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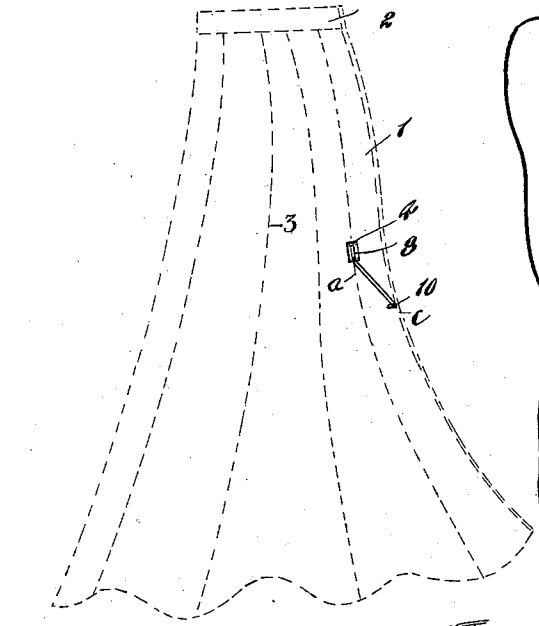

FIG. 1

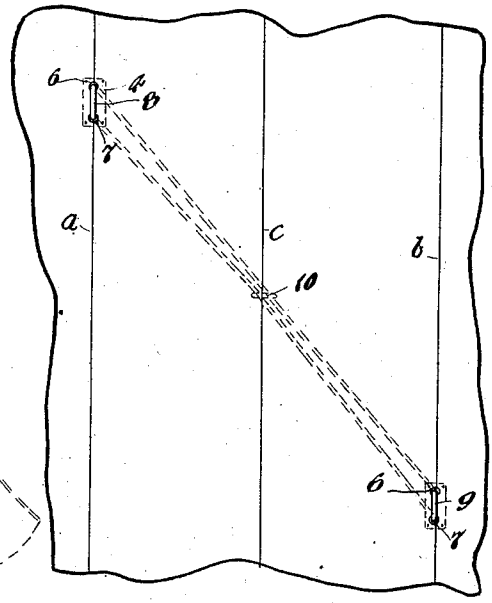

FIG. 2

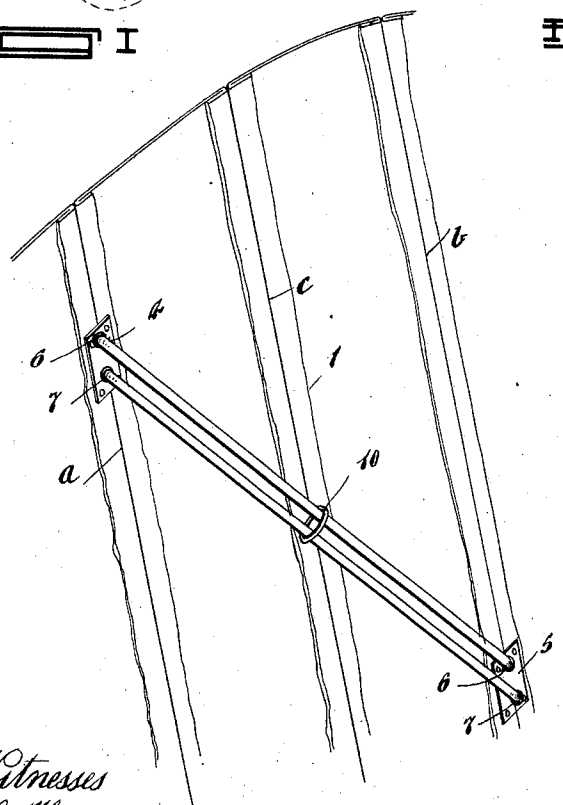

FIG. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNIE ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, of the town of Gleichen, in the Province of Alberta, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Elevators, of which the following is the specification.

The invention relates to devices for lifting the skirts of ladies' dresses for the convenience of the ladies in case they are overtaken by a storm or even when the weather is pleasant overhead but the streets damp or muddy, and the object of the invention is to provide an inexpensive, inconspicuous, easily attached and operated device of this kind which will obviate the burdensome necessity of grasping the skirt by the hand to raise it and the possibility of soiling or creasing the dress while holding it.

With the above object in view the invention consists essentially in the arrangement and construction of parts hereinafter more particularly described and later pointed out in the appended claims.

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of the device as it appears when attached to the skirt, the skirt being shown in dotted outline for convenience in illustrating. Fig. 2 is a rear view of a portion of the back of the skirt with the device applied. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detailed perspective view of the device as it appears when looking at it from the interior of the skirt.

In the drawing like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each figure.

1 represents a skirt of which 2 is the band or top, and 3 the seams or gores.

My elevator comprises upper and lower sheet metal or other strong thin plates 4 and 5 provided each with a pair of openings 6 and 7 which receive a cord 8, the cord being continuous and simply passed through the openings to form top and bottom loops 8 and 9.

10 is a suitable guide means such as a ring slipped on the cord.

When the device is to be fitted on a skirt the plates 4 and 5 are sewn to it on the inside of the seams *a* and *b* at the sides of the back seam *c*, the one being located higher than the other. The loops are allowed to protrude through the seams and appear at the outside of the skirt. The ring 10 is sewn to the inside of the skirt at the back seam, the ring and plates appearing in a diagonal line across the back of the skirt. When once applied the elevator will not be noticed as only the loops extend to the ouside of the skirt and then when not in use fall back out of sight within the seams, so that they are entirely hidden.

To use the device the wearer has simply to grasp the top loop 8 and draw on it when the skirt will be raised, or she can gather both the loops in her fingers and raise them together in the hand. This will raise the skirt so that it hangs more gracefully.

Although I have only shown a short cord, still it will be understood that a longer one can be used so that the loops can, if desired, be thrown over the wrist of the wearer when the skirt is elevated.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A skirt elevator comprising, a set of plates having each a pair of vertically alined openings therein, said plates being sewn to the interior of the skirt, one at a considerable distance from the other diagonally the openings in said plate being directly opposite the seams in the skirt, a continuous cord connecting the plates and looped through the openings therein, said cord being located at the inner side of the skirt and having the loops thereof protruding through the skirt to the outer side, and a guide means receiving the cord between the plates, said guide means being fastened to the inner side of the skirt, as and for the purpose specified.

2. The combination with a skirt provided with the usual seams, of an elevator comprising a set of thin metallic plates sewn to the inner side of the skirt at the side seams adjoining the back seam and one at a considerable distance from the other diagonally, said plates being provided each with a pair of openings which appear within the seams, a continuous cord connecting the plates and located at the inside of the skirt, said cord

being looped through the openings aforesaid in the plates and having the loops appearing within the seam and accessible from the exterior of the skirt, and a ring sewn to the inside of the skirt at the back seam and receiving the cord midway between the plates, as and for the purpose specified.

Signed at Gleichen in the Province of Alberta this 9th day of June, 1911.

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