

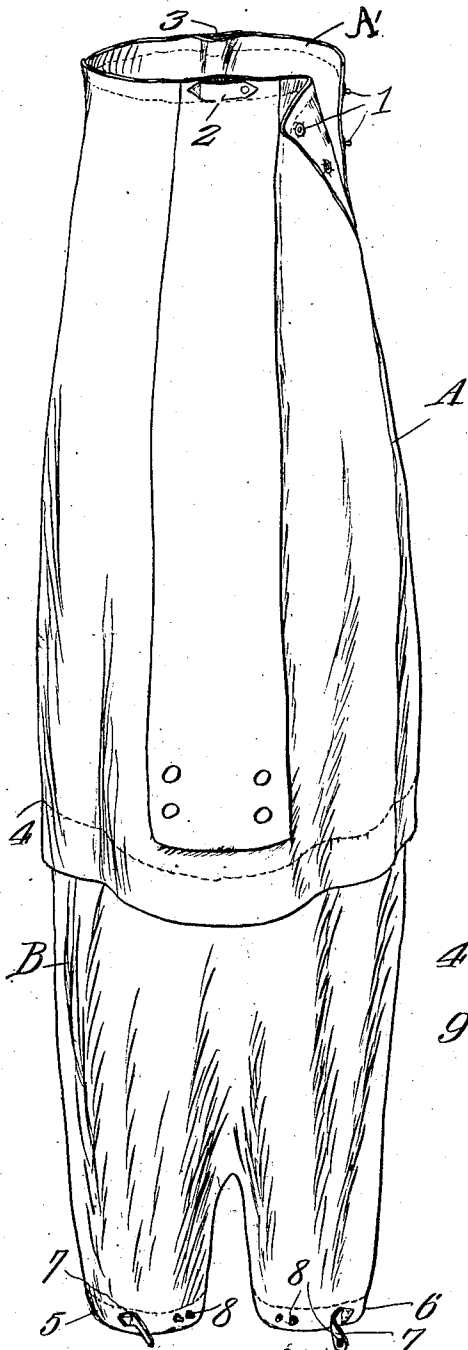
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Fig. 1.

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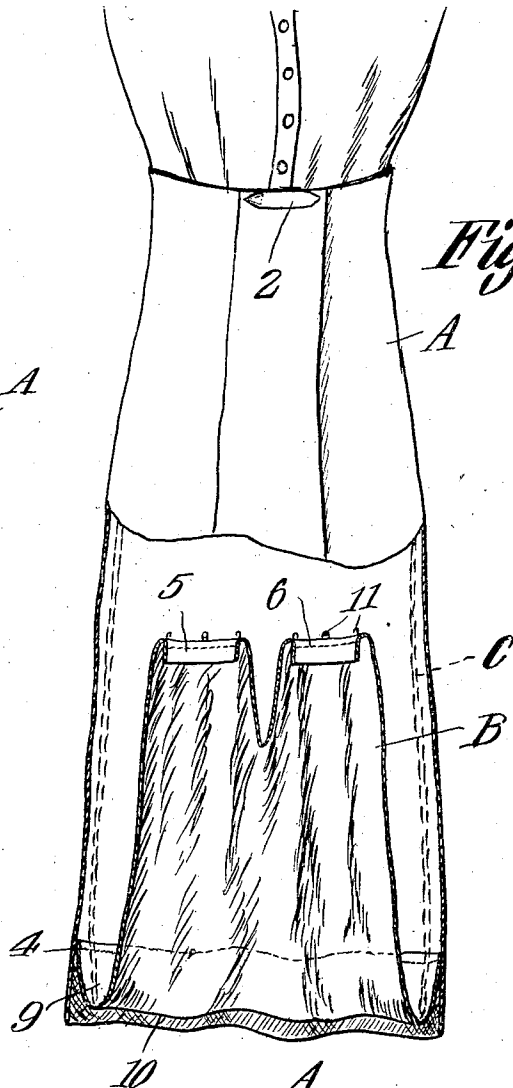


Fig. 2.

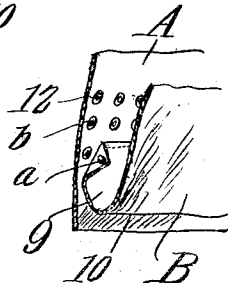


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LILLIAN M. SAVAGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore city, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is in the nature of a garment for ladies which I denominate a "rain skirt".

The object of the invention is to provide an improved garment in the nature of a combined skirt and bloomers wherein the bloomers may be secured, permanently or temporarily and adjustably, to the inner face of the bottom of the skirt and normally extending from the skirt when the combined garment is not in use but adapted to receive the limbs of the wearer and to be secured thereto at or about the knee, whereby, when the skirt is adjusted and supported from the waist or otherwise, the bloomers will be inverted and will form the inside, of a pocket, of which the skirt will form the outside, to receive and protect the lower ends or bottoms of the underskirts and protect them from soiling and wear.

Incidentally, the skirt, or the bloomers, or both may be made of waterproof material, if desired.

In order that the construction and operation thereof may be readily comprehended, I have illustrated an embodiment of my invention in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a combined garment made in accordance with my invention, being illustrated in the form it assumes when hung up, out of use, and ready to be pulled upon the wearer. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of the combined garment, illustrating the parts in the positions they assume on the wearer when in use, parts being shown in section. Fig. 3 represents a fragmentary, perspective, sectional view, illustrating the manner in which I propose to secure the bloomers temporarily and adjustably to the skirt.

Like reference characters mark the same parts wherever they are shown in the several figures of the drawings.

Referring specifically to the drawing, A indicates a skirt made of any approved material and shape according to the prevailing or any desired pattern, to suit the taste and means of the wearer, in some instances being

preferably made of a fine grade of waterproof material, the skirt being intended to differ in no wise in appearance from an ordinary skirt not provided with the other parts comprised in my invention, which are concealed by the skirt when in use.

The waist A' of the skirt is shown as open on its opposite sides, being provided with snap buttons 1 to hold such openings closed and with take-up or adjusting straps 2 and 3 at the front and rear to permit of the adjustment of the waist line to suit the wearer.

B indicates a pair of bloomers which may be permanently secured upon the inside of the lower edge of the skirt by stitching, as at 4, the width of the bloomers at the point of attachment being the same as the width of the skirt in order that the two garments may set correctly on the wearer. The bloomers provided with suitable bands 5 and 6 upon which bands are provided take-up or adjusting straps 7 which, with the bands, are provided with snap buttons, or other securing devices, 8, whereby the bands may be properly tightened as may be desired.

To don the combined garment, the wearer will take the garment, in the condition shown in Fig. 1, with the bloomers extended, and draw the skirt over the feet, and over any other skirts which may be worn at the time, projecting the feet and limbs through the legs of the bloomers, and then draw the bands 5 and 6 up to the knees where they may be adjusted to hold them up, by means of the straps 7 and snap buttons 8, or like fasteners.

By properly fitting the combined garment to the wearer in the manner described, a pocket 9 is formed which will be located just above the bottom of the skirt as at 10 and will receive the ordinary dress skirt, or any other skirts worn by the wearer, and thus protect such skirts from being soiled.

To avoid the necessity of drawing the knee bands 5 and 6 so tight as to be uncomfortable to the wearer, hooks or other fastening devices 11 may be secured to said bands for engagement with the garters, or other underclothing of the wearer.

I have provided means, as illustrated in Fig. 3, for temporarily and removably attaching the bloomers to the skirt, comprising snap buttons 12, or similar fastening devices carried by the skirt and bloomers.

In order that the bloomers may be secured

at different heights to the skirt, I have provided a plurality of rows of one of the members of fastening devices, such as snap buttons or the like, on one of the garments, as at *b*, on the skirt, to be engaged by a single row of the members of such fastening devices, such as at *a* on the bloomers. By this means, the bottom of the pocket 9 formed by the bloomers, can always be adjusted to prevent it hanging below the bottom of the skirt A. Should this loop 9 be too low, or too high, the members *a* may be released from the members *b* and reengaged with a higher or lower row of said members *b* of the fastenings.

The utility and advantages of my improved combined garment will be readily apparent and while I have specifically described the construction and arrangement of the various parts, it will be obvious to those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains, that slight changes therein, or variations therefrom, may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is—

1. A device of the character described comprising a skirt having a waist band, and means for adjusting the length of the waist band, a pair of bloomers attached in an inverted position to the inside of the bottom of the skirt, knee bands at the extremities of the legs of the bloomers, means for ad-

justing the length of the knee bands and means for securing the knee bands of the bloomers to the undergarments of the wearer.

2. A device of the character described comprising a skirt and a pair of bloomers removably and adjustably connected to the inner side of the skirt near the bottom thereof.

3. A combined garment of the character described comprising two members to wit; a skirt and a pair of bloomers, a series of horizontal rows of one of the members of a fastening device attached to one of the members of the combined garment, and a single horizontal row of the other member of the fastening device attached to the other member of the combined garment and adapted to engage any one of the first named series of fastening device members.

4. A combined garment of the character described comprising a skirt provided near its bottom with a plurality of horizontal rows of members of fastening devices, and bloomers provided with a single horizontal row of fastening devices adapted to engage with any one of the rows of fastening devices of the skirt.

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

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