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Dress-Protectors.

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Fig. 1.

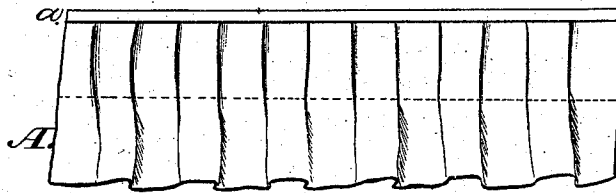
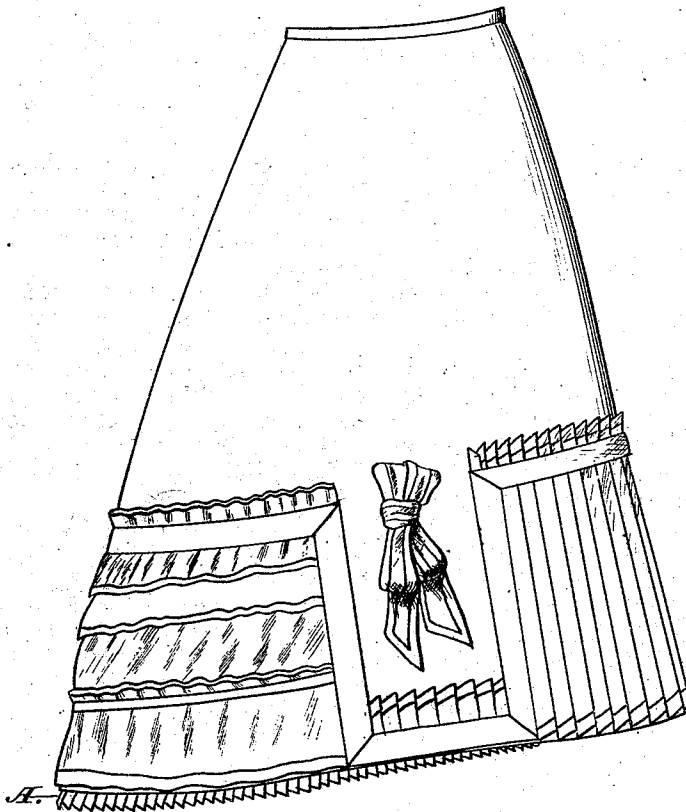


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN DRESS-PROTECTORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HELEN M. MACDONALD, of Lowell, Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Dress-Protectors, of which the following is a full and clear description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to protectors for the lower edge of dresses and other garments; and consists of a band or strip of fluted or plaited fabric, either waterproof itself or covered or bound with any waterproof material.

In the drawing, Figure 1 represents a view of a detached portion of the dress-protector, and Fig. 2 represents the protector as applied to the bottom of the dress-skirt.

A is the plaited or fluted band, which is waterproofed or bound with waterproof material, and *a* is a heading to which it may be secured for better attachment to the garment.

Heretofore skirt-protectors have been made of a plaited or fluted strip of "wiggan" or other

fabric stiffened with starch, which, upon becoming wet, gets limp, loses its shape, and absorbs the dirt, besides being objectionable on account of the harsh scraping noise it makes upon the pavement.

By my improvement these objections are overcome. The waterproof protector preserves the lower edge of the dress from all moisture on the ground, retains its rigidity and proper shape, giving a graceful hang to the skirt, and can easily be cleaned.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a skirt facing or protector, having a fluted or plaited border bound with or composed of enameled cloth or other waterproof material, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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