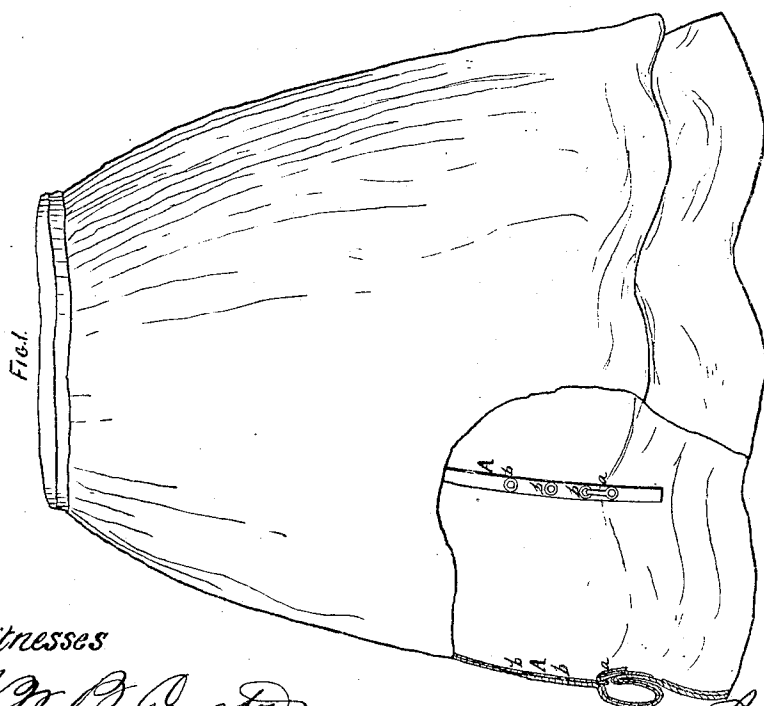
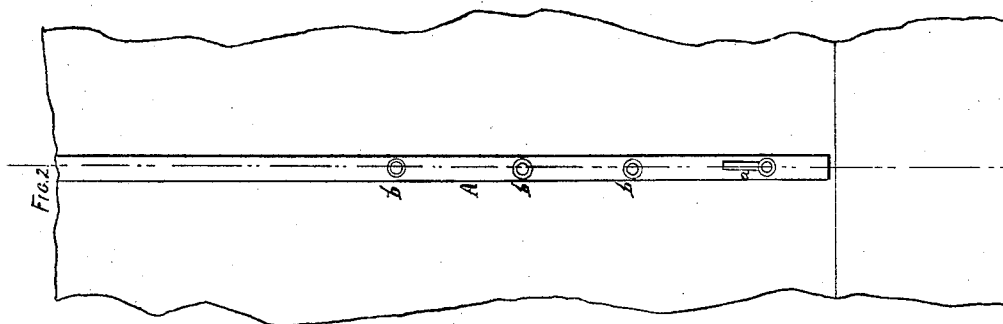


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## IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT SUPPORTERS.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JOHN L. KENDALL, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Skirt Elevator; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a sectional perspective view of a lady's dress provided with skirt elevator.

Figure 2 is a partial inside view of the same on a larger scale than the previous figure.

Figure 3 is a vertical section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

This invention consists in the arrangement of a graduated tape or other fabric provided with a hook at the lower end, and with a series of eyes at suitable distances apart, in combination with the skirt of a lady's dress or other garment, in such a manner that by fastening a series of such tapes in the inner side of the skirt said skirt can be elevated to any desired height, and at the same time it is allowed to float gracefully, and an elevator is obtained which is cheap, not liable to get out of order, and easily adjusted.

A represents a tape which is provided with a hook, *a*, made of sheet metal, wire, or any other suitable material, and fastened to the tape at or near its bottom end. This hook is intended to catch in a series of eyes, *b*, which are fastened to or in the tape at suitable distances apart, as clearly shown in the drawing. By attaching a series of these tapes to the skirt *B* of a lady's dress, said skirt can be elevated to any desired height, and it can be readily adjusted so as to form a graceful festoon. By having several eyes to each tape at different distances from the hook, the height to which the skirt is raised can be adjusted to suit taste and convenience, and the adjustment requires but little time or caution.

It is obvious that instead of tape any other suitable fabric may be used in combination with the hook *a* and eyes *b*; and for the eyes, common eyelets or eyes of any other construction can be employed.

This skirt elevator is cheaper than pins, because it does not tear the dress and allows of elevating the same to a regular height without trouble. It is easily applied and more readily adjusted than the cord elevator, which it surpasses in durability and cheapness.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A skirt supporter composed of a tape or strip of fabric furnished with a hook and eyelets and adapted for attachment to the skirt, as and for the purpose described.

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