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Skirt Elevator.

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IMPROVEMENT IN LADIES' DRESS-ELEVATORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, S. A. Moody, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Apparatus for Looping Up Ladies' Dresses; and I do hereby declare and ascertain my said apparatus, referring to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows the exterior of a skirt looped up. Fig. 2 shows the interior of the same.

Heretofore the devices for looping up the skirts of ladies' dresses have been too complex and expensive, or they have been insufficient and inconvenient, and the latter have hitched up the dress in an awkward and ungraceful manner.

My device is for the purpose of obviating these several objections and defects, the construction of which is as follows: At a proper height on the inside of the skirt I affix one end of a short cord, as at a, (see Fig. 2,) which I prefer should be elastic. To the other or loose end of this cord I securely attach a metal toggle or key, consisting of a straight or curved bar, with an eye at the center of its length, as at b. Below the point where this is attached I affix three rings, c, more or less,

according to the taste of the wearer. When the dress is let down to its full length the toggle b is free from the rings c; but when the dress is to be looped up the toggle is passed through the rings, or a sufficient number of them, and securely holds up the dress in a graceful and efficient manner.

This device is cheap, and can be easily applied by any one, and it is perfectly secure. The series of rings c cause the skirt to fall gracefully in festoons around the bottom, and the fastening and unfastening can be readily and easily accomplished.

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

The arrangement of the key or toggle b, affixed to the dress by a short cord, substantially as described, and a series of rings, c, for looping up the skirts of ladies' dresses, as and for the purposes herein described.

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