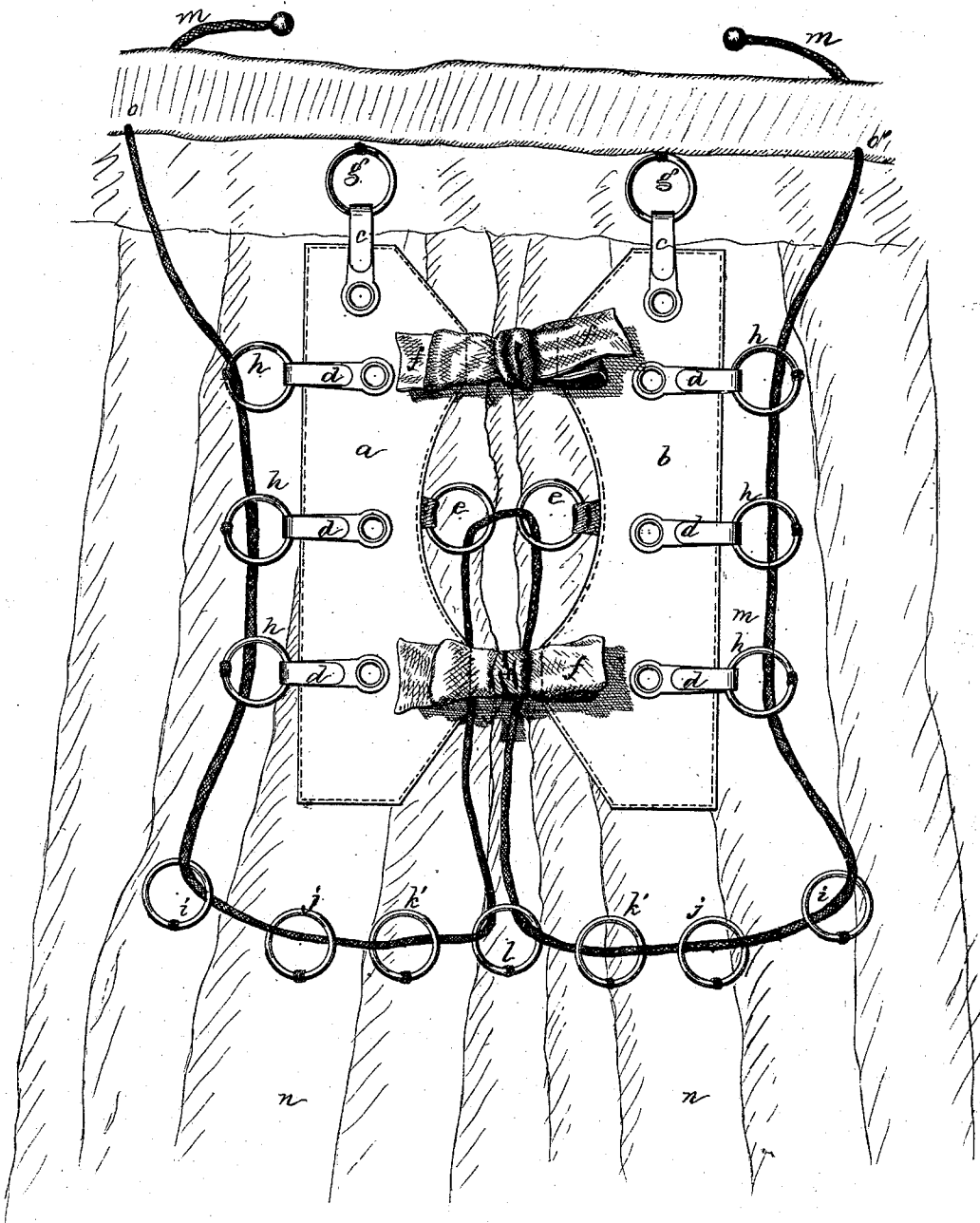


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SKIRT-ELEVATOR AND ADJUSTER.

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IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT ELEVATORS AND ADJUSTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHOEBE G. BAKER, of South Yarmouth, in the county of Barnstable and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Dress-Skirt Elevator and Adjuster, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to an elevator and adjuster for skirts, adapted to elevate and hold back the fullness of the skirt; and the invention consists of an elevator composed of separate strips, as hereinafter described, the portions of which are movable with relation to each other, and of cords and rings attached to the skirt, as will be fully set forth.

The drawing represents the under side of a skirt provided with my improvement.

The strips *a b* are provided with a number of hooks, *c d*, rings *e*, and tapes, strings, or connections *f*. The hooks *c* engage rings *g*, fastened to or near the skirt-band, each near the second seam from the front, right, and left. Rings *h h* are fastened to the second seam, right and left from the front seam each side, at distances down on the skirt from the band corresponding with the positions of the hooks *d* on the pieces *a b*. Other rings *i* are fastened to the skirt about sixteen inches, more or less, down from the band, then rings *j*, about half an inch lower down, and then rings *k* yet a little lower, and a ring, *l*, is placed substantially in line with the back center of the skirt. The cord *m*, for lifting the skirt *n*, passes through a hole, *o*, in the band, then through the rings *h*, and through rings *i j k*, as shown at one side, then through rings *l e e*, back through ring *l*, and through rings *k j i*, and under rings *h* on the other side, and out through hole *o*, the cord, rings, and pieces

a b being on the inside of the skirt. The hooks *c d* are engaged with the rings *g h*, thereby supporting the pieces *a b* in place, and by pulling on the ends of the cord *m* the skirt will be elevated, and when at the proper height the ends of the cord should be tied in front.

By means of the tapes or cords *f* the skirt may be gathered or bunched the desired distance at the back, and as applied by the hooks and rings the elevator pieces proper *a b*, and cord, may be easily removed and applied to any skirt having attached rings, making one elevator answer for many dresses. The elevator can be applied to a skirt open at back or side.

By this device a skirt with long train may be made to hang gracefully when elevated, and answer all the purposes of a walking-dress, and look well as to the set of the skirt.

Hooks might be placed on the skirt, and eyes on the pieces *a b*, or for a permanent arrangement the pieces *a b* might be sewed to the inside of the skirt.

I claim—

1. The skirt elevator and adjuster composed of pieces *a b*, connections *f*, rings and cord, combined and arranged to gather and elevate a skirt, substantially as described.

2. The pieces *a b*, in combination with hooks, rings, and connections *f*, arranged substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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