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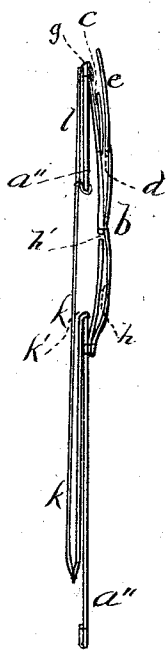


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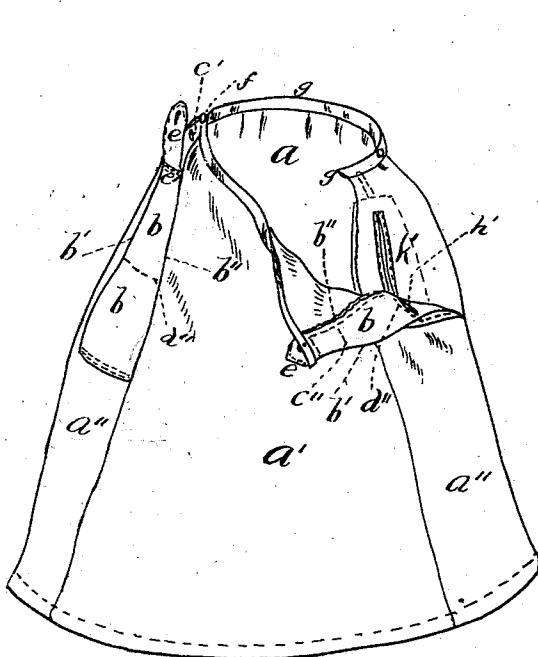


Fig 1

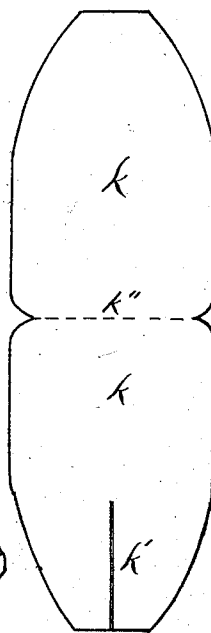


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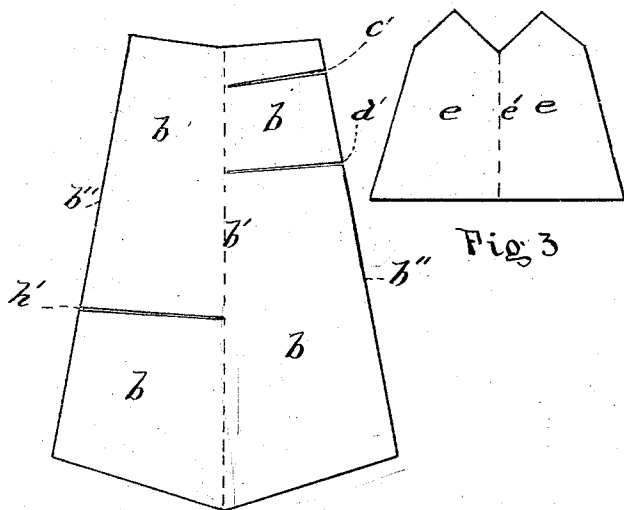


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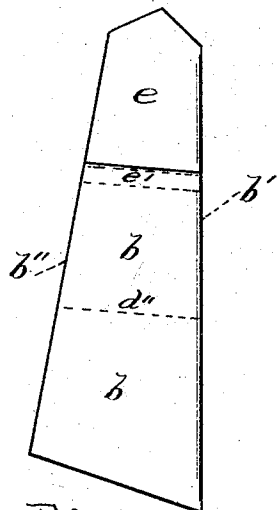


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IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLIVIA P. FLYNT, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Ladies' Skirts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

This invention is applicable to a dress-skirt, water-proof skirt, or, in fact, an outer skirt of any kind or description which is accessible to the wearer. It might, perhaps, be applied to an under-skirt, if deemed desirable, although it is intended particularly for use in connection with an outer skirt, such as the skirt of a dress or other outer garment.

Attached to the sides or edges of the front breadth of the skirt, and extending over upon the side breadths, are two welts, not unornamental in appearance. Two outside pockets are placed in each welt, one above the other, and are protected and hid by a tab buttoning over them. A larger inside pocket is also placed in each welt, beneath the pockets above named, which is reached through the free edge of the welt, one edge only being attached to the skirt. A large skirt-pocket is also placed under each welt, which is covered by the same and partially supported by means of a tape, the upper end of which is attached to the skirt-binding.

In the accompanying illustration, Figure 1 is a front view of a skirt embodying my invention. The opening, which is necessary in order to place the skirt upon the person, is unbuttoned, so as to more fully exhibit the invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of one of the welts detached from the skirt and spread open, being also entirely free from sewing. It would also be a correct view of the pattern for making the welt. Fig. 3 is a plan view of one of the tabs, unsewed and not attached to a welt. Fig. 4 is a detached view of one of the welts folded into its proper position, with the tab attached. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the skirt-pocket, unfolded, unsewed, and not attached to the skirt. It is also a correct view of the pattern for making the same. Fig. 6 is a longitudinal vertical section cut through the centers of the pockets, welt, tab, and skirt.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

a represents the skirt of a dress or other outer garment, *a'* being the front breadth and *a''* the side breadths. *b* is a welt, of which there are two, one upon each side the garment. This welt *b* is made from one piece of cloth, (see Fig. 2,) and is folded at *b'*. It is attached at its edges *b''* to the front breadth *a'*, and at its lower edge to the side breadth *a''*, while its folded edge *b'* remains free and is unattached to the skirt. *c* is a small pocket in the outside of the welt *b*, near the top of the same, *c'* being the opening or entrance to it. This pocket *c* extends down as far as the stitching *c''*, and is accessible only upon the outer side of the welt. *d* is a pocket somewhat larger and deeper than the pocket *c*, accessible through the opening *d'* in the outside of the welt and extending down to the line of stitching *d''*. In order to hide and protect from the weather, &c., the outer pockets *c* *d*, a tab, *e*, is attached to the welt at the line *e'*, and extends up over the openings *c'* *d'* to the pockets *c* *d*, and attaches to the button *f*, which is fastened to the dress-binding *g*. When the pockets *c* *d* are to be reached this tab *e* is unbuttoned. *h* is the lowest pocket in the welt *b*, and extends to the bottom of the said welt. *h'* is the direct opening to it, and, as it opens upon the inner side of the welt, it is reached by placing the hand under the free side or edge *b'* of the welt and through the opening *h*. *k* is a very large pocket in the skirt *a*. Its opening *k'* is in the side breadth *a''*, and is in the center of the pocket *k*. *k''*, Fig. 5, is the line at which it folds over. Its entrance *k'* is entirely covered by the welt *b*, and it can be made as long as the dress will allow. As the contents of this pocket *k* may render it somewhat heavy, a supporting-tape, *l*, Fig. 6, (see also broken lines, Fig. 1,) is attached to it, which supports it from the skirt-binding *g*. The two welts, and also the tabs, are precisely alike, as are also the pockets *c* *d* *h* *k*. One of the tabs hides the opening in the skirt seen in Fig. 1, and used in putting it on.

All the pockets are very useful, and especially so to a lady traveling. The pockets *c* may be used one for the watch and the other for tickets; the pockets *d*, one for the pocket-

book and the other for "change;" the pockets *h*, one for such articles as gloves and the other for the handkerchief or veil. The lower pockets *k* are especially intended for such articles as are commonly placed in traveling-bags, such as a change of under-clothing, or even outer clothing, so that a lady can travel with but little or no baggage for a limited period.

Let it be understood that the welts *b* are no disfigurement to the skirt, but are, in themselves, ornamental, and add to its beauty and grace.

I am aware that the welts, in and of themselves considered, are not novel, and I therefore do not claim them as new.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination with a lady's skirt, the welts *b*, having their edges *b'* free and provided with outer pockets *c d* and inner pockets *h*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In combination with the pockets *c d* in the welts *b*, the tabs *e* attached to the welts *b*, substantially as and for the purpose herein specified.

3. In combination with the welts *b* and side breadths *a''*, the pockets *k*, supported in part or wholly by the tapes *l*, substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

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