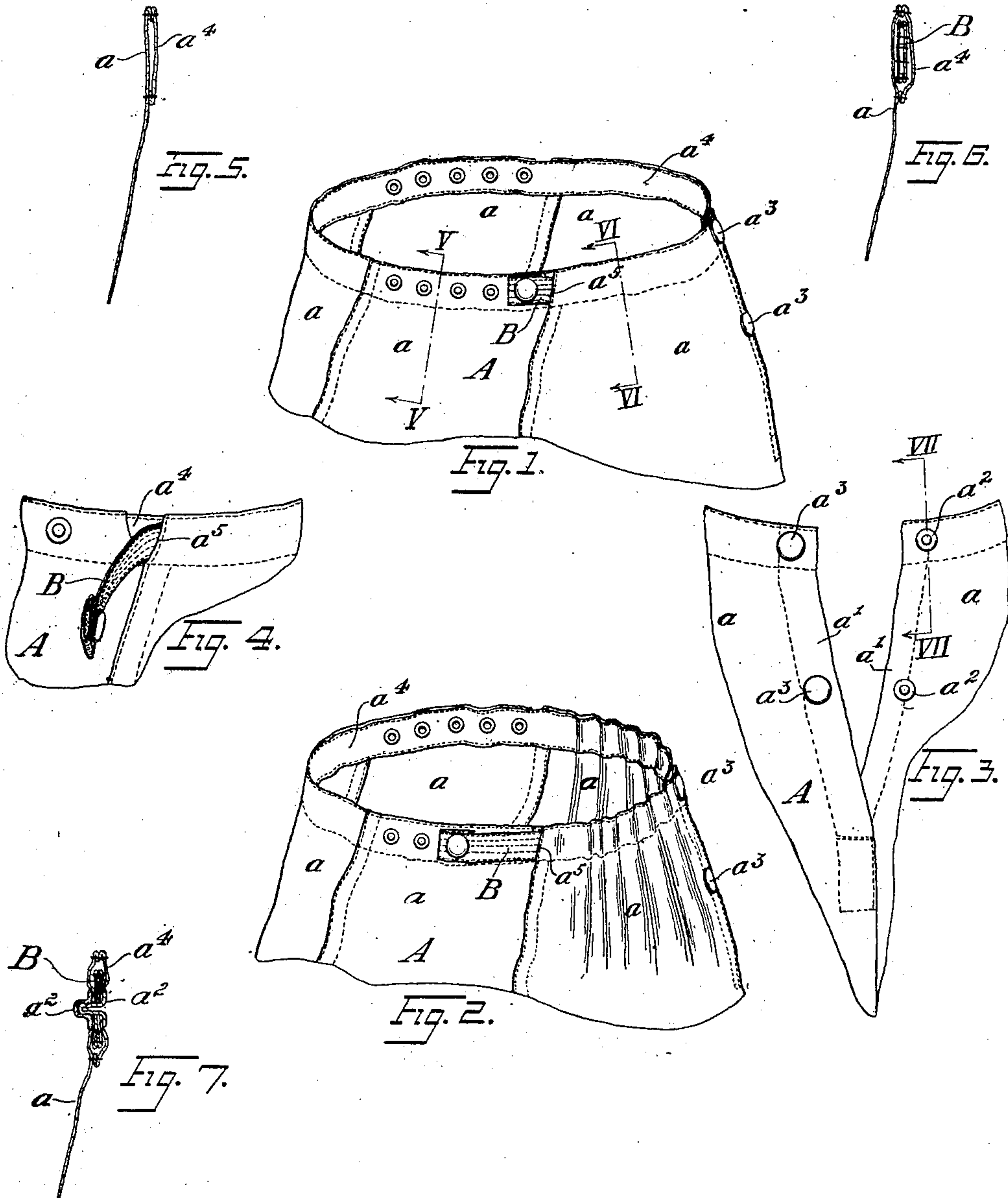


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. DIEIHENN, a citizen of the United States, resident of Massillon, county of Stark, and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Adjustable Garments, of which the following is a specification, the principle of the invention being herein explained and the best mode in which I have contemplated applying that principle, so as to distinguish it from other inventions.

My invention relates to garments, and particularly to garments such as petticoats or the like, in which the upper edge or waistband portion is adjustable to various sized waists.

The object of my invention is to obtain an adjustable garment of the above described character which is economical in its construction, simple in its adjustability and efficient in its application.

Said invention consists of means hereinafter fully described and particularly set forth in the claims.

The annexed drawing and the following description set forth in detail certain means embodying the invention, the disclosed means, however, constituting but one of various mechanical forms in which the principle of the invention may be used.

In said annexed drawing:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the upper part of a petticoat embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a view similar to that of Fig. 1, showing the waistband portion of the petticoat adjusted to assume a smaller diameter than is shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary rear elevation of the petticoat showing the placket formed therein and the relation of other parts thereto. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary side elevation of the petticoat. Figs. 5 and 6 are cross sections, on an enlarged scale, taken upon the planes indicated by lines V—V and VI—VI respectively, in Fig. 1. Fig. 7 is a cross section on a similarly enlarged scale taken upon the plane indicated by line VII—VII in Fig. 3.

The main or body portion A of the petticoat consists of a plurality of gores $a a a$ which are stitched to each other in the usual manner, and form the outside upper edge portion of the garment. The rear of the garment is formed with a placket a' of the usual construction and provided with fastening devices, such as the male and female

members a^2 and a^3 of ordinary glove fasteners, as will be readily understood. The inside upper edge portion of the garment is composed of one continuous strip a^4 of fabric, which therefore terminates at the placket and forms a waistband. This strip is stitched to the upper edge portions of the gores in two substantially parallel lines, one being located immediately adjacent to the upper edge of the garment and the other immediately adjacent to the lower edge of the waistband, as shown in Fig. 5, thereby leaving an unobstructed space between the gores and the waistband. That portion a^5 of the front edges of the rearmost gores immediately adjacent to the waistband is not stitched to the latter, whereby an opening into the said unobstructed space is formed. The upper edge portions therefore of each of these rearmost gores forms, in conjunction with that of the waistband immediately adjacent thereto, a pocket in each of which is located an adjusting band B. The rearmost end of each band is secured in the immediate vicinity of the placket, the one band end being secured by the member a^3 of the glove fastening device and the other band end being secured by the member a^2 of such device, these two members passing completely through the gores and waistband, as shown in Fig. 7. The forward ends of these adjusting members B project from their respective openings in the pockets, as shown in the drawing, and are provided with a member of a fastening device such as the hook or an eye of a hook and eye or such as the female member of a glove fastener, the latter being shown in the drawing.

A plurality of the complementary members of the fastening device, such as the male members of a glove fastener, are secured at various points along the upper edge portion of the part of the body portion of the garment adjacent to and forward of the rearmost gores a , as shown. It will therefore be seen that by causing the forward ends of the adjusting bands to engage the various complementary members of the fastening devices, various diameters may be given to the upper or waistband portion of the garment, thereby permitting same to be adjusted to various sized waists. All of the gathered portion or fullness of the garment is thereby confined to the rear portion thereof, at which portion it is least objectionable, it being par-

particularly desirable in petticoats to have the side thereof, or that portion immediately over the hips, given a smooth appearance.

As shown in Fig. 4, that portion of the 5
gores immediately forward of the rearmost
gores and adjacent to the waistband are
turned under or cut away at an angle so as to
remove a portion of the fabric immediately
adjacent to the opening of the pocket. Such
10 construction removes any impediment which
the upper edge of the gores might form in the
path of the fastening members B, as they are
slid back and forth. This furthermore re-
duces the liability of a frayed edge of the gar-
15 ment being produced at this point, the fin-
ished appearance of the garment being there-
by maintained to the greatest possible ex-
tent.

What I claim therefore and desire to se-
20 cure by Letters Patent is:—

1. In a garment, the combination of a
main or body portion provided with a
placket; a waistband terminating at said
placket, a part of said band and body por-
25 tion forming a pocket; an adjusting member
in said pocket having one end secured and
the other free; and means for securing said
free end at various points longitudinally of
said band.

30 2. In a garment, the combination with a
main or body portion; of a waistband con-
sisting of one continuous strip of fabric; a
part of said band and body portion forming a
pocket having one end open.

35 3. In a garment, the combination with a
main or body portion comprising in its struc-
ture a plurality of gores; of a waistband; a
part of said waistband and body-portion
forming a pocket terminating with one of said
40 gores.

4. In a garment, the combination with a
main or body portion comprising in its struc-
ture a plurality of gores; of a waistband con-
sisting of one continuous band of fabric; a
45 part of said waistband and body portion form-
ing a pocket terminating with one of said
gores.

5. In a garment, the combination with a
waistband; of a plurality of gores stitched to
50 said band along two lines running longitudi-
nally thereof and leaving an intermediate
free space forming a pocket; the lateral edge
of one of said gores being free from the waist-
band adjacent to said pocket whereby an
55 opening into the latter is effected.

6. In a garment, the combination with a
waistband; of a plurality of gores stitched to
said band along two lines running longitudi-
nally thereof and leaving an intermediate
60 free space forming a pocket; the lateral edge
of one of said gores being free from the waist-

band adjacently to said pocket whereby an
opening into the latter may be effected; the
gore contiguous to such above-named gore
being removed adjacent to said opening. 65

7. In a garment, the combination of a main
or body portion provided with a placket; a
waistband terminating at said placket; a
part of said band forming a pocket in con-
junction with said body portion; an adjust- 70
ing member in said pocket; means for fas-
tening said placket in its closed position and
securing one end of said member, the other
end of the latter being free; and means for
securing the free end of said member in va- 75
rious positions longitudinally of said band.

8. In a garment, the combination of a main
or body-portion formed at the rear with a
placket; a waistband terminating at said
placket; means for securing the latter in a 80
closed position; and two adjusting members
each having one end secured in the vicinity
of said placket and extending forwardly
therefrom; and means for securing the for-
ward ends of said members at various points 85
longitudinally of said band.

9. A garment provided with a placket, a
pocket extending from the latter along the
upper edge portion of the garment and hav-
ing one end open; an adjusting member 90
within said pocket having one end secured
to the garment in the vicinity of said placket
and the other end projecting from the open
end of the pocket; and means for securing
such projecting end in various positions lon- 95
gitudinally of said edge portion of the gar-
ment.

10. A garment comprising the combina-
tion of a plurality of gores forming the main
or body portion of the garment, such body 100
portion formed at the rear with a placket;
means for securing said placket in a closed
position; a waistband composed of a con-
tinuous strip of fabric; said body portion
and waistband jointly forming two pockets 105
extending from the placket forward along
the upper edge portion of the garment and
respectively terminating with a gore and at
or near the side of the garment; an adjusting
band loosely placed in each of said pockets 110
and having their rear ends secured in the
vicinity of said placket, the other ends of
such adjusting bands projecting from said
pockets; and means for securing such pro-
jecting band ends in various positions along 115
the outside of such upper edge portion of said
garment.

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