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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN A. GREWEN and WILLIAM GREWEN, citizens of the United States, both residing at Johnstown, in the county of Fulton and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wearing apparel and has for its object to provide an underskirt, the waistband of which is so constructed that it will give or stretch, and thus adjust itself to the waist of the wearer.

A further object is to provide an underskirt including a knitted waist band having an elastic tape disposed within the same so as to prevent wrinkles or extra fullness at the waist line when the underskirt is fitted to the figure, said elastic tape also serving to return the waist band to normal position when the garment is removed and thus retain said waist band in its original shape.

Further objects and advantages will appear in the following description, it being understood that various changes in form, proportions and minor details of construction may be resorted to within the scope of the appended claims.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction and the means for effecting the result, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of an underskirt provided with a waist band constructed in accordance with our invention; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the upper portion of the skirt; Fig. 3 is a top plan view partly in section; Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The device comprises a flat tubular waist band 5 preferably formed of knitted fabric and having its lower longitudinal edge sewed or otherwise secured to the underskirt 6. The underskirt 6 is provided with the usual placket 7 and is gored or otherwise fitted so as to allow for the necessary fullness over the hips, the upper portion of the yoke of the underskirt between the flounce 8 and waist band 5, being preferably formed

of jersey or other fabric capable of expanding or stretching slightly.

Disposed within and spaced from the interior walls of the knitted waist band, is an elastic web or tape 9, which latter extends the entire length of the waist band and is secured to the latter at the placket 7. The elastic tape 9 not only permits the skirt to be fitted snugly to the figure at the waist line thereof, but also serves to return the waist band 5 to normal position when the garment is removed from the figure so that the skirt will always retain its original shape at the waist line thereof.

Secured to the outer face of the waist band 5 at the placket 7, are non-elastic strips or tapes 10 by means of which the ends of said waist band may be drawn together so as to retain the skirt in position. These tie tapes 10 are preferably secured to the waist band 5 by a row of stitching 11, said stitching piercing the tapes 10, elastic band 9 and waist band 5 and also serving to fasten the elastic band or tape 9 to the waist band 5. The waist band 5 being formed of knitted material will have a tendency to stretch and remain stretched after the skirt has been worn several times and the primary object of the elastic web or band 9 is to bring the knitted cloth back to its proper shape after the skirt is removed from the wearer, as before stated.

It will here be noted that the waist band 5 is devoid of wrinkles, plaits and extra fullness, both in normal position and when fitted to the figure.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A skirt having its upper portion formed of knitted material and provided with a flat tubular waist-band also formed of knitted material, a flat elastic band normally of the same length as the waist-band and entirely housed within the latter, said elastic band being free to expand and contract independently of the waist-band and secured to said waist-band at the placket of the skirt only, and tie tapes secured to the exterior surface of the waist-band on opposite sides of the placket and formed of non-elastic material.

2. A skirt having its upper portion formed of knitted material and provided with a flat tubular waist-band of the same material as the upper portion of the skirt, a flat elastic band normally of the same length as the

waist-band loosely mounted in said waist-band and entirely housed within the latter. said elastic band being free to expand and contract independently of the waist-band,
5 and secured to said waist-band at the placket of the skirt only, non-elastic tie tapes of less width than the waist-band secured to the exterior surface of the waist-band at the placket of the skirt only, and rows of stitching
10 ing extending through the tie tapes, waist-

band and elastic band at said placket for securing the several parts in assembled position.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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