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Fig. 1.

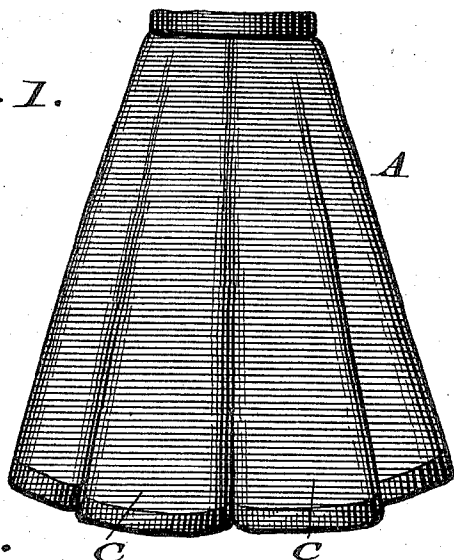


Fig. 3.

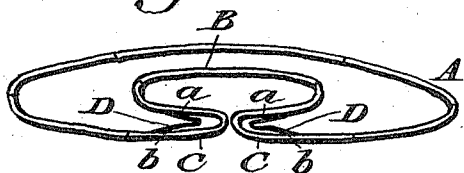


Fig. 4.

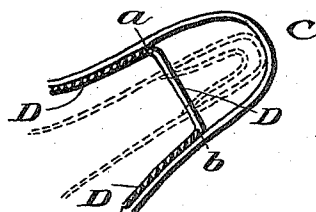
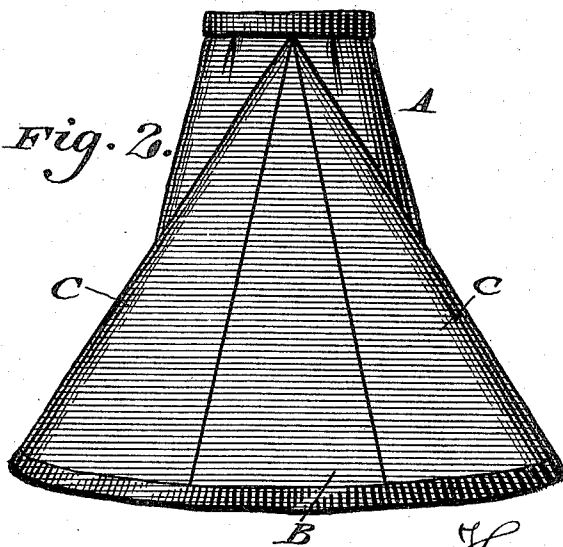


Fig. 2.



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DRESS-SKIRT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY M. FOOTE, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Dress-Skirts for Bicycle-Riders and others, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a skirt for bicycle-riders, players of games of golf, &c., and other purposes, whose construction is such that the skirt will hang gracefully, may be worn comfortably whether when the wearer occupies a bicycle saddle or seat or otherwise, will not catch in the wheel, and is prevented from being blown up by the wind, as will be herein-after set forth.

Figure 1 represents a rear view of a skirt embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a rear view showing the plaits of the skirt thrown back. Fig. 3 represents a bottom plan view of the skirt shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 represents a bottom of a portion of one of the plaits in open condition and on an enlarged scale.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates the skirt of a lady's dress, the same having in the back thereof the V-shaped piece B and the plaits C C, which are folded toward each other and cover said piece B, said piece and plaits being continuous of each other and of the remainder of the skirt.

D designates the linings of the skirt, the same being primarily narrower than the lower part of said skirt, and floated or spread cross from the point *a* to the point *b* on each side of the fabric aside of the piece B and secured at said points, converging the portion of the fab-

ric of the plaits between the parts unlined into loops which, when the plaits are in position back of the piece B, approach each other and close without connection, thus retaining the plaits in their shaped and overlapping condition on the piece B and concealing the latter without liability to uncover the same or improperly open.

It will be seen that when the dress is worn for bicycle purposes, owing to the several bends formed by the piece B and the loops on the plait C, the dress has increased room on the portion occupying the saddle, so as to be prevented from stretching or pulling the body, this being occasioned by the additional material afforded and yielded by the plaits C, while the bent portion of the piece B remains covered by the plaits, and the back of the skirt hangs as naturally graceful and comfortable as when the wearer is standing. Furthermore, by the construction stated, the skirt is prevented from catching in the wheel and also prevented from being blown up by the wind.

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

A lady's skirt having in the back thereof the V-shaped piece B, the plaits C folded toward each other, forming loops covering said piece and the linings D, each of which latter is primarily narrower than the corresponding portion of the skirt and having a part thereof floating from the front to the rear walls of each plait inside of the loop thereof, the loops approaching at the back of the piece B without connection.

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