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Skirt-Protectors.

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Fig. 1.

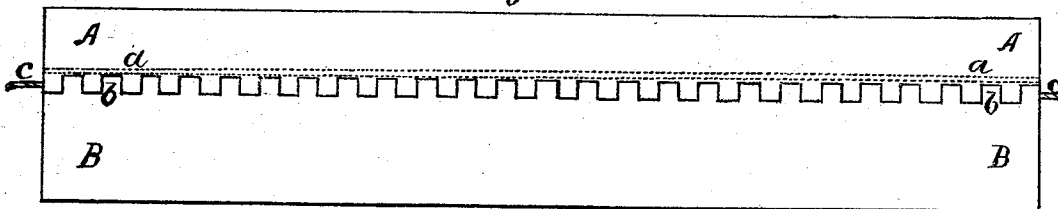


Fig. 2.

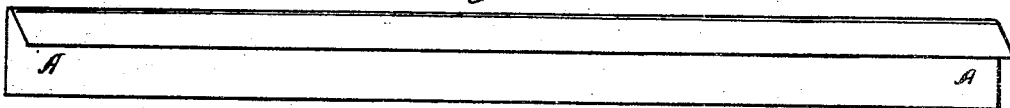
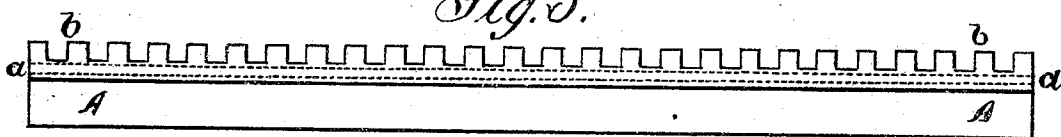


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT-PROTECTORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDRICKA M. McDONALD, of the city of Indianapolis, county of Marion, State of Indiana, have invented an Improvement in Dress-Skirt Protectors, of which the following is a specification:

The nature and object of the invention will be fully understood from the following general description and from the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a side view of the device; Fig. 2, a view of the part A when first cut and partly folded; Fig. 3, a view of the part A when finished.

Two strips are to be cut, of convenient length and width, of any textile fabric, such as linen, woolen, cotton, silk, or any other textile fabric, or leather, gum-cloth, sheet-gum, oil-cloth, paper, or any other convenient and suitable material which can be used for the purpose. Each of these strips is to be hemmed on either side—that is, if the material used requires a hem to keep it from raveling; if not, it is only to be hemmed on one side. One hem on all kinds of material is to be of such size that a cord of proper size will pass through it. Each of these hems is now to be notched, as shown by *b* in Fig. 3, so that they will be adapted to fit each other. The cord *c*, which may be of any convenient kind, is now put in with a suitable needle, passing it alternately through one of the remaining parts of the hem *a*, and then one of the hems *b*, until, when the cord is finally drawn through all, the parts A and B will be adapted and arranged with each other as shown in Fig. 1. These two parts A and B may be fastened together with buttons, hooks, clasps, rings, and many other equivalent devices; but I consider the manner I have described the best and cheapest. The part B may be ornamented with ruffles, frills, pinked work, or in any other way to suit the fancy of the wearer or maker.

To use this device, the part A is to be sewed fast to the inside of the dress-skirt at the back, near the bottom, so that it will leave the hem *b* on the lower side free to be used, and so

that when the part B is put on it will be held in proper place at the bottom of the skirt to protect it from drabbling, being soiled, frayed, and worn out. The part B is now put on, as before described, and the cord *c* knotted at each end, so as to secure it. It will then be found, first, that the part B will be well secured in its place, and that the whole device is an efficient, handsome, and cheap dress-skirt protector; second, that if the part B be soiled it can readily be detached from the part A by pulling out the cord *c*, when it can be washed or cleaned and replaced by putting in the cord *c*, as before described; third, in all light summer wear the part B may be made of paper, and when the paper itself is soiled it may be easily taken off and thrown away, and replaced by another similar piece at a trifling cost.

I claim—

1. In a dress-skirt protector, the notched hems *a* and *b*, when constructed and combined substantially as and for the purpose set forth.
2. The combination and arrangement of the notched hems *a* and *b* and the cord *c*, or other suitable fastening device, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.
3. A dress-skirt protector composed of two different sections, one of which is removable at pleasure, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.
4. As a new article of manufacture, the dress-skirt protector composed of the several parts specified, combined and arranged as hereinbefore described and set forth.
5. In combination with the skirt of a dress or other similar garment, the two parts A and B of the skirt-protector herein described, when constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing specification I have hereunto set my hand this 2d day of March, 1874.

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