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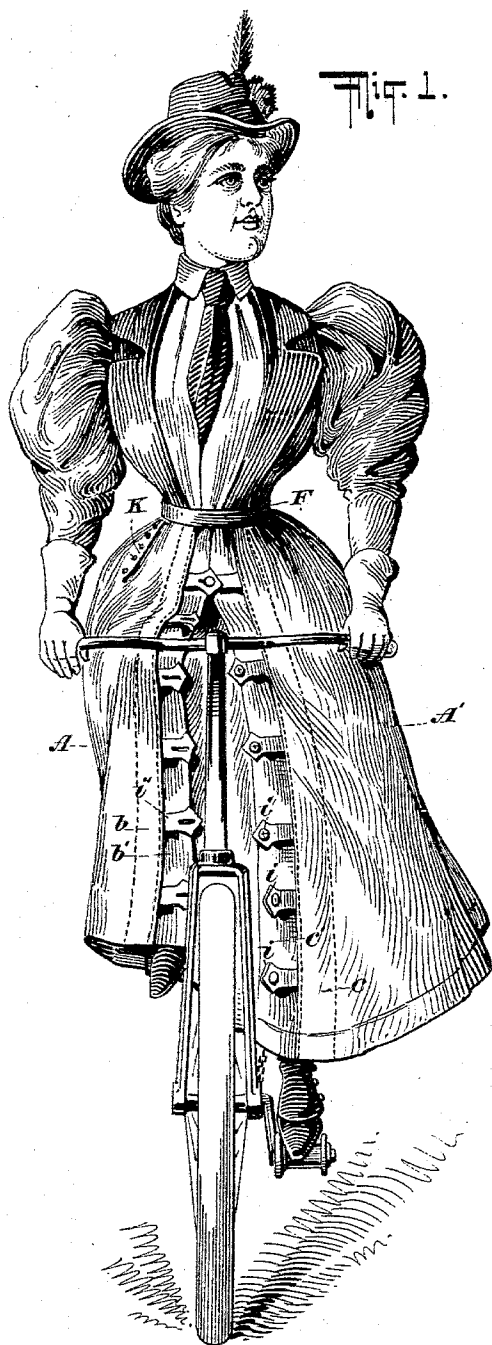


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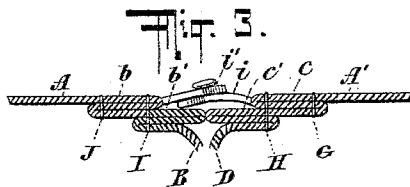


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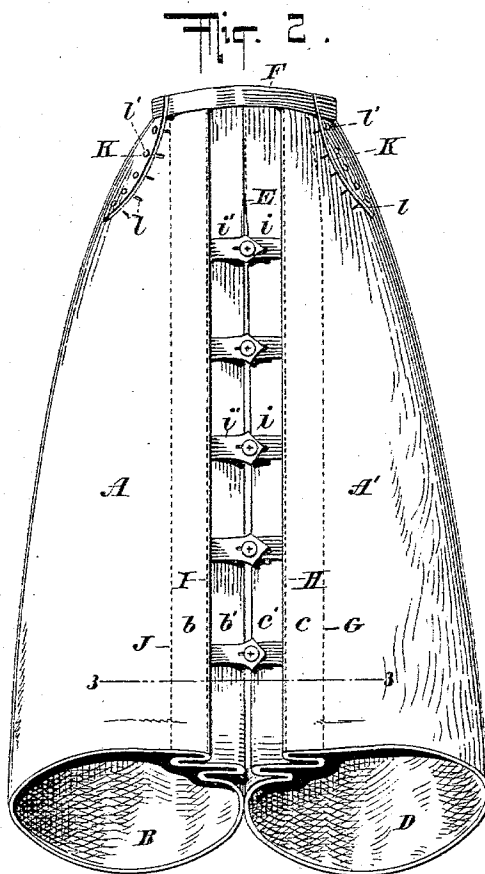


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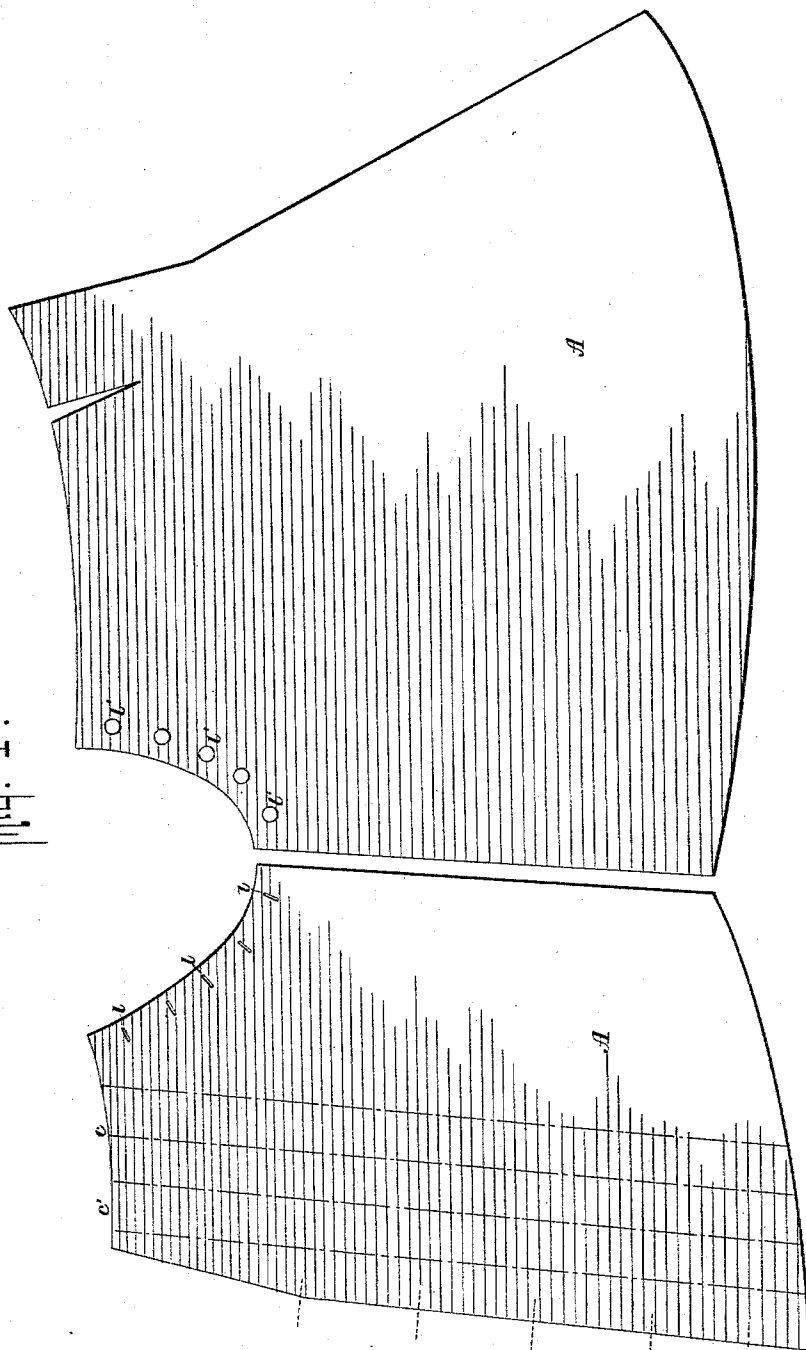
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS GRANER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Divided Skirts, of which the follow-
5 ing is a specification and description.

The object of this invention is to provide an improvement in what are known as "bifurcated" or "divided" skirts heretofore made, which, in their arrangement, are intended to
10 cover the division of the skirt, but which, nevertheless, when in use, either in walking or riding, present an ungraceful and immodest appearance, because the division of the
15 skirt is not properly concealed, and, furthermore, because the contour of the wearer's limbs is too easily visible, the object of the present invention being to obviate these objections.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front perspective view of my improved skirt in use by a rider. Fig. 2 represents a front perspective view of my skirt adapted for walking. Fig. 3 is a section of
20 Fig. 2 on the line 3-3. Fig. 4 is a pattern of one of the legs or parts of my skirt.

In the accompanying drawings similar letters refer to corresponding parts in the various figures.

A and A' show the front part of each division of the skirt. To each of these divisions A and A', and either cut in one piece with the cloth composing said divisions A and A', or otherwise attached thereto, are plaits *b*, *b'*,
35 *c*, and *c'*, said plaits being of any sufficient number, which plaits are stitched down firmly to each other, as shown by G, H, I, and J in Fig. 3, said plaits being provided for the purpose of stiffening or reinforcing the garment at the front, and are arranged to project nor-
40 mally beyond the outline described by each individual leg portion, and to meet at the front of the garment, so as to produce the appearance of an ordinary skirt.

The two parts A and A' are joined from the waistband F to the point E by sewing together or otherwise fastening the plaits *b'* and *c'*. Between the point E and the bottom of the skirt the plaits *b'* and *c'* run parallel and
50 meet, but are not permanently joined to each

other, thus forming a skirt with two parts or legs, the separation commencing at the point E. As a result of this construction, the interior circumference B and D of each of the parts of the skirt, respectively, is reduced. 55
The plaits *b*, *b'*, *c*, and *c'* being firmly stitched together, and being upon the front of the skirt, will fall upon the upper part and front of the limbs of the wearer when riding, and the two divisions of the skirt will be kept down, thus
60 avoiding any unseemly exhibition of the action of the limbs of the wearer while in motion, and obviating the too wide separation of the parts of the skirt, and preventing the immodest appearance of the wearer presented
65 when the parts of the ordinary divided skirt are too widely separated, sufficient room only being left in this improved skirt for the necessary parts of the wheel to project through the garment.

To the plaits *b* and *c* are attached straps *i* and *i'*, provided with buttons and buttonholes or other fastening devices from the point E to the bottom of the skirt, by means of which the parts of the skirt can be connected, so as
70 to present a closed skirt front while the skirt is being used for walking. While in use for riding purposes these straps must, of course, be loosened.

K is a flap on the part A and A', connected 80 to said A or A' by means of the buttons and buttonholes *l* and *l'*.

Having thus described my invention, what I desire to secure by Letters Patent and claim is as follows: 85

1. A garment for the purposes described, comprising a waist or body portion and leg portions, suspended from said body portion, each provided at its inner side near the front with a plurality of plaits secured upon each
90 other, and their respective leg portions, and projecting normally beyond the outline described by each of said leg portions, and meeting at the front of the garment, and means for holding the aforesaid leg portions united
95 at the plaits, substantially as specified.

2. A garment for the purposes described, comprising a waist or body portion, and leg portions suspended from said waist or body portion, provided at their adjacent inner 100

sides, near the front of the garment, with a plurality of superposed plaits secured to each other, and their respective leg portions, and said plaits arranged to project normally beyond the outline described by each of said leg portions, and to meet at the front of the garment, and provided with straps and buttons,

whereby the leg portions may be held united at the front of the garment, substantially as specified.

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