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DRESS-TRAIN SUPPORTER.

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Fig 1

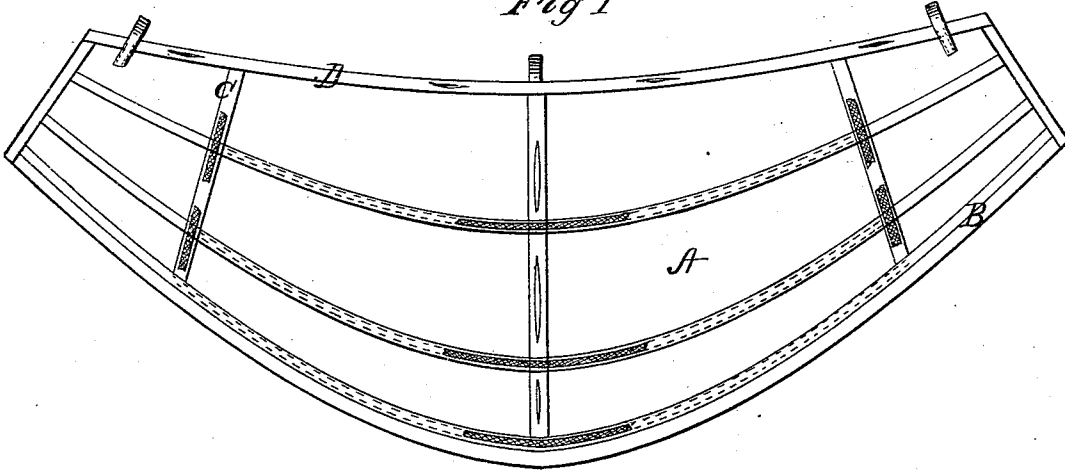
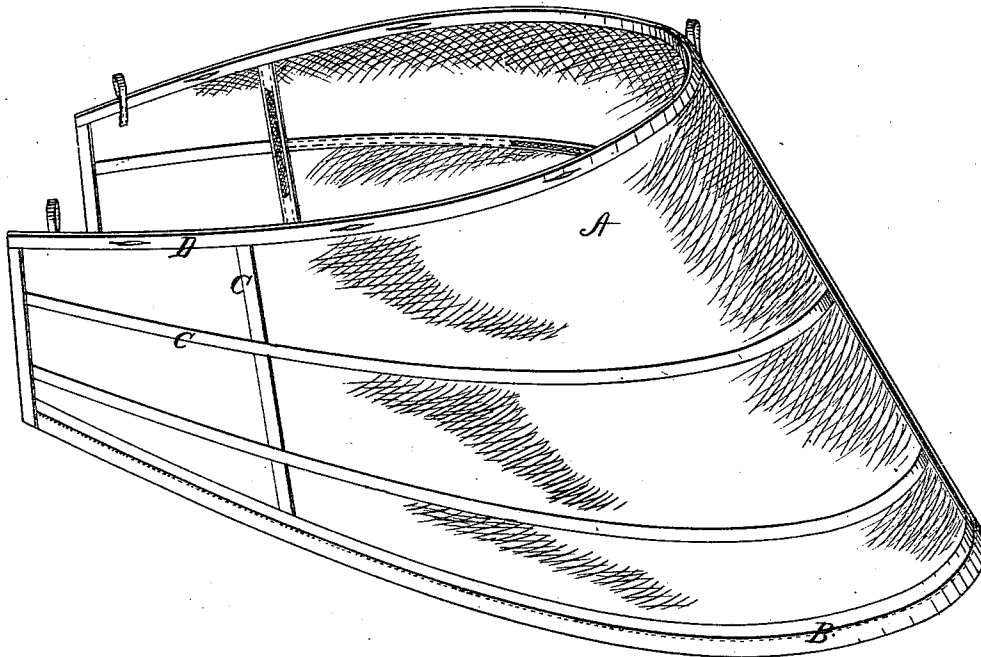


Fig 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN DRESS-TRAIN SUPPORTERS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, GABRIEL SCHWAB, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Dress-Protectors and Train-Supporters, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a back view, Fig. 2 is a perspective view, of my device.

My invention consists of a new article of manufacture, which I style a "lady's dress protector and train supporter."

The object of my invention is to supply a protector for the lower part of ladies' dresses, and at the same time a support to preserve the shape of the lower part of the train.

To carry out my invention, I cut the main body A of my train-supporter from suitable stiff textile fabric, and at its lower edge I attach any of the ordinary narrow dress-protectors, as shown in the drawings, B; the whole device is then stiffened and shaped with ribs and cross-ribs C. The upper edge of the main fabric is turned over, forming a hem, D, which carries button-holes or loops.

A train-supporter and dress-protector formed as described can either be permanently affixed to a single dress, or can, by means of buttons, be attached to any dress, or to an underskirt, and removed at pleasure, whenever a dress is worn without a train.

I am aware bustles and skeleton-skirts have been made so as to extend down the full length of a skirt, and to hold out the train of a dress; but these all hang from the waist or upper part of the body, while my train-supporter only extends a short distance up the skirt or dress, according as the prevailing fashion, taste, or convenience may require.

What I claim as my invention is—

A combined dress-protector and train-extender, the main body of which is formed of textile fabric supplied with the ordinary dress-protector B, and stiffened and shaped with lateral and cross ribs C, substantially as shown and described.

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