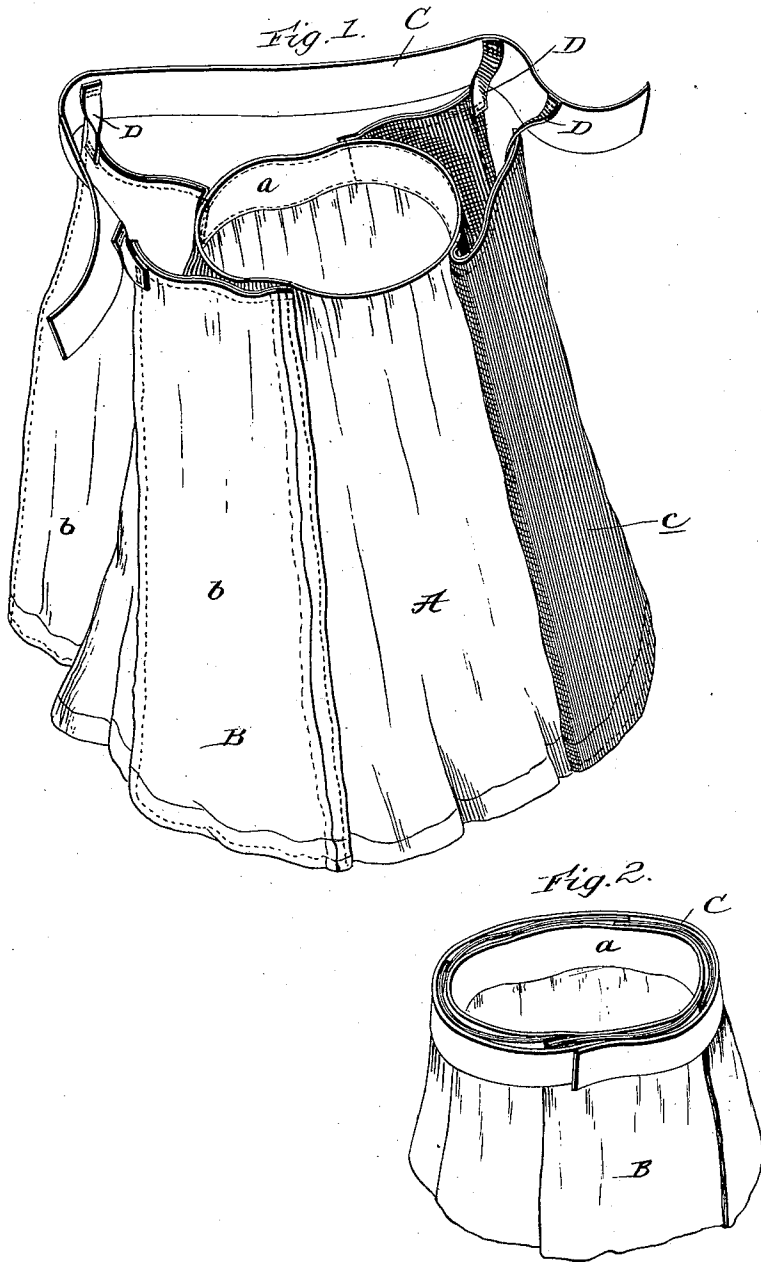


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRY DAVIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Butte, in the county of Silver Bow and State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirts; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to dress-skirts; and it contemplates the provision of a skirt comprising a body and flaps connected along one of their vertical edges to the body and adapted to be laid and secured against the same with either of their sides out, the said flaps being in preference respectively provided with opposite sides of different colors or different materials, whereby the exterior of the skirt may be changed from one color to the other or from one material to the other without the necessity of removing the skirt from the person.

With the foregoing ends in view the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims when taken in conjunction with the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved skirt with the adjustable flaps in an open position to permit of clearer illustration, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the upper portion of the skirt with the flaps in one of the positions they are adapted to assume and the fastening-belt in the proper operative position.

Referring by letter to the said drawings, A indicates the body of the skirt, which may be of the usual "bell" or other suitable form and construction, with an ordinary waistband *a* at its upper end.

B indicates the four (more or less) flaps, which extend the full length of the body and are connected by stitches or other suitable means along their inner vertical edges to the same.

C indicates the belt, which is preferably employed for fastening the flaps, and D indicates the straps, which are connected at one end to the flaps at the upper outer corners thereof and at their opposite ends to the belt, as shown.

The body A of the skirt may be of any suitable material and may or may not be similar to the material on one side of the flaps B, as desired. The opposite sides of said flaps B, however, are preferably of different colors or material, (indicated by *b c* in Fig. 1.) In virtue of this it will be observed that a woman is able, after placing and securing the skirt upon her person in the ordinary manner, to adjust the flaps so that the body A will be covered and the exterior of the skirt will be of one material or color or the other material or color. The flaps B are enabled to cover and hide the body A from view, because said flaps are connected to the body at intervals corresponding in width to or of a slightly less width than the flaps. For instance, if it is desired to have the exterior of the skirt of the color or material on that side of the flaps indicated by *b*, it is simply necessary to lay the flaps with their sides *c* against the body and tighten and fasten the belt C about the waist over the upper ends of the flaps, when the same will be securely fastened in position. On the other hand, if it is desired to have the exterior of the skirt of the color or material on that side of the flaps indicated by *c*, it is simply necessary to unfasten the belt and shift the same around the waist with the free edges of the flaps until the flaps lie flat against the body A, with their sides *c* outwardly, when the belt may be again fastened to secure the flaps in such position. From this it will be appreciated that the operation of changing the exterior of the skirt from one color or material to another color or material may be expeditiously carried out, and in consequence a woman may go out with a skirt having an exterior of one color or material and come back with a skirt having an exterior of another color or material. It will also be observed that the skirt is especially adapted for working girls and women who may have one side of the flaps outwardly while at work and may prior to leaving for home adjust the flaps, so as to bring their opposite sides outwardly and form a clean dressy skirt.

I prefer, as stated, to have the opposite sides of the flaps of contrasting colors or different materials; but I do not desire to be understood as confining myself to the same, as the

flaps may be used to advantage when both sides of the flaps are of the same color or the same material, the sides *c* of the flaps being arranged outwardly when the sides *b* have  
5 been soiled or worn, and vice versa.

I also do not desire to be understood as confining myself to the belt and its appurtenances for fastening or securing the flaps in their different positions, as any other means suitable to the purpose may be employed.  
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Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A dress-skirt comprising a body, and a plurality of flaps having their inner vertical edges connected with the body at intervals in the circumference thereof corresponding in width to or of a less width than the flaps, whereby said flaps, when laid and secured  
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against the body with either of their sides outwardly, will cover and hide the body from view, substantially as specified. 20

2. A dress-skirt comprising a body, a plurality of flaps having their inner vertical edges connected with the body at intervals in the circumference thereof and adapted to be laid against said body with either of their sides outwardly, and a belt or band connected with the several flaps at or adjacent to the upper, outer corners thereof, substantially as specified. 25

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses. 30

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