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Fig. 1.

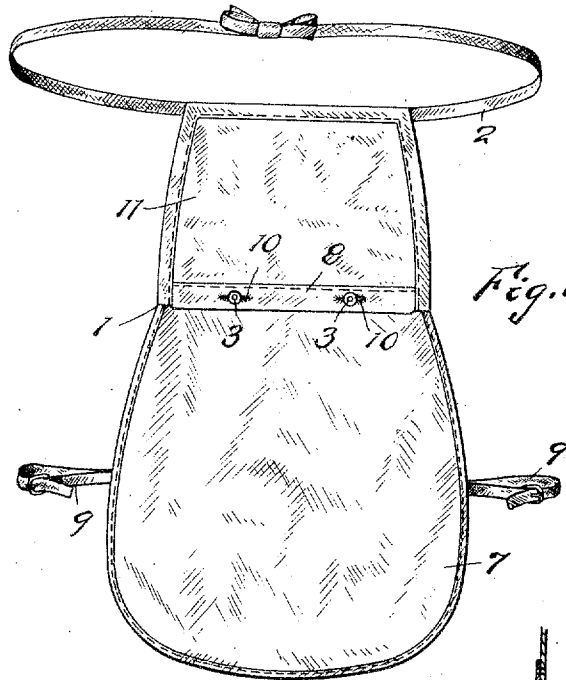
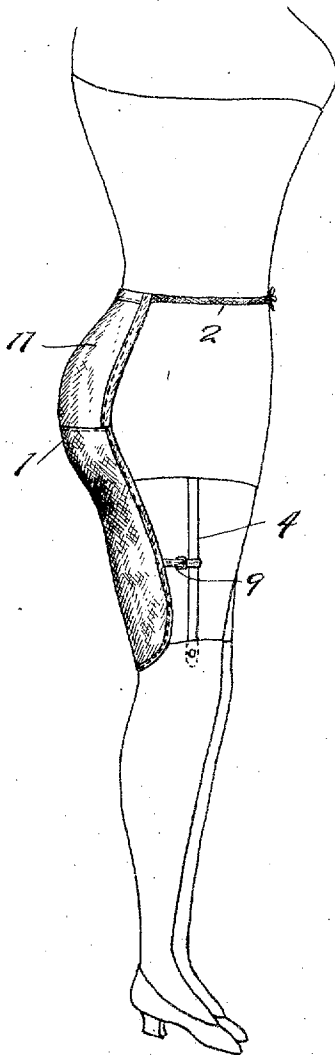


Fig. 2.

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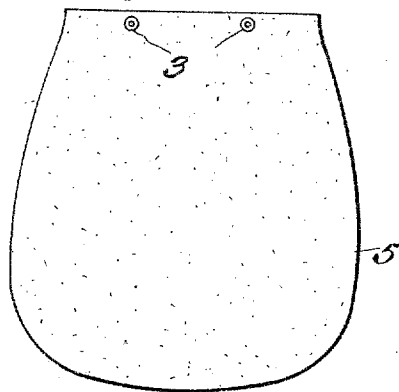
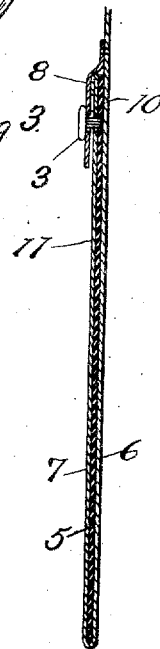


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MABEL MARIE KLINE, a citizen of the United States, residing in London, England, have invented new and useful Improvements in Catamenial Skirt-Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a catamenial skirt protector to be worn by women, at certain periods, beneath the clothing, over the rear portion of the person. The device is intended to be supplementary to the napkins or bandages worn at such times.

The object of the invention is effectually to protect the skirt or other wearing apparel from staining in the rear.

The protector is apron-like and embodies a flat pocket of a size fully to cover the seat, this pocket having its mouth extending across the top thereof and containing a removable impervious sheet of like extent, which is removably secured by fastening means extending along its top. Suitable means are provided for supporting the protector in place on the wearer.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating the preferred embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a view showing the protector applied to the person; Fig. 2 is a face view of the protector; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section through the pocket and the contained impervious sheet; and Fig. 4 is a face view of the removable impervious sheet.

In these views, the numeral 1 indicates an apron-like protector, 2, supporting means, preferably a belt, connected with the upper part of the protector, and 9, fastening devices for holding the protector close against the body, such devices preferably being in the nature of straps or loops, projecting laterally in opposite directions from the lower part of the pad and designed to fasten to hose-supporters 4, or other anchorage.

The lower and major part of the protector consists of a flat pocket of a size fully to cover the seat portion of the wearer. This pocket comprises walls 6 and 7, secured together at their sides and bottom, as by sewing, leaving a mouth extending across the top of the pocket. To one of the walls, as 6, may be secured a flap 8, for covering the mouth of the pocket.

The walls of the pocket, or at least the one next the body, are of pervious material, as textile fabric, as is also the part 11 of the protector above the pocket, which part rests

against the back of the wearer. This part 11 may be an extension of the wall 6.

A water-proof sheet 5, as rubber, rubber-faced cloth, water-proof cloth, mackintosh, 60 chamois leather, etc., is removably located in the pocket, being of substantially the same area. This impervious sheet is readily and easily inserted through the open top of the pocket, and removed therethrough to facilitate cleansing of the protector.

I provide means at the upper edge of the sheet 5 for removably securing the same in the pocket. In the embodiment of the invention illustrated, this means comprises 70 buttons 3, secured to the sheet along the top thereof, and adapted to be received in registering button-holes 10, formed in the flap 8 and in the wall 7. Fastening devices so positioned hold the sheet 5 in spread out 75 condition, preventing it from folding or doubling up in the pocket. Thus held, the sheet 5 in turn lends some body to the protector, helping it to stay in position on the wearer.

A number of apron-like covers may be furnished with each removable impervious sheet, so that the sheet may be removed and placed in a fresh cover or pocket whenever 85 desired.

It will be understood that the protectors may be made of different specific shapes and dimensions. The device may be worn next the skin or not as desired.

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

An apron-like catamenial skirt protector adapted to be worn over the rear portion of the person beneath the clothing, comprising 95 a flat pocket of pervious fabric of a size fully to cover the seat and having a mouth extended across its top, a readily removable and replaceable impervious sheet of like extent received within the pocket, fasteners 100 removably securing the upper edge of said sheet and holding the sheet in the pocket in spread-out condition, and means for supporting the protector in position over the rear portion of the wearer.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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