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Fig. 1.

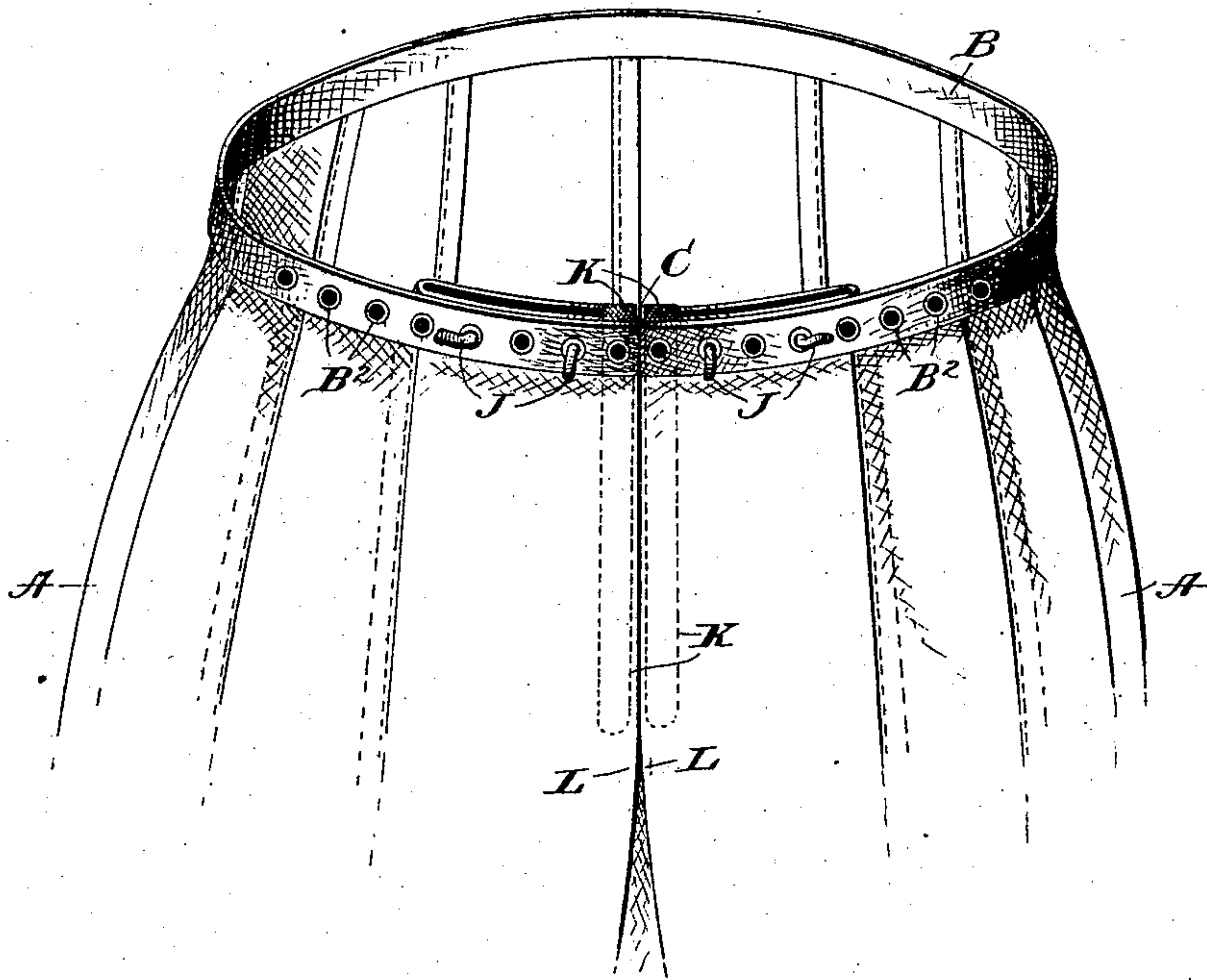
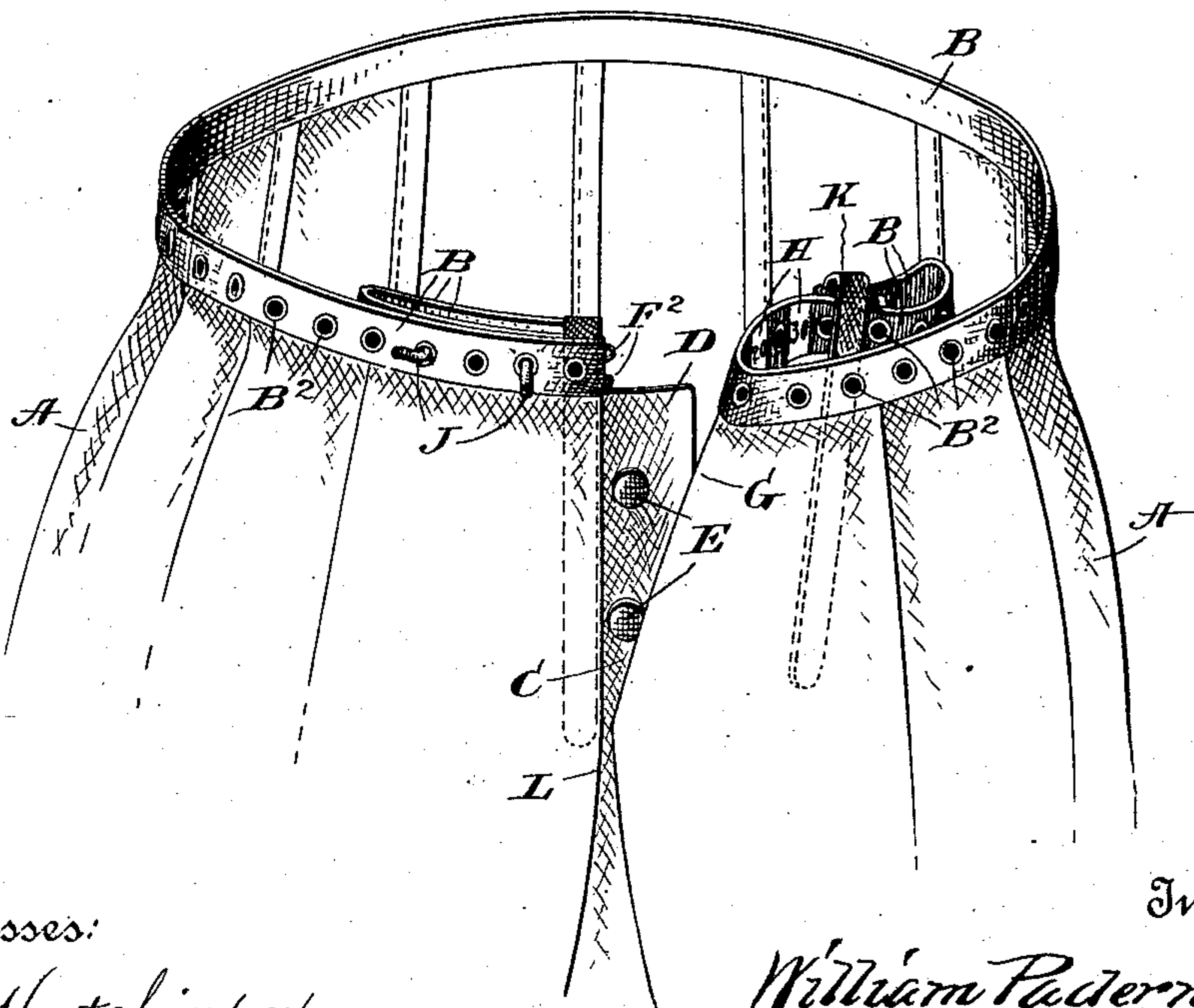


Fig. 2.



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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, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 This invention relates to improvements in skirts, and has particular reference to that type of skirt disclosed in my Patent No. 853,993, dated May 21, 1907, wherein a back-piece is employed in connection with adjoining portions adapted to be folded and laid upon the back-piece and secured at the waist band thereto.

20 It will be noted that in my previous structure, the adjustment of the skirt is effected simultaneously with the fastening of the folds to the back-piece after the skirt has been placed upon the person.

25 It is the primary object of the present invention to provide a skirt with instrumentalities whereby the same may be widely adjusted at the waist, and which adjustment may be made prior to the application of the skirt to the user, thus enabling the use of a single placket opening at the rear and a simple fastening device at the waist band. By 30 this arrangement it will be instantly appreciated that the skirt may at all times be applied by the user with practically no inconvenience, and without the assistance of another or the familiarizing of one's self with special or more complicated fastening devices.

35 A convenient embodiment of the invention comprises a skirt having a body slit at its back for a sufficient distance to constitute the placket, said placket consisting of an under flap provided with a series of buttons arranged to be engaged by a series of complementary button-holes on the opposite overlying edge of the skirt; the opposite portions of the waist band of the skirt being provided with similar adjusting devices whereby the material of the body may be folded to reduce or enlarge the size of the waist resulting at all 40 times in a smooth, neat external appearance; and adjoining plaited portions at the back to cover the placket and hide the buttons which hold the same in closed position.

45 Another characteristic of the invention resides in the provision of indicating instrumentalities associated with the adjusting

portions at the opposite edges of the skirt enabling the same to be equally and evenly folded.

50 Still another feature of the invention resides in the provision of means associated with the adjusting instrumentalities adapted to engage to a substantial extent the interior of the edge portions which constitute the placket covering plaits, for stiffening the same and more effectually maintaining them in adjusted position. 60 65

70 The foregoing as well as other novel details in the construction and arrangement of parts of a skirt made in keeping with my present improvements will be apparent from the detailed description hereinafter contained when read in connection with the accompanying drawings forming part hereof and wherein— 75

80 Figure 1 is a back view of a skirt constituting one embodiment of the invention, Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the opposite adjustable members of the skirt in partially open condition, Fig. 3 is a similar view with the back of the skirt fully opened, Fig. 4 is a section through one end of the adjusted waist band of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal section through one of the stays and adjoining portion of the skirt, Figs. 6 and 7 are 85 perspective views taken respectively from the front and back of the skirt adjusting means, including the stay, and Fig. 8 is an inside view of one end of the eyeleted waist band. 90

95 Referring more specifically to the drawings wherein like reference characters refer to corresponding parts in the several views, A represents the body of the skirt, B the waist band thereof and C the placket opening.

100 D represents a flap carried by one edge of the body provided with a series of buttons E adapted to be engaged by complementary button holes F on an overlying portion or edge G, said button-holes being disposed vertically as shown. One end of the waist band is provided with a pair of eyelets F² adapted to be engaged by hooks G² at the other end of the waist band when the skirt is secured to 105 the person.

110 The means and manner of adjusting the opposite portions of the skirt to enlarge or decrease the size of the same at the waist may now be pointed out. A description of one of these adjustable portions will suffice for both. The waist band B is provided with a large number of eyelets B² between

which are indicators H showing the points to which the band is to be folded to impart thereto a given size, these indicators in the present instance being small pieces of tape or
 5 equivalent of a color differing from the color of the skirt and bearing the various sizes to which the skirt may be adjusted, in the present instance from size twenty-three to size thirty-one. The eyelets just referred to stop
 10 short of the end thereof in which end is secured a steel plate I formed with hooks J, the tongues of which project outwardly from the waist band and are arranged at right angles to each other to better insure against acci-
 15 dental unfastening as will presently appear. The hooks are pivoted to the plate I, as at *i* and have squared shanks *i'* extending through openings *i''* in the plate to engage springs *i'''* struck out from the latter to coop-
 20 erate with the flat surfaces of the shank in holding the hooks J in open or closed position. It will be appreciated that this is a simple, practical and efficient construction.

The extreme end of the plate I carries a
 25 stay K projecting upwardly from said end out of the upper edge of the waist band, and downwardly over the front of the same and over the skirt for a substantial distance as clearly seen in Fig. 3. The stay is of course
 30 covered with a protecting or facing material of the same color as the material of which the body of the skirt is formed. It may be here noted that the relative positions of the two stays at the opposite edges of the skirt
 35 are such that the stay at the button-holed edge overlies the extreme outer edge of the body, while that adjoining the button-carrying flap D overlies the inner edge of said flap. The manner of adjusting will now be clear.
 40 For example, should it be desired to have the waist adjusted to size thirty, the edge of the skirt is folded outwardly upon itself and the stay engaged over the waist band at the point indicated "thirty" and the body then folded
 45 inwardly, when the tongues of the hooks are passed through the aligned apertures in the two outer folds to hold all three folds together as shown in Fig. 4. It will be understood that the eyelets are arranged equi-distant to
 50 enable the registration thereof when the skirt is folded as just described. This arrangement brings all of the folds save the outer on the inside of the skirt, said outer folds being at the ends of the waist band
 55 whereby, when the waist band is hooked together, said folds have the appearance of plaits, represented at L, coming together to cover the buttons of the placket and impart a near closed finished appearance to the
 60 skirt. It will also be observed that the stays K, being arranged as described, occupy a position inside the edge of the folds just referred to to stiffen the same whereby when brought into juxtaposition they serve effectually to
 65 prevent undue separation of the folds, there-

by further insuring a constant closure along the back or placket portion of the skirt.

While I have herein disclosed one embodiment of my invention, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that many changes
 70 and alterations in the specific details shown may be made without in the least departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim:—

1. A skirt provided with a body portion
 75 having a placket opening, means enabling independent adjustment of the opposite portions of the skirt adjoining the placket opening, means for securing the parts in adjusted position including parts for reinforcing the
 80 folds of the body adjoining the placket opening, and other means for closing the placket opening and securing the opposite portions of the skirt together.

2. In a skirt, a body portion having a
 85 placket opening, means for securing the placket in closed condition, and other means enabling adjustment of the opposite portions of the skirt adjoining the placket opening comprising a waist band and means carried
 90 by the waist band arranged when the same is folded upon itself to secure the folds in adjusted position said last mentioned means including reinforcing stays adapted to removably engage the folds of the body adjoining
 95 the placket opening.

3. In a skirt, a body portion having a placket opening, means for securing the placket in closed condition, and other means enabling adjustment of the opposite portions
 100 of the skirt adjoining the placket opening whereby the folded portions will lie flat relative to the body comprising a waist band, and means permanently secured to and carried by the waist band arranged when the
 105 same is folded upon itself to secure the folds in adjusted and flat position, said means including a plurality of eyelets in the waist band and a hook adapted to engage therewith.
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4. In a skirt, a body portion having a placket opening, means for securing the placket in closed condition, other means enabling adjustment of the opposite portions of the skirt adjoining the placket opening
 115 whereby the folded portions will lie flat relative to the body comprising a waist band, and means permanently secured to and carried by the waist band arranged when the same is folded upon itself to secure the folds
 120 in adjusted position, said means including a plurality of eyelets in the waist band and hooks adapted to engage registering eyelets in the outer fold, the tongues of the hooks being arranged to project in different direc-
 125 tions.

5. A skirt of the character described having a body portion provided with a placket opening, a waist band on the body portion, means at the ends of the waist band for se-
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curing the skirt in closed condition, and means enabling the opposite portions of the skirt which adjoin the placket opening to be independently adjusted comprising a series of eyelets in the waist band terminating short of the end of the waist band, and means interposed between the eyelets and the ends of the band adapted to cooperate with the eyelets to secure the body in folded condition.

6. A skirt of the character described having a body portion provided with a placket opening, a waist band on the body portion, means at the ends of the waist band for securing the skirt in closed condition, means enabling the opposite portions of the skirt which adjoin the placket opening to be independently adjusted comprising a series of eyelets in the waist band terminating short of the end of the waist band, and means interposed between the eyelets and the end of the band adapted to cooperate with the eyelets to secure the body in folded condition, in combination with stays carried by the waist band arranged to engage the outer folds to stiffen the same, substantially as described.

7. A skirt of the character described having a body portion provided with a placket opening, a waist band for the body portion, means at the ends of the waist band for securing the skirt in closed condition, means enabling the opposite portions of the skirt which adjoin the placket opening to be independently adjusted comprising a series of eyelets in the waist band terminating short of the end of the waist band, and means interposed between the eyelets and the end of the waist band adapted to cooperate with the eyelets to secure the body in folded condition, in combination with stays carried by the waist band arranged to engage the outer folds to stiffen the same, said stays extending from the upper edge of the waist band downwardly therefrom and to a substantial extent outside of the body of the skirt.

8. In a skirt, a body portion provided with a placket opening, means for closing said placket comprising a flap carrying a series of buttons, button-holed portions on the opposite edge of the skirt arranged to overlie the flap and engage the buttons thereon, and means on the waist band adapted to secure the ends thereof together, and other devices permanently secured to and carried by the waist band associated with the opposite portions of the skirt for securing the same in folded condition to adjust the size of the waist.

9. A skirt provided with a body portion having a placket opening, means for securing the placket in closed condition, means enabling adjustment of the opposite portions of the skirt to regulate the size of the waist comprising reinforcing stays at the ends of the waist band adapted to removably engage

an inner fold when the skirt is folded outwardly upon itself, and other means for securing the parts in folded condition.

10. A skirt provided with a body portion having a placket opening, means for securing the placket in closed condition, and means enabling adjustment of the opposite portions of the skirt which adjoin the placket opening comprising devices carried by the waist band for securing the parts in folded relation, and like indicators carried by the opposite members of the skirt at points adjoining the securing devices to facilitate an equal adjustment of the two members of the skirt.

11. A skirt provided with a placket opening, means for closing the placket, means for adjusting the opposite portions of the skirt which adjoin the placket opening, and stays supported so that they are substantially free arranged to removably engage the edges of the outer folds of the adjusted portions of the skirt, substantially as described.

12. A skirt provided with a placket opening, means for closing the placket, means for adjusting the opposite portions of the skirt which adjoin the placket opening, and stays arranged to reinforce the edges of the outer folds of the adjusted portions of the skirt and adapted to occupy adjoining positions to prevent separation of said folds and exposure of the placket opening or its securing devices, said stays being carried by the waist band and depending freely therefrom so that they are removable from the folds engaged thereby, substantially as and for the purpose described.

13. In a device of the character described, a plate I, fastening means J carried by said plate, and a depending stay K carried by said plate and offset from said plate to leave a substantial space between adjacent surfaces of the plate and stay.

14. In a device of the character described, a plate I, and a depending stay K carried by said plate and offset from said plate to leave a substantial space between adjacent surfaces of the plate and stay.

15. In a device of the character described, a stay K formed at its upper end with a return bend offset to leave a substantial space therewithin, substantially as described and means associated with said return bend for securing the device in place so that the major portion of the stay will be free.

16. A skirt provided with a placket opening, instrumentalities for closing the placket and for adjusting the opposite portions of the skirt, and normally free stays associated with said instrumentalities adapted to be removably inserted in some of the folds to reinforce the same when adjusted, substantially as described.

17. In combination with a skirt, means for adjusting the opposite portions of the skirt and for reinforcing the placket, including a

device at each side of the placket each comprising a carrying member, a stay depending therefrom and complementary devices on the carrying member and the skirt adapted to engage when the skirt is adjusted to hold the same in adjusted position.

18. In a device of the character described, a depending stay K, and means at the end of the stay for securing the same in place so that the major portion thereof will be free, the stay being offset with reference to said securing means to leave a substantial space behind said stay and adjoining said securing means.

19. In a device of the character described, a carrying member, and a stay depending therefrom and projected outwardly relative thereto to leave a space intervening adjacent surfaces of the carrying member and the stay in combination with a hook on the carrying member adapted to pass through eyeleted portions of a waist band.

20. In a device of the character described, a carrying member, and a stay depending therefrom and projected outwardly relative thereto to leave a space intervening adjacent surfaces of the carrying member and the stay in combination with devices on said carrying member adapted to engage folded portions of a waist band to secure the same in adjusted position.

21. A skirt provided with a body portion having a placket opening, means enabling adjustment of the opposite portions of the skirt adjoining the placket opening, and means for securing the parts in adjusted position including devices for reinforcing the folds of the body adjoining the placket opening.

22. In a skirt means for adjusting the opposite portions thereof adjoining the placket opening comprising devices carried at the upper edge of the skirt adapted to secure the same in folded condition, and like indicators carried by the opposite portions of the skirt at points adjoining the securing devices to facilitate an equal adjustment of the two members of the skirt.

23. A skirt provided with an adjustable portion, and means for securing said adjustable portion in folded condition including a stay carried by the skirt so that the same is substantially free, said stay being arranged to removably engage one of the folds of the adjusted portion, substantially as described.

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

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