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Skirt-Elevators.

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Fig. 1

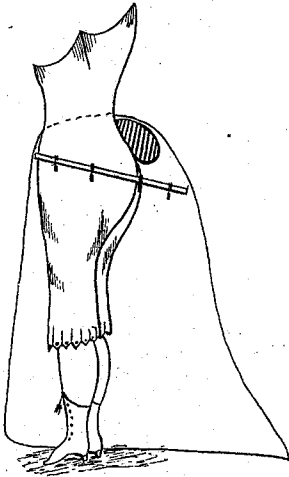


Fig. 2

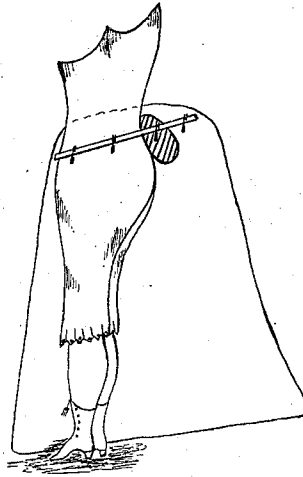


Fig. 3

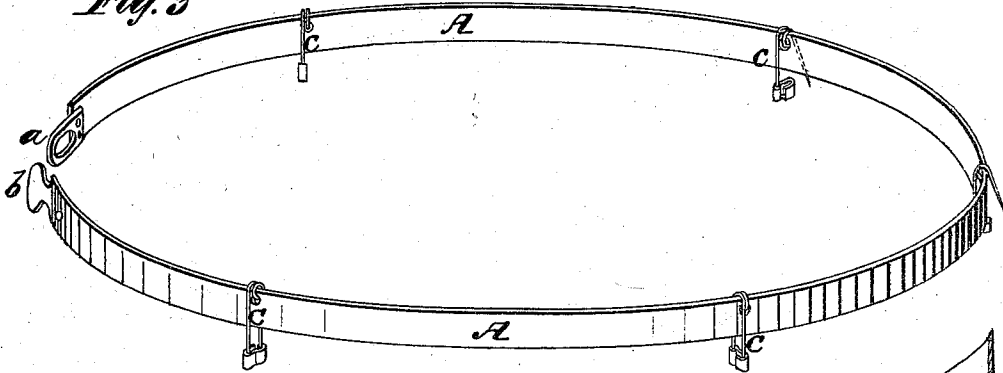
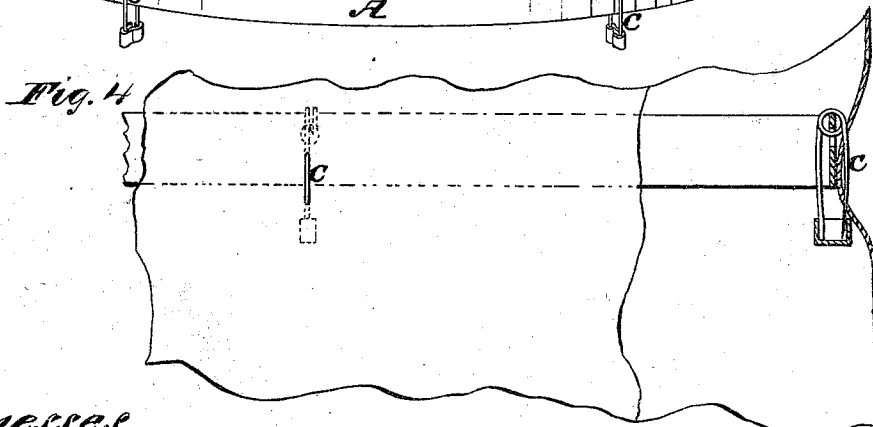


Fig. 4



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IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT-ELEVATORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH E. NORTON, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ladies' Skirt-Lifters; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of portion of a human figure with the skirt-lifter applied ready for lifting the skirt, so that it shall not "trail." Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing the lifter as it appears after the skirt has been lifted. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the skirt-lifter. Fig. 4 is a section of the same as it appears hooked upon a portion of the dress-skirt.

My skirt-lifter consists of a band which is flexible horizontally, and comparatively rigid vertically, furnished with a buckle, button, hook, or clasp, or other fastening at its ends, so as to be fastened around the body of a lady, and provided with fastenings pendent from it at different points, so that it may be attached to the outer dress-skirt. The said skirt-lifter sits or hangs inclined with respect to the horizon when on the outer dress-skirt, and its ends are clasped together when the said skirt is to be raised, and unclasped when the same is to be lowered.

The lifter is operated to raise the dress-skirt by pressing downward with the hands upon its ends, the hips of the wearer serving as the fulcrums upon which it vibrates. When the

dress-skirt is raised its trail is taken from off the ground.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the same with reference to the drawing.

A is a band, long enough to encircle a lady's hips when it is bent into a circular form around the body, and sits inclined from the front of the waist, as shown in the drawings. This band has a clasp, buckle, hook, or button, or any other suitable fastening, *a b*, at its meeting front ends. It also has a number of pins, *c*, similar to the well-known diaper-pin, or any other well-known suitable construction attached to it near its upper edge, so as to be pendent from it, as shown.

The band may be made of wide skirt-wire covered. Steel, brass, whalebone, hard rubber, or any other suitable substance may constitute the material for the band. It should be rigid enough vertically to sustain the weight which it is required to lift without yielding too much, and it should be elastic enough horizontally to be bent easily around the body, and of expanding when its ends are unclasped.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The band A, in combination with the suspending fastenings *c*, the same constituting a skirt-lifter, as herein set forth.

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