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Fig. 2.

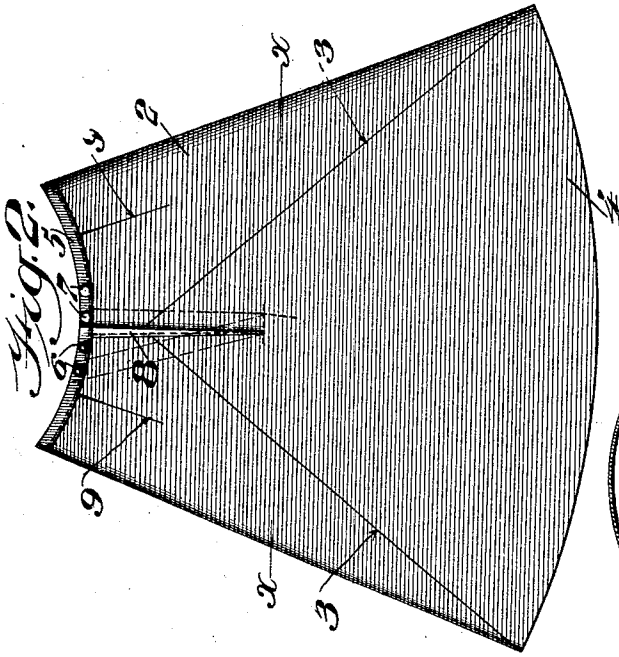


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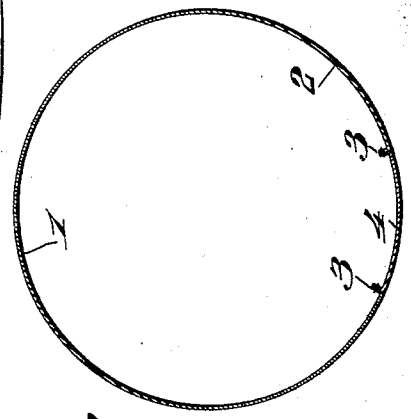


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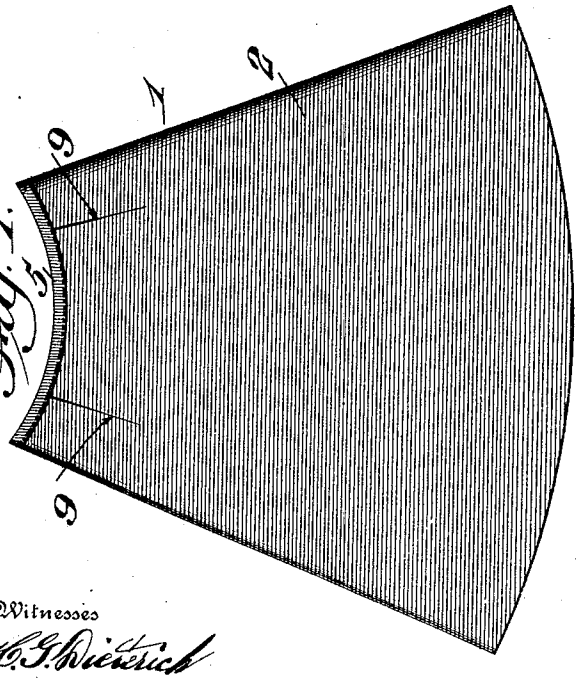
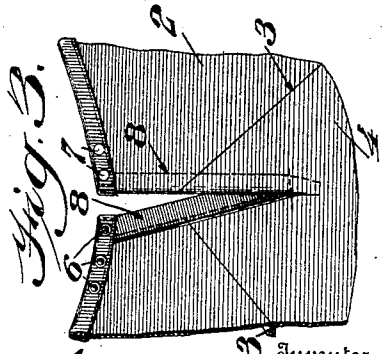


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD G. MURRAY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Petticoat, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful petticoat and consists in forming the same round or circular, without any folds or plaits.

It further consists of new and novel means for adjusting the band.

It further consists of other novel features of construction, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a petticoat embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a rear elevation thereof. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of a portion of the device. Fig. 4 represents a sectional view on line *x*—*x*, Fig. 2.

I have found in practice that it is of advantage to have a petticoat fit closely to the body and to present a smooth and neat appearance entirely around the same and also to provide an adjustment on the waist band in order to fit various sized waists. In the drawings, I have shown a construction which I have found in practice operates successfully but it will be evident that the arrangement of the parts may be varied and other instrumentalities may be employed which will come within the scope of my invention and I do not therefore desire to be limited in every instance to the exact construction as herein shown and described but desire to make such changes as may be necessary.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings. 1 designates a petticoat consisting of the main or body portion 2 which is preferably formed of a single or integral piece of material, the edges 3 of which are inclined or extend at an angle to each other and to which is sewed or otherwise secured the inserted portion 4 which is V-shaped.

5 designates the waist band separated at the placket and adjacent one end of the band is connected a plurality of portions 6 of a fastening device and to the other end of the waist band is connected a plurality of the other portions 7 of a fastening device, said fastening devices 6 and 7 in the drawings being of the clip and button construction although any other suitable form of device may be employed.

The upper portion of the body 2 and the upper portion of the V-piece 4 are formed with the placket, the edges of which are preferably inturned as at 8 for strengthening the placket, and it will be noted that the said fastenings are placed on opposite sides of the placket on the waist band. By the construction seen it will be apparent that I am enabled to form a circular petticoat, as best seen in Fig. 4, and that by forming the upper portion of the body 2 with the darts 9, the petticoat will be constructed to fit closely to the body, without any wrinkling or without any unevenness, since all plaits, folds etc., are avoided. By the construction of the fastening means the waist band is adapted for different sized waists without any projection of the waist band beyond the plane of the placket, so that all unnecessary material is obviated.

I am aware that dress skirts for bicycle riders have been made with V-shaped insertions but large plaits have been used in the skirt so that the said plaits break the continuity of the circular effect of the skirt which defeats the very purpose of my invention, which is to provide a continuous circular bell-shaped petticoat adapted to closely and snugly fit the body and thus prevent wrinkling and bulging of dress skirts which would otherwise spoil the fit thereof.

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

A bell-shaped, close fitting skirt, comprising front, sides and upper back portions formed of a single piece of material, the rear edges of said material converging toward the waist, and the upper back portions detachably secured together, a V-shaped insert secured to said converging edges, and constituting the sole means of permanent connection therebetween, said insert terminating a short distance below the waist, whereby a plain unbroken surface is presented forming a continuous circular garment.

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