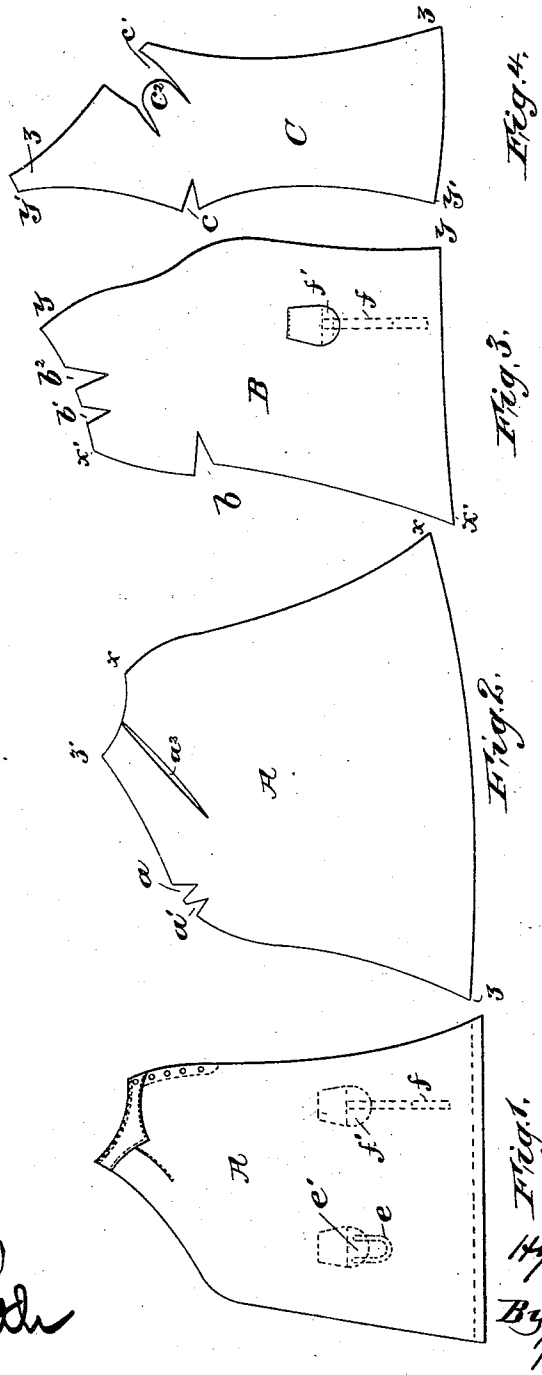
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HYMAN WHITE, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of New York, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Riding-Skirts, of which the following is such a full, clear, concise, and exact description as will enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a skirt for a riding-habit of graceful contour and design; one that will allow for the position of the limbs of the rider and also for the pommel; that will fit smoothly upon the saddle and not be inclined to work up or get out of place under the action of the horse and at the same time not conform too closely to the lines of the figure behind when the wearer is unmounted and standing; a skirt, moreover, that will be reversible, permitting the owner to use the same garment in riding upon either side of the horse; and my invention consists in the improved riding-skirt formed and constructed as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

Figure 1 is a side view in elevation of riding-skirt embodying my improvements, showing general outline of skirt when upon the person of a mounted rider. Fig. 2 is a view of the front or outside pattern of the skirt; Fig. 3, the inside or back pattern, and Fig. 4 the side pattern.

The cloth having been cut to accord with these patterns, the edge or lap-line $x\ x$ of the pattern, A may be first united to the edge x' x' of the pattern B, the cut b in the latter being closed and the two edges $x\ x$ and $x'\ x'$ worked evenly together. To the edge $y\ y$ of the back or inside pattern B is attached the edge y' y' of the side piece C and the edge $z\ z$ of the latter is united to the edge $z'\ z'$ of the front A. On one side of the piece C a portion of cloth is removed by the V cut c and on the other side is shown what may, for convenience, be called the "pommel" cut c', with tongue or projection c^2. By uniting the opposing edges of the cut c' together and about the tongue c^2 and properly shrinking the latter a hollow or pocket is formed for the pommel and the cloth made to lie snugly under the thigh, while the contour of the lap-lines $z\ z$ and z' z' with the closing of the cuts a' a' in the piece A bring the cloth smoothly over the outward curve of the knee resting upon the pommel. The back pattern B, the cuts b and b' being closed, gives a proper fit about the buttock, while the taking up of the cut c^2 causes the habit to lie more smoothly against the side of the horse and hang straight behind when the wearer is standing. To smooth the cloth over the lap an elongated cut a^2 is also shown in the pattern A.

The skirt can be finished off at the top with a waistband of any desired description, and may also be provided with ordinary holding-down straps e and f, which straps may have protecting-flaps and be adapted to pull through slits or cuts in the cloth when the garment is reversed.

By reversing or turning wrong side out a skirt made as described places for pommel and knee form the opposite way, while the entire skirt hangs as evenly from one side as the other, permitting the rider with the same habit to ride either on the right or left.

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

1. A lady's riding-skirt having in the upper portion of the side pattern thereof a cut c', from a portion of which the material is removed, said cut being extended in branches, between which a tongue c^2 is formed, the tongue and adjacent portions of the material being secured together, forming a hollow adapted to receive the pommel, substantially as set forth.

2. A lady's riding-skirt having in the upper portion of the side pattern thereof a cut c', from a portion of which the material is removed, said cut being extended in branches, between which a tongue c^2 is formed, and having a front pattern having V cuts at knee, the edges and lap-lines whereof being secured together a hollow is made for the pommel and the cloth brought smoothly over the bend of the leg, substantially as described.

3. A lady's riding-skirt having in the upper portion of the side pattern thereof a cut c', from a portion of which the material is removed, said cut being extended in branches, between which a tongue c^2 is formed, and having a front pattern with V cuts at knee and cut a^2 at lap and having back pattern with cut beneath seat, said cuts being closed and said patterns united together, substantially as described.

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