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Hoop Skirt.

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Fig. 1.

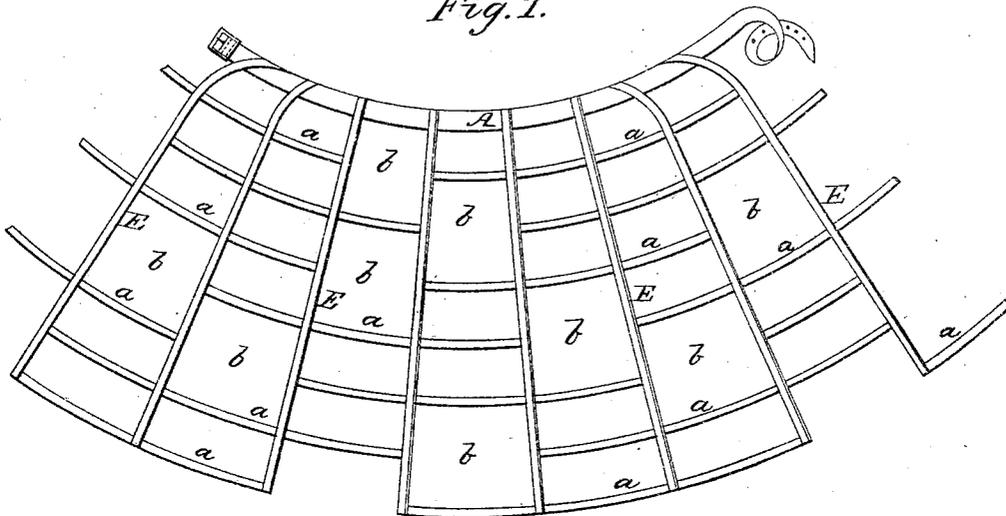


Fig. 2.

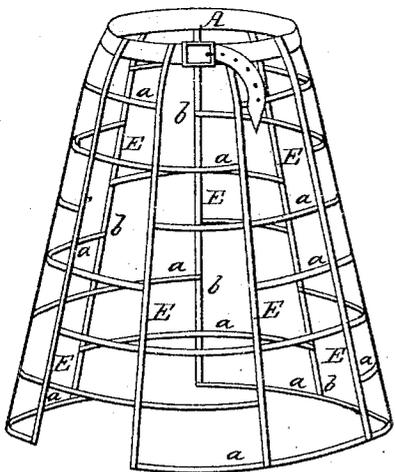
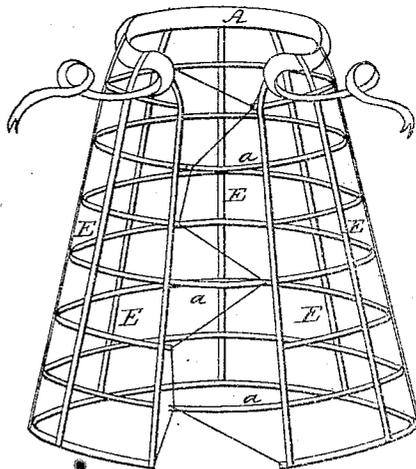


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN HOOP-SKIRTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY LOEWENBERG, a native of Prussia, but now residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Hoop-Skirt for Female Apparel; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents the skirt as it would appear preparatory to being finished or reduced to a conical form. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of it as ready for use; and Fig. 3 is an open-front collapsible skirt provided with a stay-cord and made with arcs of loops.

The object of my improvement is to enable the skirt to readily fold or be folded together or under a person while she may be in a sitting position, it being a difficulty incident to most hoop-skirts that they will not do so. For this purpose I do not employ whole hoops in the body of the skirt as is customary, but make use of arcs or parts only of hoops and arrange them so that there may be intervals or spaces between the arcs of each range, and that the hoops of the next range above and below each interval may extend across these spaces, the several ranges being connected transversely by either elastic or inelastic webbing or bands.

In the drawings, *a a a* &c., are the parts

or arcs of hoops, while *E E E* are the connecting-bands, the waist part *A* being made in the usual manner.

The arrangement of the several arcs of hoops with respect to another is shown in Fig. 1, where it will be seen that between each two parts, *a a*, there is a space or interval, *b*, which also comes between the holding-bands of them; also, that where there is such an interval an arc of one or both of the next adjacent ranges crosses from band to band, between which such interval may be.

By using the arcs in the body part of the hoop and below its waist part, the hoop will readily collapse or can be easily folded together, so as not to improperly press out the dress while the wearer may be in a sitting posture.

I claim as my invention—

An improved hoop-skirt having its body made with arcs or parts of hoops (instead of entire hoops) arranged in manner or with reference to each other, and supported by bands, elastic or otherwise, so as to operate substantially as specified.

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