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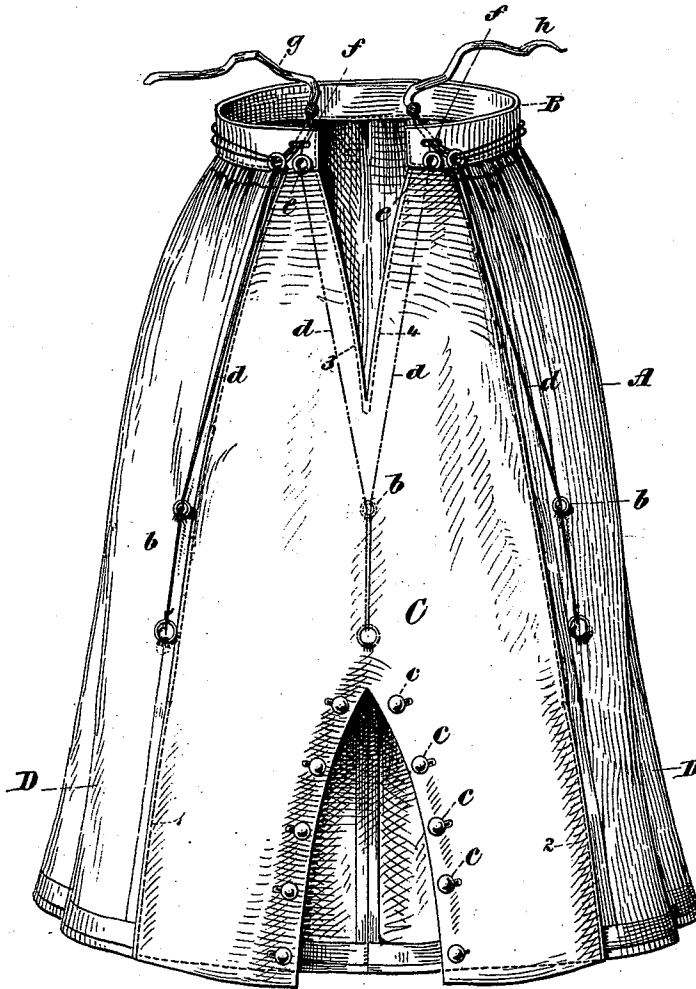


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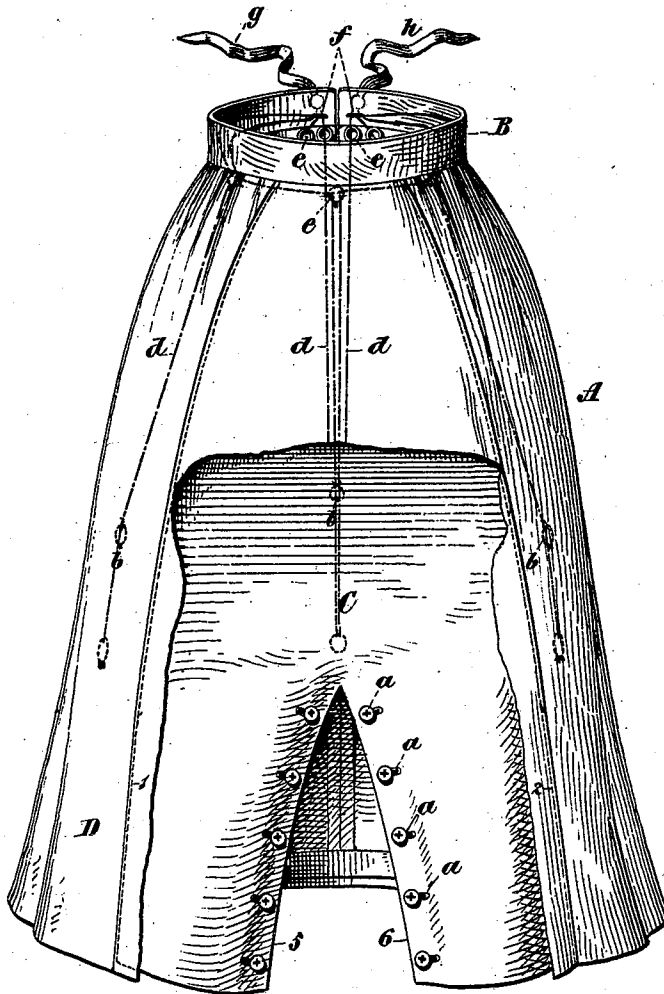


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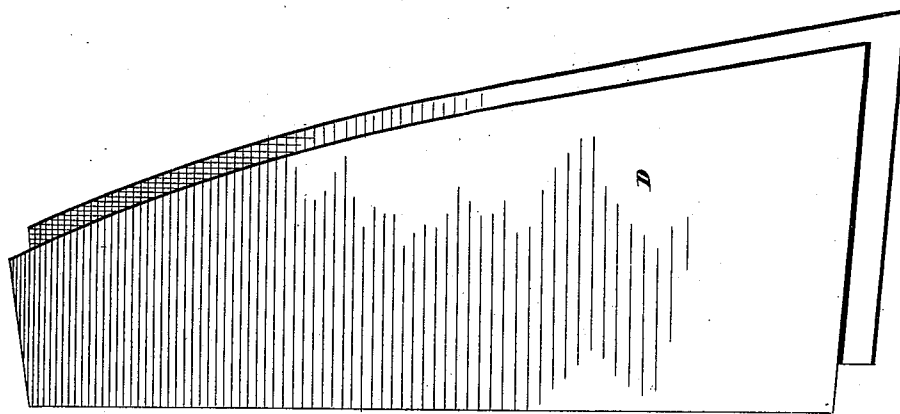


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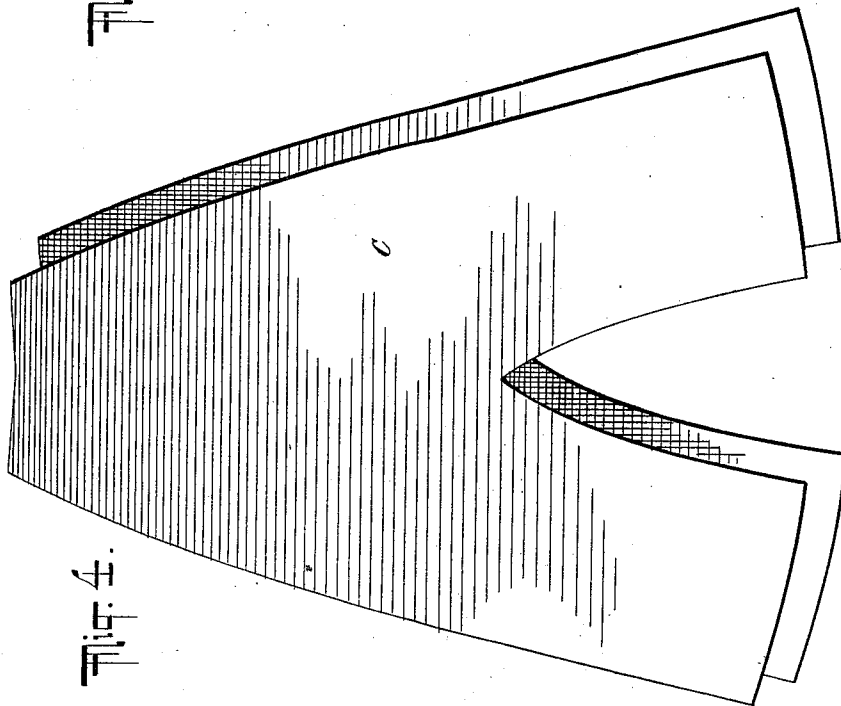


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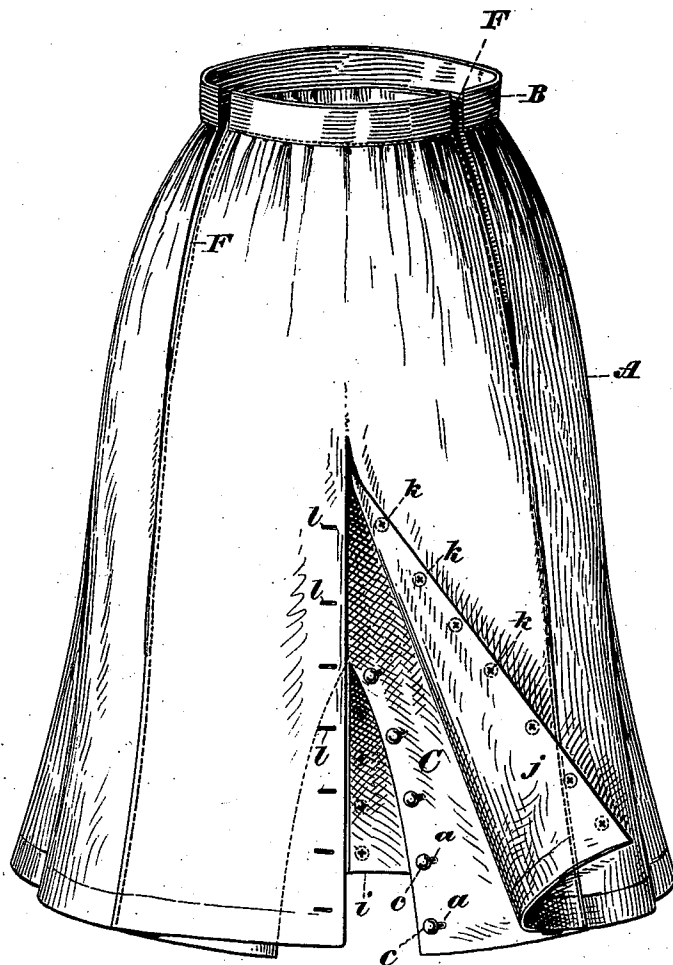


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARISSA ELLEN DOCKHAM, residing at Staten Island, county of Richmond, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bicycle Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to bicycle garments; and it consists in the improvements herein-
after set forth and claimed.

My invention will be understood by referring to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a woman wearing a skirt embodying my invention, the skirt being shown in two positions by full and in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a view of the skirt shown in Fig. 1 turned inside out in order to give a clear idea of the interior of such skirt, the said figure presenting the inside of the back portion of the skirt to view. Fig. 3 is a perspective of the skirt with the front thereof broken away to clearly show the interior arrangement. Fig. 4 shows the pattern of the drawers portion of the garment. Fig. 5 is a pattern of the side breadths of the skirt, and Fig. 6 is an elevation of a bicycle garment looking from the rear thereof which illustrates another form of my invention.

Referring particularly to Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, A is a skirt, which may be of any ordinary construction and provided with a belt or band B. In the front and back of the said skirt a bifurcated gore C is sewed by its edges, as, for instance, by the lines of stitching 1 2 3 4.

Referring particularly to Fig. 2, the back gore C of the skirt is shown. This gore is sewed at the places indicated 1 2 3 4 and provided along the fork thereof with fastening devices or buttons c. The pattern for the gore is clearly shown in Fig. 4. A similar gore is similarly secured to the inside of the front of the garment, and is provided along its forked edges with buttonholes a, which are placed to cooperate with the buttons c of the back gore C, which buttons and buttonholes constitute complementary fastening devices.

Referring now particularly to Fig. 3, it will be observed that when the edges 5 6 of

the gore C are brought together and fastened by the complementary fastening devices a c these gores constitute a pair of trousers within the skirt A, the outer edges of gores or sections being secured together and to the skirt by the same seams 1 2 which unite the back gore of the skirt to the side gores D. Secured to the skirt at intervals, at the lower part thereof, are rings b, to which cords or tapes pass through rings b' at or about the middle of the skirt and rings e at the waist of the garment and pass through a slit f in the waistband of the garment and are united into a skirt string or tape g h. The object of this arrangement is to enable the skirt to be raised by pulling upon the tapes g h, thus drawing up the strings or tapes d d until the rings b' are brought up to the ring b, the said skirt then presenting the appearance shown in full lines in Fig. 1, wherein the skirt is shown as divided, with a fold or overhang E formed at or about the middle of the garment. The effect of the skirt when let down to its full length is shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1.

In Fig. 6 I have shown another form of bicycle garment embodying my invention, and wherein the skirt A is, as usual, provided with a band B and also with plackets F and the usual bifurcated gores C, secured as before, and similarly provided with fastening devices c a. In this garment, however, instead of having the front and back of the skirt solid, as hereinabove mentioned, I slit the front and back, as shown, and provide the edges i j of the said slit with fastening devices k l. This skirt may also be provided with the lifting or adjusting tapes referred to in the description of Figs. 1 to 5.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that the garment of my invention when in use comprises a pair of drawers and a skirt, the said drawers and skirt being secured together, as described. It will be further apparent that the drawers may be unbuttoned and the skirt used as a simple skirt. It will also be evident that the skirt may be put on over the head and the drawers afterward buttoned, and it being remembered that women are averse to garments which do not go on over the head, the advantage of a trousers garment which can be put on over the head be-

comes at once apparent. It will be further observed that owing to the tape lifters the garment may be worn at a considerable height, if desired, so that it may be thereby
5 used as a street-dress or a bicycle-dress. These advantages are all attained by the peculiar structure of my garment. It will also be observed that when the skirt is raised by means of the tape lifters the drawers are
10 raised to a corresponding height.

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

1. A bicycle garment, comprising in its
15 structure a skirt and a plurality of bifurcated drawers-sections C, secured near their upper ends and by their edges 1 2 to the interior of the skirt at the sides thereof, and being provided along their edges 5 6 with comple-

mentary fastening devices whereby the draw- 20 ers-sections may be united to form a pair of drawers inside the garment, substantially as described.

2. The herein-described bicycle garment, comprising a skirt open at the front and back, 25 a plurality of bifurcated drawers-sections C secured near their upper ends and by their edges 1 2 to the sides of the skirt, and being provided along their edges 5 6 with complementary fastening devices whereby said bi- 30 furcated drawers-sections may be converted at will into a pair of drawers or allowed to hang freely inside the skirt.

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