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Fig. 1

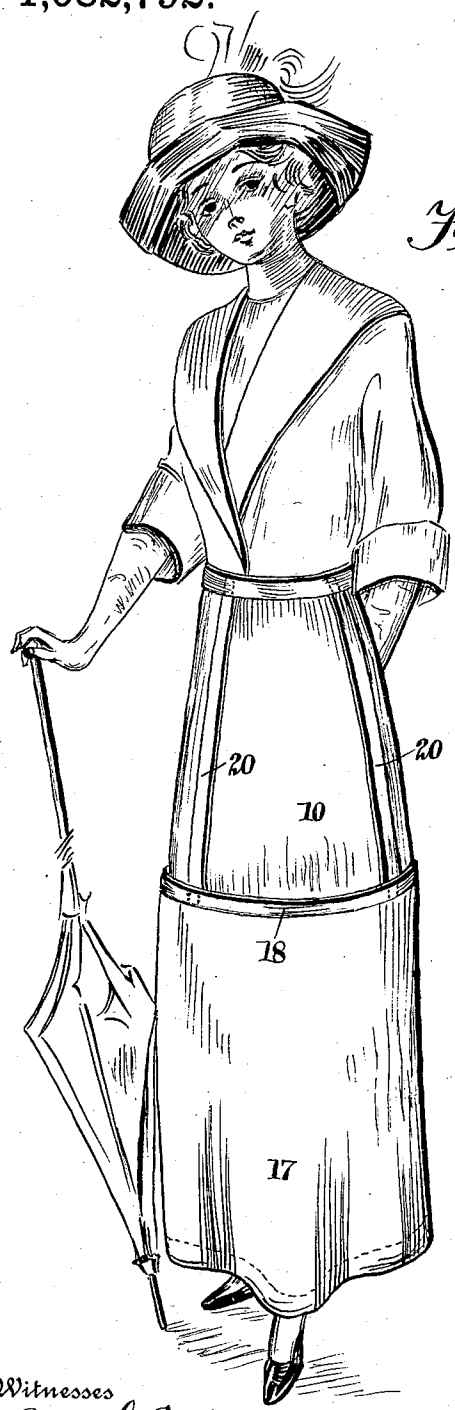
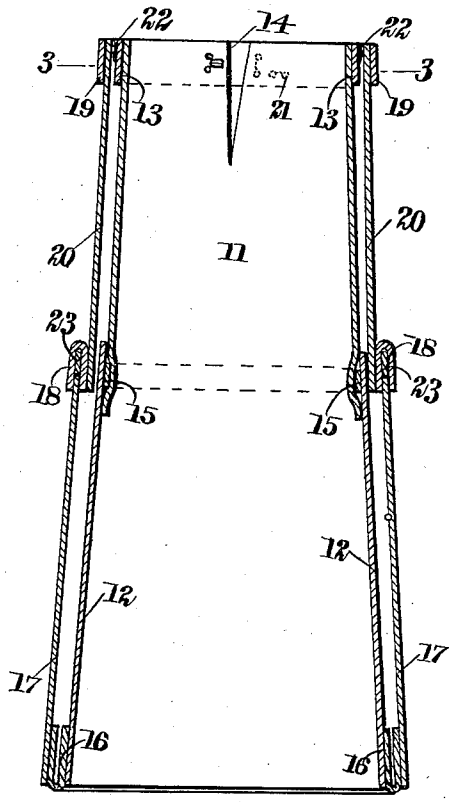


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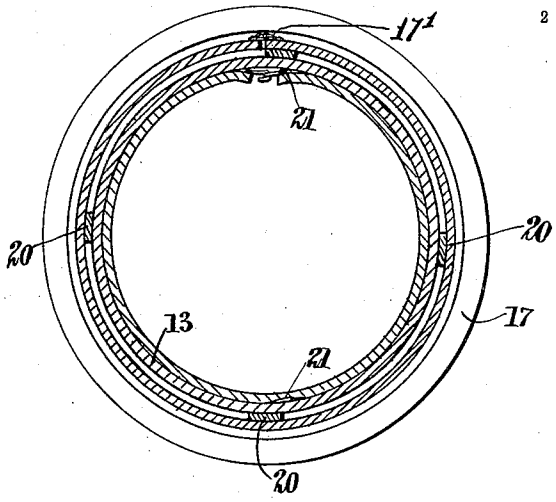
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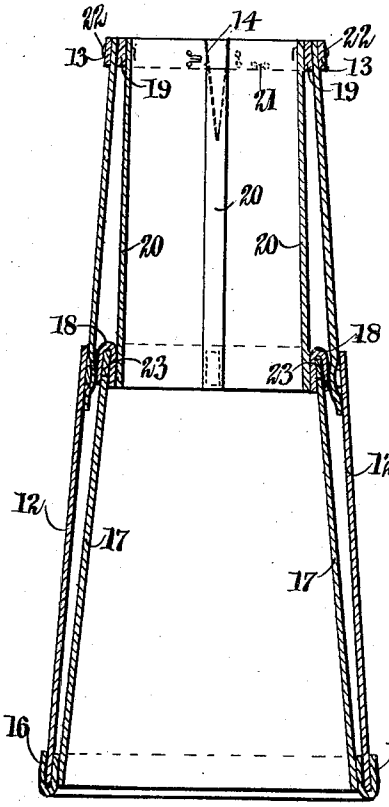


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY E. BISPHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waynesville, in the county of Warren, State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Protectors; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in skirt protectors.

The object of this invention is the provision of a garment which is adapted to be worn under a skirt and which is provided with an upwardly extending portion adapted to engage the exterior of a skirt for a portion of its length and prevent water or the like from engaging the same while the wearer is out of doors and exposed to the weather.

Another object of this invention is the provision of means for retaining the upwardly extending portion of the garment in a position which will protect the skirt.

A further object of this invention is to improve and simplify devices of this character, rendering them comparatively simple and inexpensive to manufacture, reliable and efficient in use and readily operated.

With the above and other objects in view, this invention resides in the novel features of construction, formations and arrangements of parts to be hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention applied. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a sectional view illustrating the garment inverted.

Referring to the accompanying drawings by similar characters of reference, the numeral 10 designates generally a skirt to which is applied my protector 11, this protector 11 consists of a section 12 of fabric which is gradually tapered toward its upper end and reinforced by a belt 13. This section 12 which will be hereinafter designated as the inner section is provided with a placket 14 to provide a means whereby the same may be placed upon the wearer in such position as to conform to the shape of the body and prevent any undesired wrinkling of the skirt 10 which is worn thereover. A band 15 is secured to the inner section and to this band 15 and also to the upper end of the outer sections 17 are secured ball and socket fasteners 17′ which when fastened hold the outer sections 12 when the garment is worn as an underskirt. The sections 12 and 17 produce a pocket for the reception of a skirt and the bottom 16 of this pocket is folded when the section 17 is held in position either by the ball and socket fasteners 17′ or by the belt and straps. The inner edges of the said placket 14 is provided with the usual hook for securing the ends of the belt 13 together. The upper end of the outer section 17 is adapted to extend substantially half way upon the exterior of the skirt 10 at which point it is reinforced by a band 18 which is attached to an outer belt 19 by a plurality of suspending straps 20. The inner belt 13 is provided with a plurality of eyes 21 for engagement with hooks 22 whereby the belt 19 will be retained in a position which will hold the outer section 17 against the exterior surface of the skirt 10. The belt or band 18 is preferably of such construction that it can receive a drawing string 23 by means of which the said band may be tightened to conform to the figure of the wearer. Obviously when the inner section 12 is hung upon the wearer and the skirt positioned between said inner and outer sections and the latter retained in its proper position the skirt will be prevented from becoming wet when the wearer is exposed to the weather. Should a person desire to wear the same either in threatening weather or after the weather has cleared and not care to have the same noticed, the outer section may be folded beneath the inner section and the belt 19 arranged beneath the belt 13 instead of upon the outer side thereof in which instance the garment will be converted into an underskirt with the band 16 acting as a binding for the lower edge thereof.

From the foregoing disclosures taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it will be apparent that a reliable and efficient skirt protector is provided for.

Having thus fully described this invention what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is:

In a skirt protector, the combination of an inner section, a belt connected with the upper extremity thereof for fastening the inner section above the waist of the wearer, said

inner section being folded upon itself to produce an outer section, the upper end of which overlies the lower half of the inner section, thus forming a pocket between the sections, a band secured to the upper edge of the outer section, a draw-string threaded through said band, a plurality of vertically extending suspending straps attached at their lower ends to the band, a belt attached to the upper ends of the suspending strap and adapted to encircle the waist of the wearer, and means for attaching the waist belts of the two sections together.

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

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