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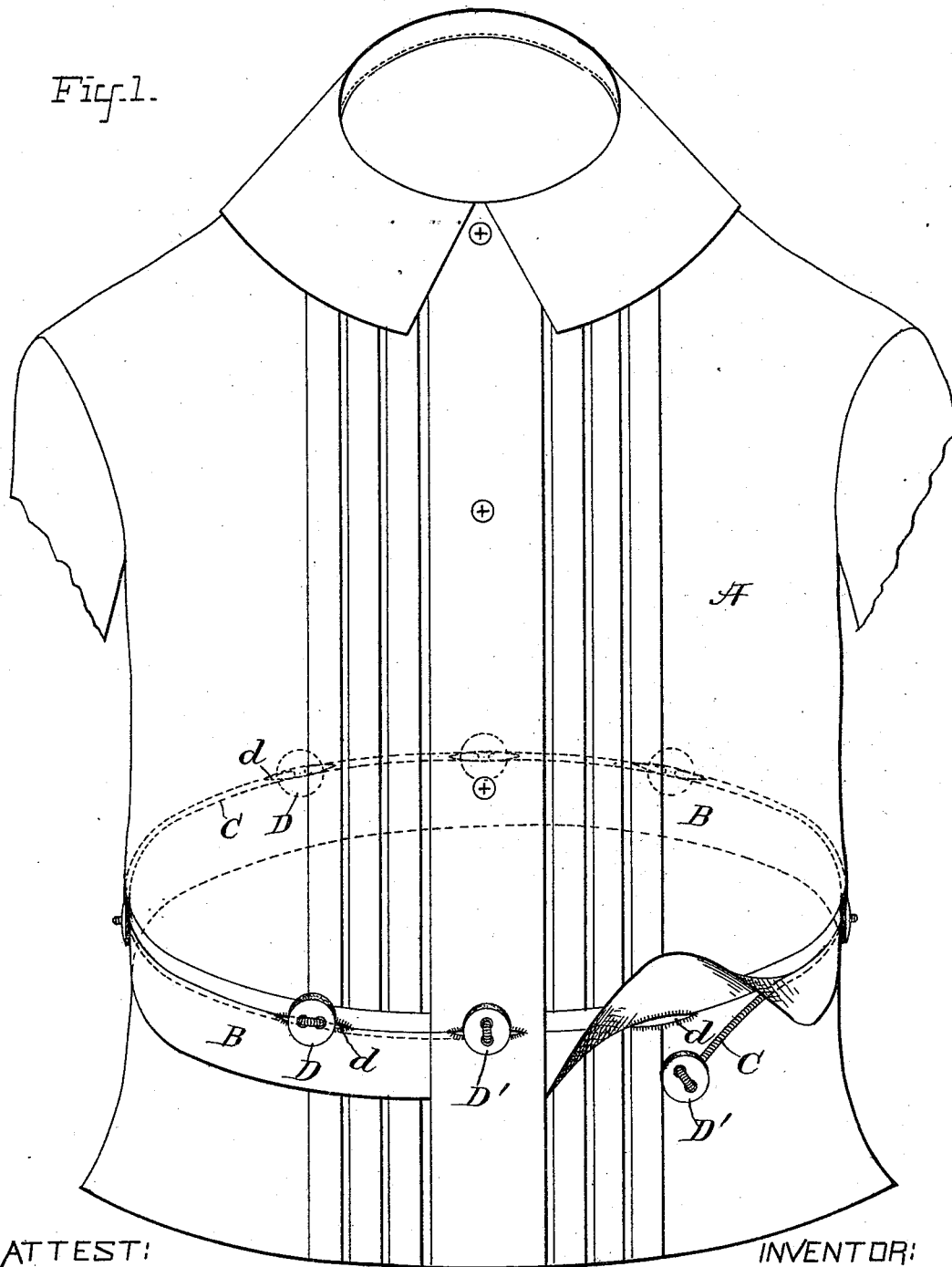
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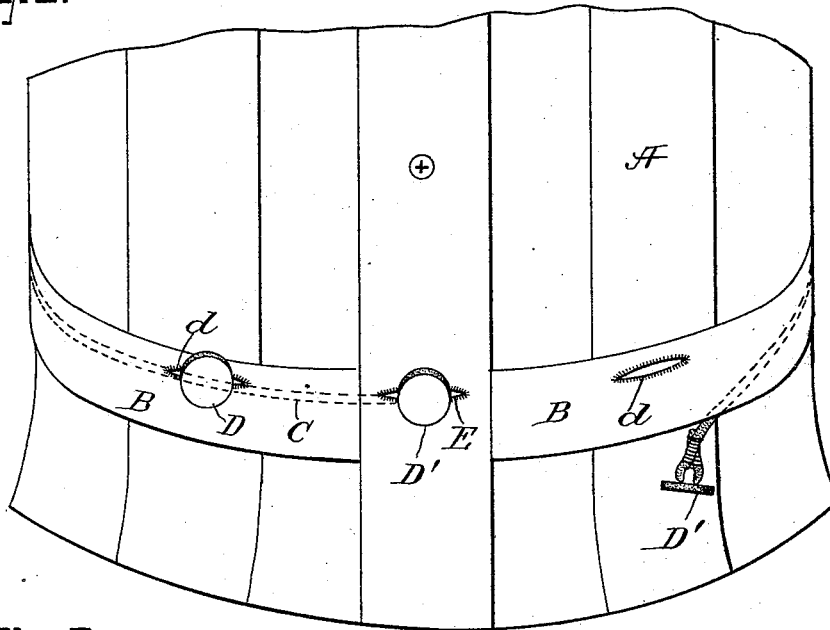
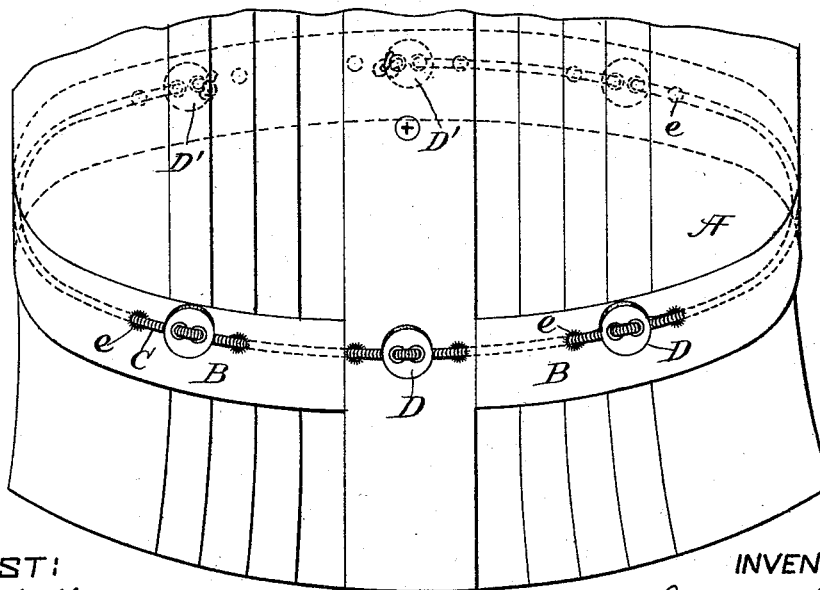


Fig. 3.



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## WAIST OR BLOUSE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CAROLINE A. SCRIVEN, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Waists and Blouses, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part thereof, and in which—

10 Figure 1 is a front view of my improved waist or blouse; Figs. 2 and 3 are front views of modified constructions of my improvement.

My invention relates to waists, blouses, jackets and analogous garments, and consists in the novel arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter described and specifically pointed out in the claims.

20 The object of my invention is to provide waists, blouses and the like with a readily adjustable and removable fastening means, to which skirts, trousers or other like garments can be readily secured, irrespective of the exact location of the buttonholes on said garments.

25 A further object of my invention is to provide an elastic support for such fastening means, to prevent the tearing of parts when strain is applied.

30 A designates the body of the waist or blouse to which may be attached a waist-band B, one edge of which is preferably loose.

C is a cord, preferably made elastic, although good results may be obtained by using an ordinary non-elastic cord. Strung on the cord C so as to be able to slide thereon are buttons D, which may be constructed with two holes for the reception of the cord C, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, or with a shank, as shown in Fig. 2, it being immaterial what character of button is used, so that it be adapted to slide on the cord. After a sufficient number of buttons have been strung, each end of the cord C is tied or otherwise fastened to a button D' (as clearly shown in Fig. 2.) These end-buttons D' are put through buttonholes *d* in the band B or garment, and the intermediate sliding buttons are inserted in a like manner in their respective buttonholes provided for their reception. The buttons D are then adjusted to alignment with the buttonholes in the gar-

ment to be attached to the waist or blouse and secured thereto.

When it is desired to remove the buttons from the waist, for the purpose of washing, 55 wringing, ironing or for any other reason, they are unbuttoned from the waist and withdrawn together with the cord C that carries them.

In the modified construction shown in Fig. 3, instead of buttonholes I employ eyelets *e* 60 through which the cord C is drawn, each button D being adjustable on the cord between two eyelets as shown.

In order to make a blouse or garment having the buttons on the said garment adapted 65 to be connected with any one of a series of lower garments that have button-holes variously spaced, it is essential and necessary that the buttons on the blouse be freely adjustable. If it were not so, a blouse having 70 one set of buttons might be able to connect with a lower garment that is spaced as are the buttons, but would not be able to connect with a lower garment in which the button holes are slightly different in location. To 75 make this important adjustment, I make the perforation *d* in the blouse much longer than the button is wide that pertains thereto, and in the modified form shown in Fig. 3, I place a pair of eyelets much farther apart than the 80 button pertaining to them is wide. In fact the holes *d* are elongated to such an extent, and the eyelets *e* placed so far apart in each pair, that the free portion of the cord that holds the buttons and that is held in or by 85 these perforations is sufficiently long to allow the button to be adjusted to a distance thereon greater than the length of its diameter.

When it is desired to remove the buttons in this construction, it is necessary to first un- 90 fasten the tied ends of the cord C and then to pull the cord out of the eyelet *e* and out of the buttons.

By my improved invention I am enabled to provide a waist or blouse which is adapted to 95 the use of ladies and children alike and can be used to support a vast variety of garments without the necessity of resetting the buttons as heretofore for every new garment to be suspended.

There are various modifications which I might make without departing from the spirit

of my invention, such as dispensing with the waist-band B and forming the eyelets, buttonholes, or like apertures in the body of the waist instead.

5 When I use the term cord herein, I mean to include any flexible narrow band, and do not confine myself to the use of any particular kind or shape.

10 Having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

15 1. A waist body A having a series of perforations combined with the cord C and the sliding buttons D thereon, the perforations in the waist body for each button being of such an extent in the direction of the cord, that the portion of the cord on the outer side of the body A and upon which the buttons slide in the direction of the length of the cord is longer than the diameter of the button, substantially as specified.

20 2. The combination of the perforated waist-

body A, cord C, buttons D' attached to the ends of said cord and buttons D, said buttons D being removable together with and adjust- 25 ably carried by said cord C, substantially as described.

3. The blouse or waist A having a row of apertures combined with the removable cord C carrying longitudinally sliding buttons D 30 and means substantially as described for removably securing the ends of said cord, all arranged so that part of the cord will lie on one side and part with the longitudinally sliding buttons on the other side of said blouse 35 or waist, the sliding buttons being owing to the extent of the apertures adjustable as to spacing after all parts have been assembled and removable together with the cord, substantially as herein shown and described.

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