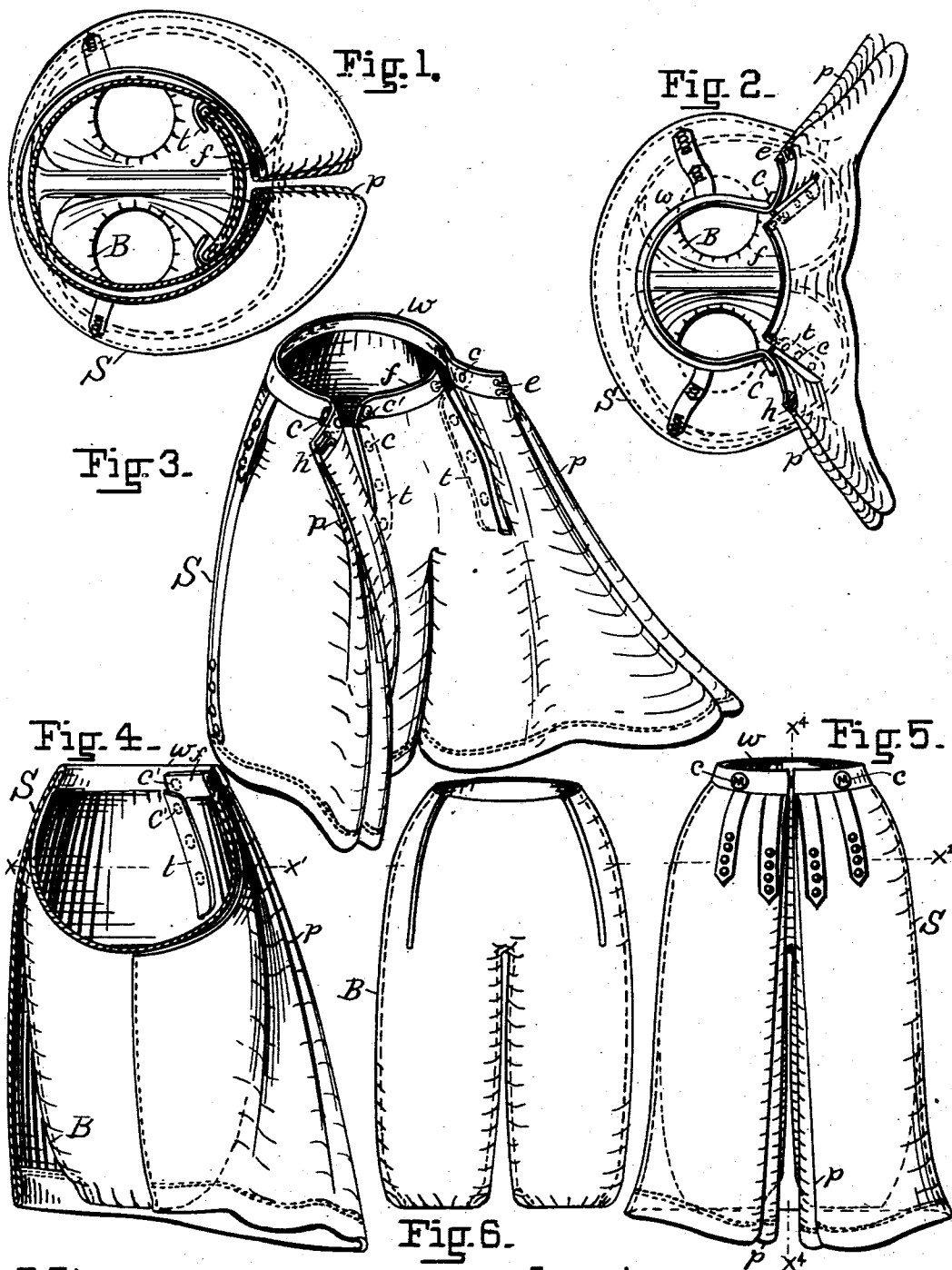


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN MOSTKOWITZ, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Brooklyn, county of Kings, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bicycle-Habits, of which the following is a specification.

My improvements relate particularly to the arrangement of a bicycle habit or garb consisting of a skirt and trousers to be depended from the waist. At the top and back there are novel arrangements to facilitate opening and removal, the place of opening being concealed and secure and so disposed that the drapery will be graceful when the wearer is either riding or in a dismounted position. In obtaining this result I provide a seat-flap which divides from the garb on two substantially parallel and vertical lines, along which it is attached by clasps or other convenient means of fastening.

My invention is illustrated in connection with a combination garb consisting of trousers or bloomers and skirt, the skirt being divided at the back, and its back edges secured to the inner seams of the bloomers, which it envelops. The skirt and bloomers have a common waistband.

One feature of my improvement consists in a seat-flap forming a part of both the skirt and bloomers combined with the plaits or folds of the skirt, the plaits folding outside and concealing and protecting the seat-flap.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a sectional view of the garb, taken on the line $x'x'$ of Fig. 4. Fig. 2 is a top view with the plaits laid back. Fig. 3 is a perspective view from behind with the plaits laid back. Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on the line x^4x^4 of Fig. 5. Fig. 5 is a perspective view taken directly behind, in which the plaits are folded in place; and Fig. 6 is a perspective view from behind of the bloomers, which are sewed inside the skirt.

The garb, as shown, consists in a pair of bloomers B, which is enveloped by a skirt S, which is divided at the back, where it is made full, and the edges are turned in and attached to the inner seams of the bloomers. The fullness at the bottom is obtained by forming a skirt in a circle, and plaiting at the top is

made only at two points between the back and sides. The ends of the waistband w terminate at the top of these plaits, and when the ends are hooked together behind with the hooks h and eyes e the plaits cover and conceal the seat. The seat is separable from the garb along two substantially parallel vertical lines, and thus formed into a seat-flap f . These lines of separation coincide in both the skirt and bloomers, and the two flaps thus formed are united into a single flap, which both parts of the garb have in common. Suitable fastenings, as, for example, the clasps c and c' , are provided for holding the flap in place. These join the edges of the flap to strips or tongues t , which project inwardly, the clasps being between the inner vertical edges of the flap and these tongues. The two of the clasps, however, which are at the corner are on the opposite or outer side of the flap, and serve to attach the corners to the inner side of the waistband. The clasps are thus placed where they will be the least liable to accidental disconnection, and so that they will permit the side plaits to fold smoothly over and outside the seat.

It is only when the wearer is off the bicycle that the plaits lie down against the seat-flap, for when the wearer is riding the seat-flap comes directly against the seat of the bicycle and the plaits fall around and conceal it, thus conducing to a graceful appearance of the rider.

Many modifications are possible without departing from the several novel features of my invention. For example, the coöperation of the side plaits, folding behind the seat-flap in the manner described, may also be employed in a garb without bloomers, and which has only the skirt, or it may be employed in one which consists of the bloomers only. It is also possible to simplify the invention by omitting the side plaits while retaining the feature of a seat-flap common to both the bloomers and the skirt parts of the garb.

Having now described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A bicycle-habit, consisting of a skirt having an opening in the upper portion of its back and provided with a flap covering the said

opening, the skirt having side plaits adapted to fold over the flap and fastening on the outside thereof, whereby the flap is concealed, substantially as described.

5 2. A bicycle-habit, consisting of a skirt having an opening in the upper portion of its back and provided with a flap covering the said opening, the skirt being divided in the rear below the flap, and having side plaits depending from the waistband and folding over the flap and fastening on the outside thereof, whereby the flap and division in the skirt are
10 concealed, substantially as described.

3. A bicycle-habit consisting of a skirt and
15 trousers connected at the waist and having an opening at their back, the habit being provided with a flap adapted to cover the said opening and forming a part of the skirt and of the seat of the trousers, the skirt having
20 side plaits adapted to fold over the flap and fastening on the outside thereof, substantially as described.

4. A bicycle-habit consisting of a skirt and trousers connected at the waist and having
25 an opening at their back, the habit being provided with a flap adapted to cover the said opening and forming a part of the skirt and of the seat of the trousers, the skirt being divided in the rear from its lower edge to the
30 crotch of the trousers and the edges thus

formed being secured to the inside seams of the legs of the trousers, the skirt having side plaits at the waist folding over the flap and fastening on the outside thereof, substantially as described.

5. A bicycle-habit, consisting of a skirt and trousers, united at the waistband, and having an opening at their back and provided with a flap forming a part of the skirt and of the seat of the trousers, adapted to be secured
35 beneath the waistband and to cover the said opening, the skirt being divided in the rear from its lower edge to the crotch of the trousers, and the edges thus formed secured to the inside seams of the legs of the trousers, 45 the skirt having also side plaits, the inner face of the trousers having inwardly-projecting tongues to be secured beneath the flap, the said side plaits folding over the flap and fastening on the outside thereof, the top 50 of the side plaits forming a continuation of the waistband over the flap, substantially as described.

Signed by me, in New York city, this 28th day of January, 1896.

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