

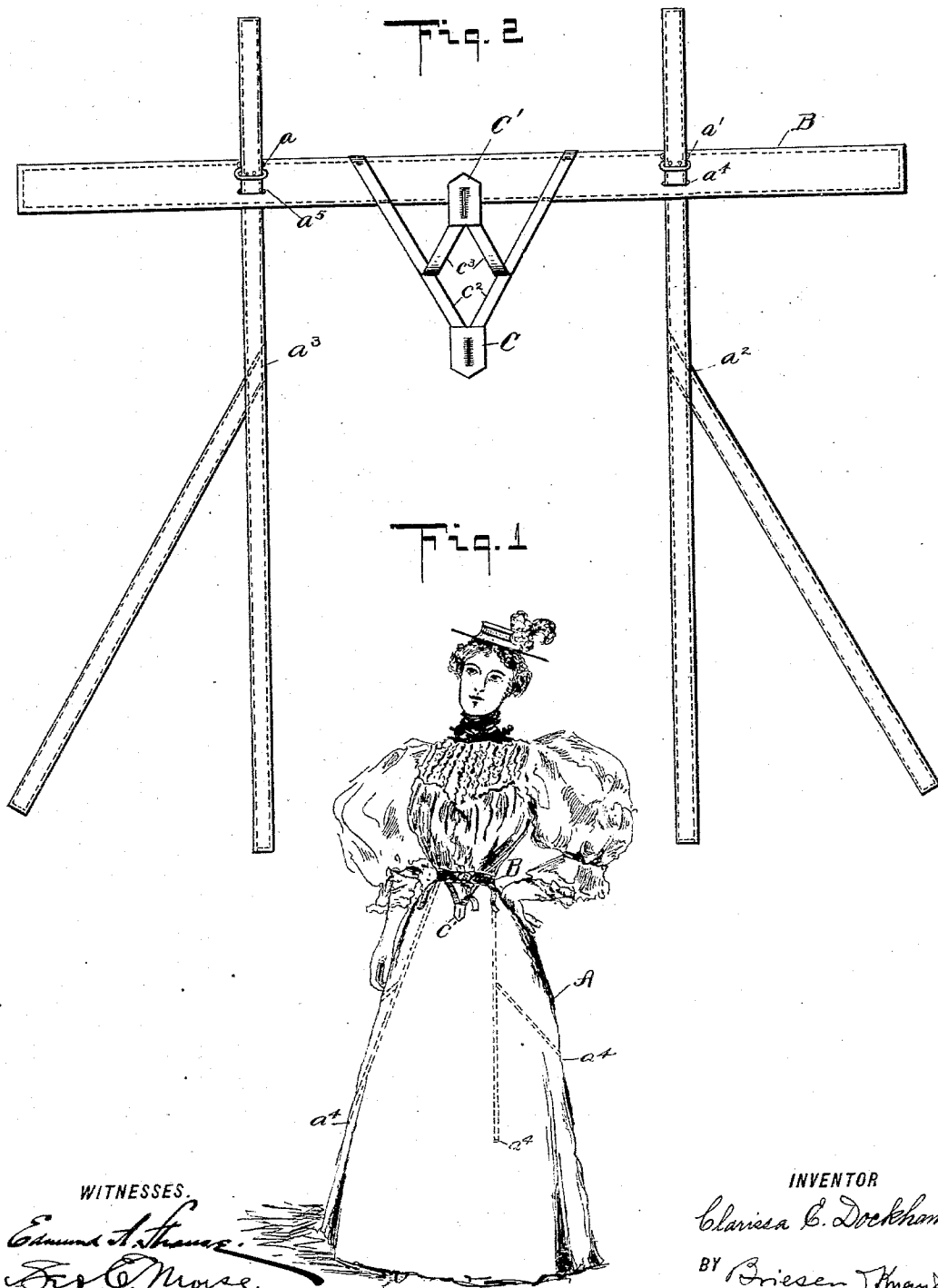
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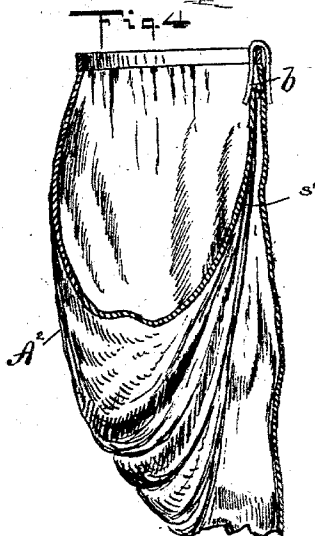
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To all whom it may concern:

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

My invention relates to bicycle-garments, and has for its object to produce a combination-garment which may be adjusted for convenient use when bicycling or which may be worn for ordinary street use.

To this end my invention consists in the construction hereinafter set forth and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a general view, shown partly dotted, of a garment embodying my invention, the same showing the garment when in the form of a skirt. Fig. 2 is a detached detail view of the waist-belt and the dotted portions of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents the garment with the back portion thereof hitched up in front so as to convert the skirt, previously shown, into a pair of trousers, colloquially known as "bloomers," which will be presently described. Fig. 4 is a section of the garment with the train of the "skirt," so called, hitched up in front in such a fashion as to form the skirt into a divided skirt behind and a plain ordinary skirt in front.

In the drawings, A represents the ordinary skirt, which is of substantially an equal length throughout, provided with a waist band or belt B. From the front of this band or belt a bifurcated fastening device depends. (Shown as consisting of a section comprising a tab C, which is hung from the band by tapes c^2 , and a tab C', which is hung from the band by tapes c^3 .) The tab C with its tapes hangs inside the skirt next to the body of the wearer and the tab C' hangs outside the skirt, as shown in Fig. 1. Attached also to the belt or band B are buckles or other fastening means a' , which buckles serve to support forked or bifurcated skirt-lifters $a^2 a^3$, which pass through apertures $a^4 a^5$ in the band or belt and through the buckles a' and a . These skirt-lifters are secured to the sides of the skirt at $a^1 a^1 a^1$ and serve to raise or ad-

just the sides of the skirt, and extend outside 50 the waistband of the skirt.

Secured to the back of the skirt, preferably on the inside thereof near the bottom, is a button b or other fastening means. (Shown clearly in Fig. 3.) This button is designed 55 to co-operate with the tabs C or C', as the case may be.

The designed operation and adjustment of my combination-garment are as follows: Ordinarily the garment is in the form of a skirt 60 extending from the waist of a wearer to and about the shoes of the wearer—in other words, near to the ground. If it is desired to convert the skirt into a pair of "bicycle-bloomers," so called, as shown in Fig. 3, the skirt-lifters 65 a^2 and a^3 are pulled upon so as to raise the side and front of the skirt and hold the lower edge thereof suspended from the skirt-lifters and lifting-tape. The skirt-lifters are then held in their adjusted positions in any suitable manner, as by means of the buckles. The back of the skirt s' is now brought around to the front, as shown in Fig. 3, and the button engaged with the tab C', which hangs upon the outside of the skirt. It will thus 75 be seen that the skirt is now converted into a pair of bicycle-bloomers, as shown in Fig. 3. If, however, it is desired to have the front of the skirt hang down, the skirt-lifters are only slightly drawn up, and the back of the 80 skirt A' is brought to the front and secured by the button b to the tab C on the inside of the skirt, so that the back of the skirt will present the bifurcated appearance, as shown at A² in Fig. 4, and the front of the skirt will 85 hang in the ordinary manner.

It will be observed that by my invention I am enabled to utilize any ordinary skirt without the necessity of employing a skirt of special design or construction. 90

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination with a skirt of an auxiliary means for converting it into a bifurcated garment, consisting of a waistband B secured 95 to the skirt, a bifurcated fastening device secured to and depending from the waistband, one section of the fastening device hanging

inside the skirt and the other hanging outside the skirt, skirt-lifters adjustably secured to the waistband and depending therefrom, combined with a securing device upon the
5 back of the skirt at or near the bottom thereof and adapted for engagement with the sections of the fastening device whereby the skirt can be converted at will into either a pair of

bloomers or with a plain skirt in front and a divided skirt behind, substantially as described and for the purpose set forth.

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