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BICYCLE SKIRT FASTENER.

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Fig. 1.

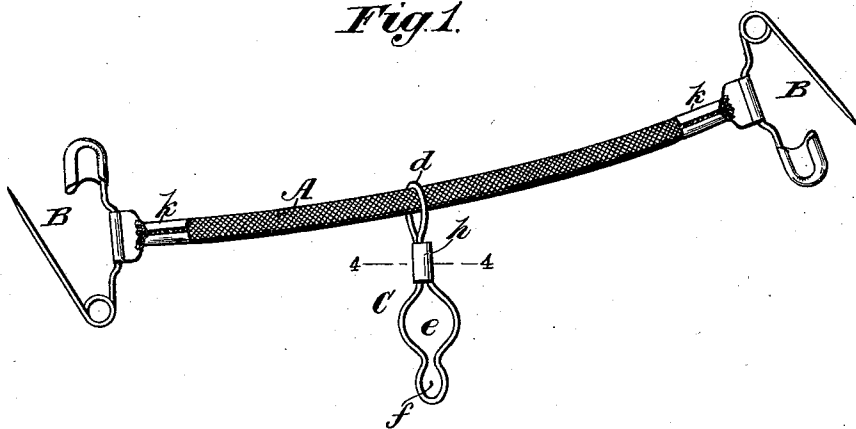


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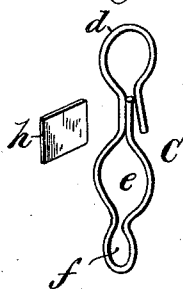


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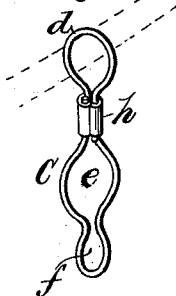
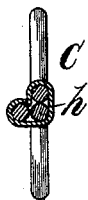


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARAH C. CLAGETT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Prince George county, Maryland, now temporarily residing in New York city, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bicycle-Skirt Fasteners, designed to fasten the bottom of the skirt of the dress of a lady riding a bicycle to her shoe or to her leggings, of which improvements the following is a specification sufficiently clear to enable others skilled in the art to which they appertain to make and use the same.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device. Figs. 2 and 3 are perspectives of the holder. Fig. 4 is a section of the holder.

The object of my invention is to afford a cheap, simple, and effective means for holding down the skirt of a lady's dress while riding the bicycle. This I accomplish by attaching to the skirt about one foot each side from the front and within an inch or two from the bottom and parallel therewith a cable or cord, preferably elastic, on which is a clasp free to slide from end to end of said cable or cord and adapted to clasp a button, hook, or other equivalent on the lady's shoe or legging.

In the drawings, A represents a piece of cord, preferably elastic, to each end of which is attached a fastener, consisting of a toilet-pin B, with which to fasten the cord to the skirt, but I do not limit myself to toilet-pins, but use any suitable known fasteners to fasten the ends of the cord to the skirt of the dress.

On the cord or cable A is placed a holder or clasp C, free to slide from end to end of the cord A, said cord passing through a loop-ring *d* of the clasp or holder. Below the ring *d* the clasp or holder has an opening *e*, sufficiently large to slip over a button or hook on the shoe or legging, at the bottom of which opening and connected with it is a small loop *f*, designed to clasp the shank of the button of the shoe or legging. The plane of that part of the clasp C containing the opening *e* and the loop *f* is at right angles to the ring *d*. The clasp or holder C is made of wire of suit-

able length, near one end of which is formed the ring *d* and near the other end is formed the opening *e*, with its loop *f*, and the two ends of the wire are brought together between the ring *d* and the opening *e*, and there a metal strip *h* clasps them and the wire together, as shown in the drawings.

Each end of the cord A is attached to a toilet-pin B by a metal clamp *k*, formed from a small sheet of metal, one end of which is clamped to the cord and the other to the wire of the toilet-pin, as shown in the drawings.

Having described the objects and advantages of my device, what I wish to secure by Letters Patent, and therefore claim, is—

1. In a bicycle-skirt holder, a cable having an independent and complete fastener at each end; in combination with a holder sliding on the cable, substantially as described.

2. In a bicycle-skirt holder, an elastic cable having a fastener at each end; in combination with a holder sliding on the cable, substantially as described.

3. In a bicycle-skirt holder, a cable having an independent and complete fastener at each end; in combination with a holder consisting of a loop surrounding the cable and a second loop at an angle to the first loop, said second loop having an open ring adapted to engage a button, said holder sliding on the cable, substantially as described.

4. In a bicycle-skirt holder, a cable having an independent and complete fastener at each end each fastener adapted to be secured to a fabric; in combination with a holder consisting of a loop surrounding the cable and a second loop adapted to engage a button, said holder sliding on the cable, substantially as described.

5. In a skirt-holder, the combination of a strip of material, clasps at opposite ends thereof, and a clamp intermediate said ends.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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