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Skirt-Protectors.

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fig. 1.

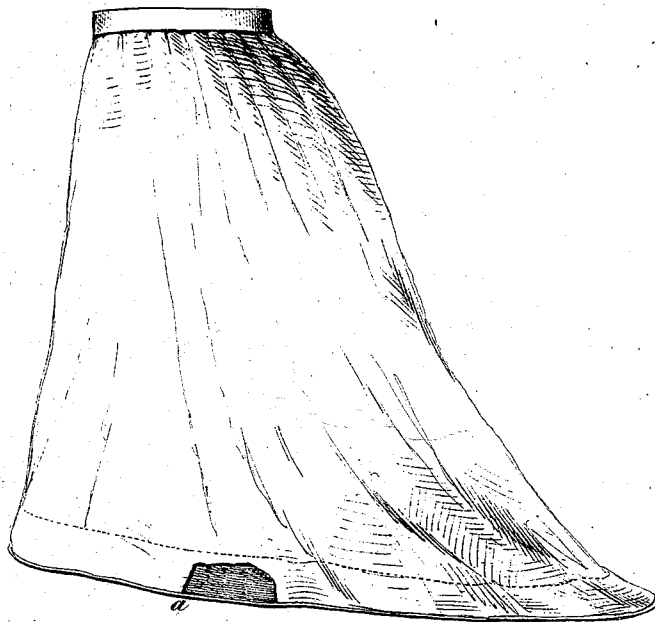
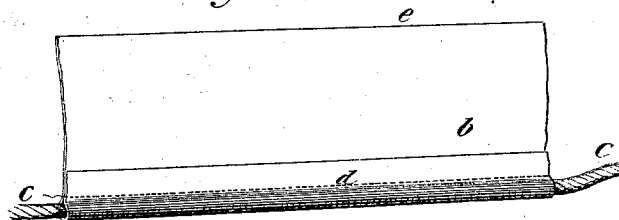


fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT-PROTECTORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD H. GARDNER, of Troy, in the county of Rensselaer and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Skirt-Protectors, of which the following is a specification:

The invention will first be fully described, and then pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a lady's skirt provided with my improved skirt-protector, the upper edge of the protector being indicated by the dotted line. Fig. 2 is a view of a portion of the protector detached, showing the side next the skirt.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In this example of my invention I represent a cord inclosed by the protecting material at the extreme lower edge of the skirt. This cord gives a broad and rounded wearing-surface, and adds to the durability of the protector; but I do not consider the cord an indispensable feature of the invention, as the rubber cloth, leather, or other material may be attached so as to inclose the extreme edge of the skirt without the cord, or the protector

may present a folded edge below the edge of the skirt, as seen at *a*.

b is the protector. *c* is the cord. *d* is the hem by which the protector is attached to the skirt. The upper edge *e* of the protector is stitched to the skirt or skirt-lining.

The protector should be of sufficient width to keep the lower portion of the skirt up from the ground or sidewalk. It should receive all the wear and prevent the wetting of the skirt.

I am aware that lining or binding of similar material is used for this purpose in combination with braid; but I am not aware that a simple water-proof protector attached in the manner described has been heretofore used.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a dress-protector consisting of the water-proof strip *b*, provided with a cord, *c*, arranged in the manner shown, for the purpose set forth.

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