

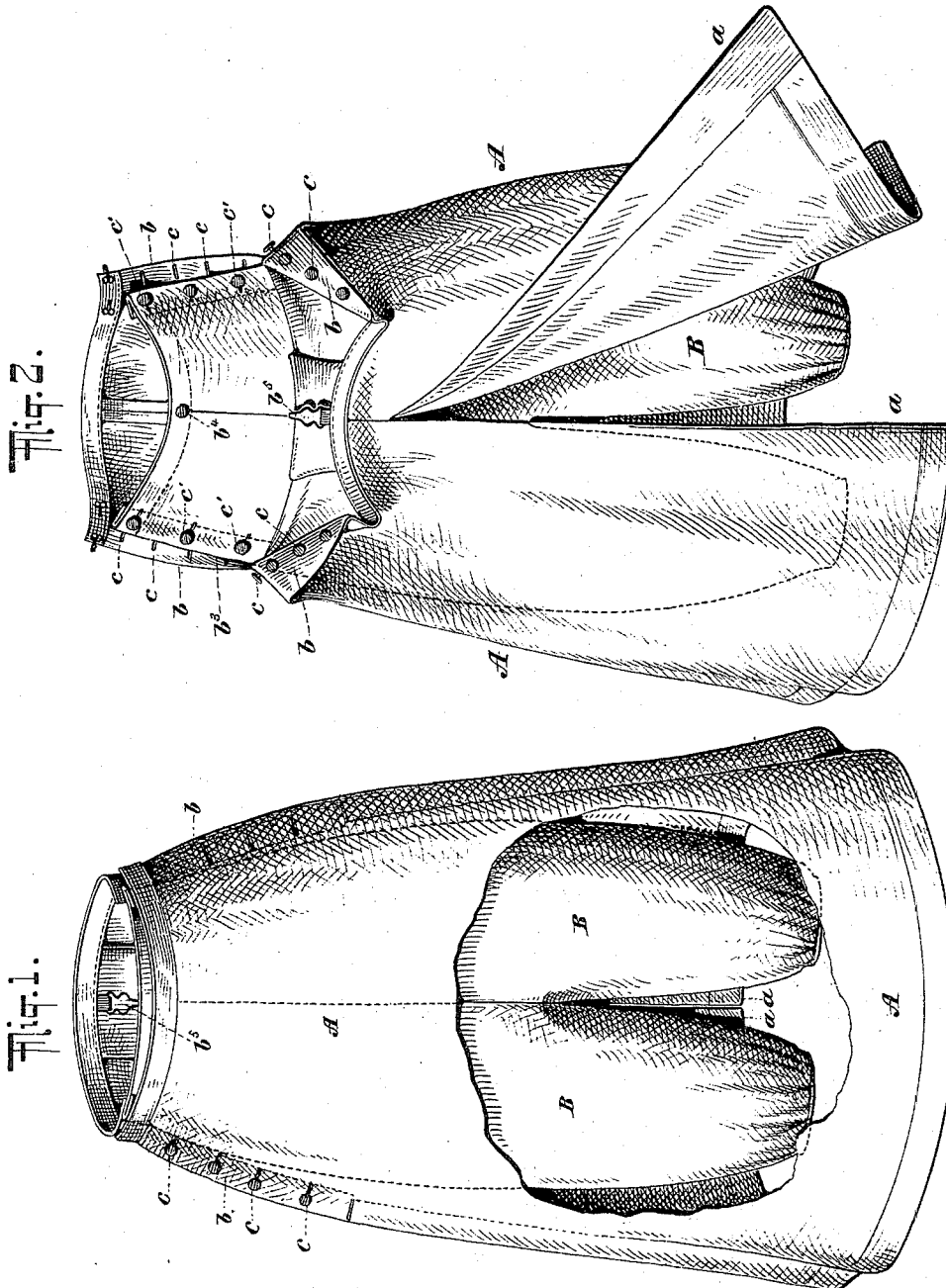
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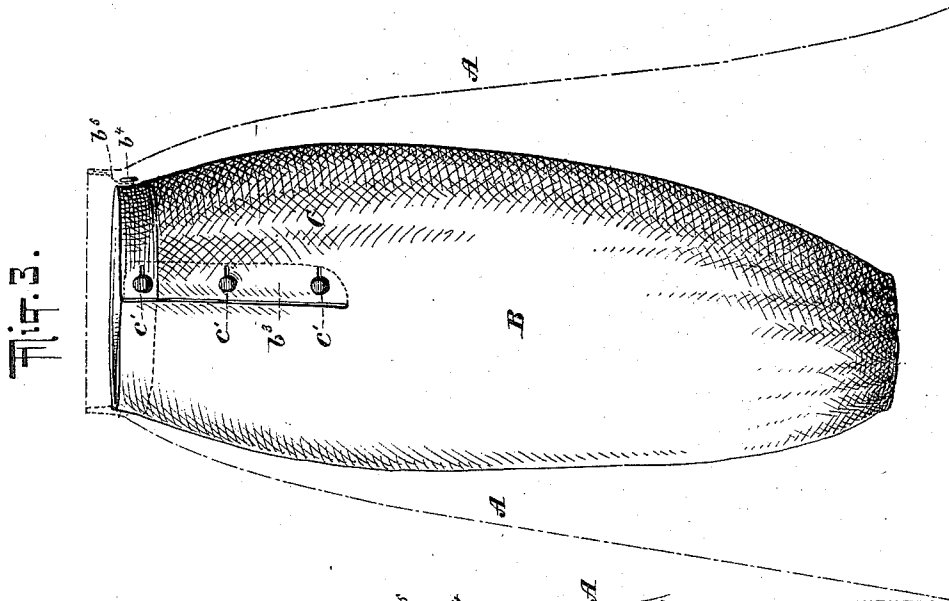
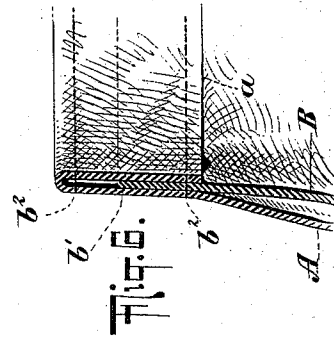
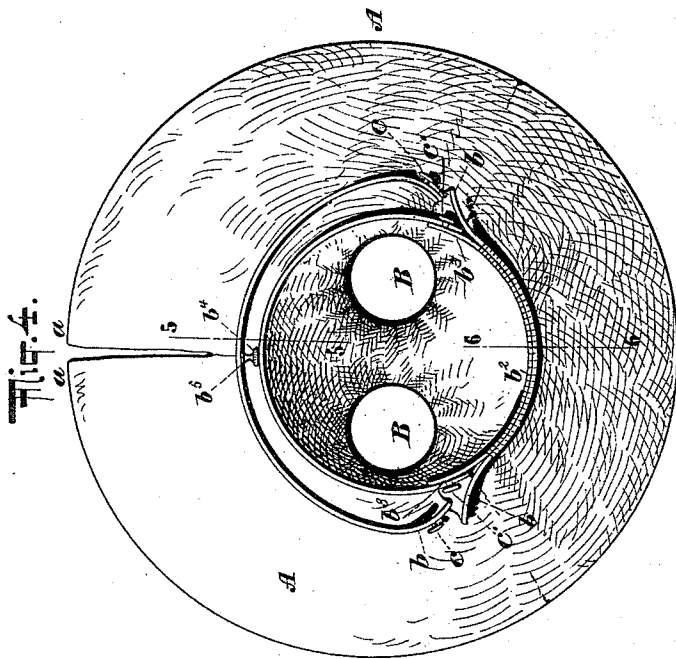
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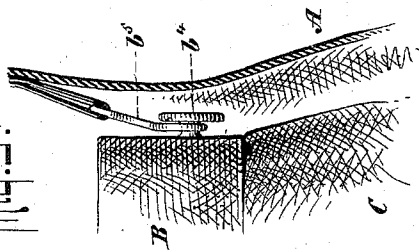
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB SILBERMAN, a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bicycle Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to bicycle garments; and it has for its object to produce a garment which may be used with a bicycle and which will permit the wearer to conveniently respond to the calls of nature.

My invention consists in the construction hereinafter set forth and claimed.

My invention will be understood by referring to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the garment, a portion of the skirt being broken away to show the interior construction of the garment. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the garment having the flap of the skirt partly unbuttoned, exposing the trousers, with a flap of the skirt turned back to exhibit the interior construction of the garment. Fig. 3 is a side view of the trousers forming part of the garment, the skirt being shown in dotted lines. Fig. 4 is a top or plan view of the garment. Fig. 5 is an enlarged detail section taken on line 5 5 of Fig. 4; and Fig. 6 is an enlarged detail section of the top band of the garment, taken on line 6 6 of Fig. 4.

The garment illustrated in the drawings consists of a skirt open at the back and having side openings provided with fastening devices for fastening them together, and a pair of trousers open at the sides at places corresponding to the side openings of the skirt, and also provided with fastening devices to fasten the edges of the sides together, the said trousers being permanently secured to the top of the front of the skirt and connected to the top of the rear of the skirt by a temporary fastener.

In the drawings, A is a skirt which is divided at the rear for a portion only of its height to form a plurality of flaps *a*. Instead of opening in the rear by a placket this skirt has a plurality of plackets or flies at the sides, whose edges *b b b* are provided with fastening devices *c* for fastening them together, whereby the top of the back of the skirt constitutes a barn-door flap. Located inside the

skirt is a pair of trousers B, permanently secured to the top of the skirt along the front edge thereof, preferably by turning over the top edge *a'* of the skirt and inserting the top edge *b'* of the trousers B in the fold thus formed and thereupon stitching the parts in place by rows of stitches *b³ b³*. The trousers open at the sides by side plackets or flies *b³*, which flies or plackets are adjacent to the flies or plackets in the sides of the skirt and are provided with suitable fastening devices *c'* for fastening the edges together. The rear of the trousers is unconnected to the skirt, except as hereinafter described, and the said rear or side portion constitutes what is known as a "barn-door flap" C. At or near the middle upper portion of this barn-door flap is a button or other fastener *b⁴*, with which a loop *b⁵*, carried on the inner face of the rear portion of the skirt, engages when the flap is up.

The operation of the device will be obvious from the drawings, it being merely stated here that the barn-door flap of the trousers may be dropped by reaching into the opening dividing the rear portions of the skirt and releasing the fastening devices thereof, so as to let down the barn-door flap of the trousers without letting down the barn-door flap of the skirt. Thus the divided portion of the skirt will enable the wearer to respond to the calls of nature without removing the skirt.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a bicycle costume, the combination of a skirt slit or divided at the back thereof for a portion only of its height and provided with side plackets or flies at the top thereof whereby the top of the back of the skirt constitutes a barn-door flap, a pair of trousers permanently secured by their upper front edge to the upper front edge of the skirt and provided with side plackets or flies whereby the rear of the trousers is formed into a barn-door flap, the said rear being free to be flapped down independently of the adjustment of the skirt when the barn-door flap of the skirt is buttoned in place, whereby the said barn-door flap may be lowered into proximity with the open part of the divided skirt.

2. In a bicycle costume, the combination of a skirt divided at the back and provided with side plackets or flies at the top thereof

whereby the top of the back of the skirt constitutes a barn-door flap, a pair of trousers permanently secured by their upper front edge to the upper front edge of the skirt and
5 provided with side plackets or flies whereby the rear of the trousers is formed into a barn-door flap, the said rear being free to be flapped down independently of the adjustment of the skirt, and a temporary fastening device at
10 the back of the garment adapted to tempora-

rily secure the top of the back of the skirt to the top of the barn-door flap of the trousers, whereby the said barn-door flap may be lowered into proximity with the open part of the divided skirt when the barn-door flap of the skirt is buttoned into place.

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