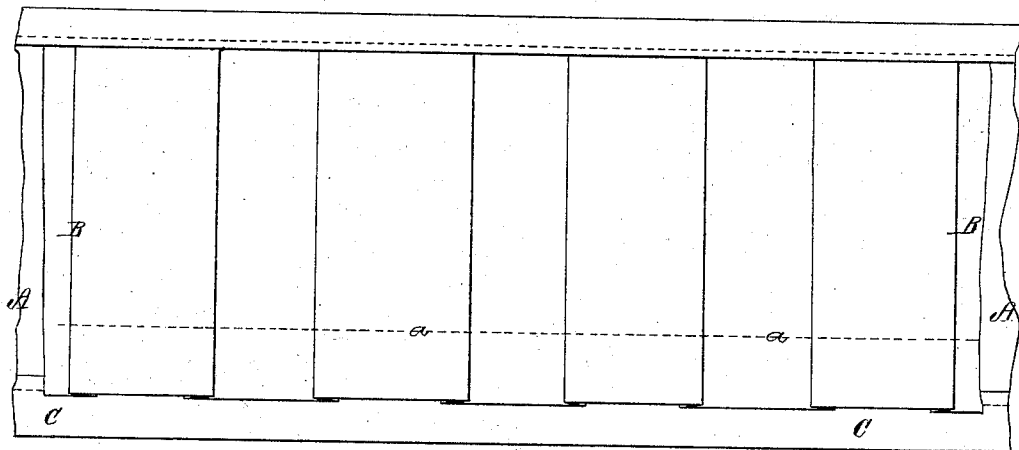


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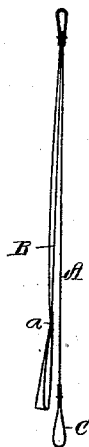
Fig 1.



Figs.



Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT-PROTECTORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT A. MANDELL, of Hyde Park, of the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Lady's Dress-Protector; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front view, Fig. 2 an end view, and Fig. 3 a bottom view, of the article.

It is to be secured to the lower part of the skirt of a dress, which is to lap upon the box-plaits, and extend nearly if not quite down to their lower ends.

In the drawings, A denotes a strip or band of stiff cloth, united at its upper edge to another strip, B, box-plaited, as shown. Before being box-plaited the strip B is folded near its lower edge, and the fold is to be stitched through the plaits, as represented at *a*, so as to confine it and them in place, and cause the plaits to bend or stand out with respect to one another, in manner as shown in Fig. 3. The lower edge of the inner band A is bound with

a water-proof binding, C, arranged in the band, and with respect to the lower ends of the plaits, all in manner as represented. The binding projects about a third of an inch below the box-plaits.

When the protector is in use it is intended for the water-proof binding to touch or nearly touch the pavement or ground. As the dress may be dragged along, the water-proof binding will protect the strips from absorbing water, and the box-plaits, by keeping the skirt out of contact with the binding, will operate to prevent the skirt from being wet by any water which may gather thereon.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, the skirt-protector composed of the strip A, the water-proof binding C, and the box-plaited strip B, combined and arranged in the manner and for the purpose as specified and represented.

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