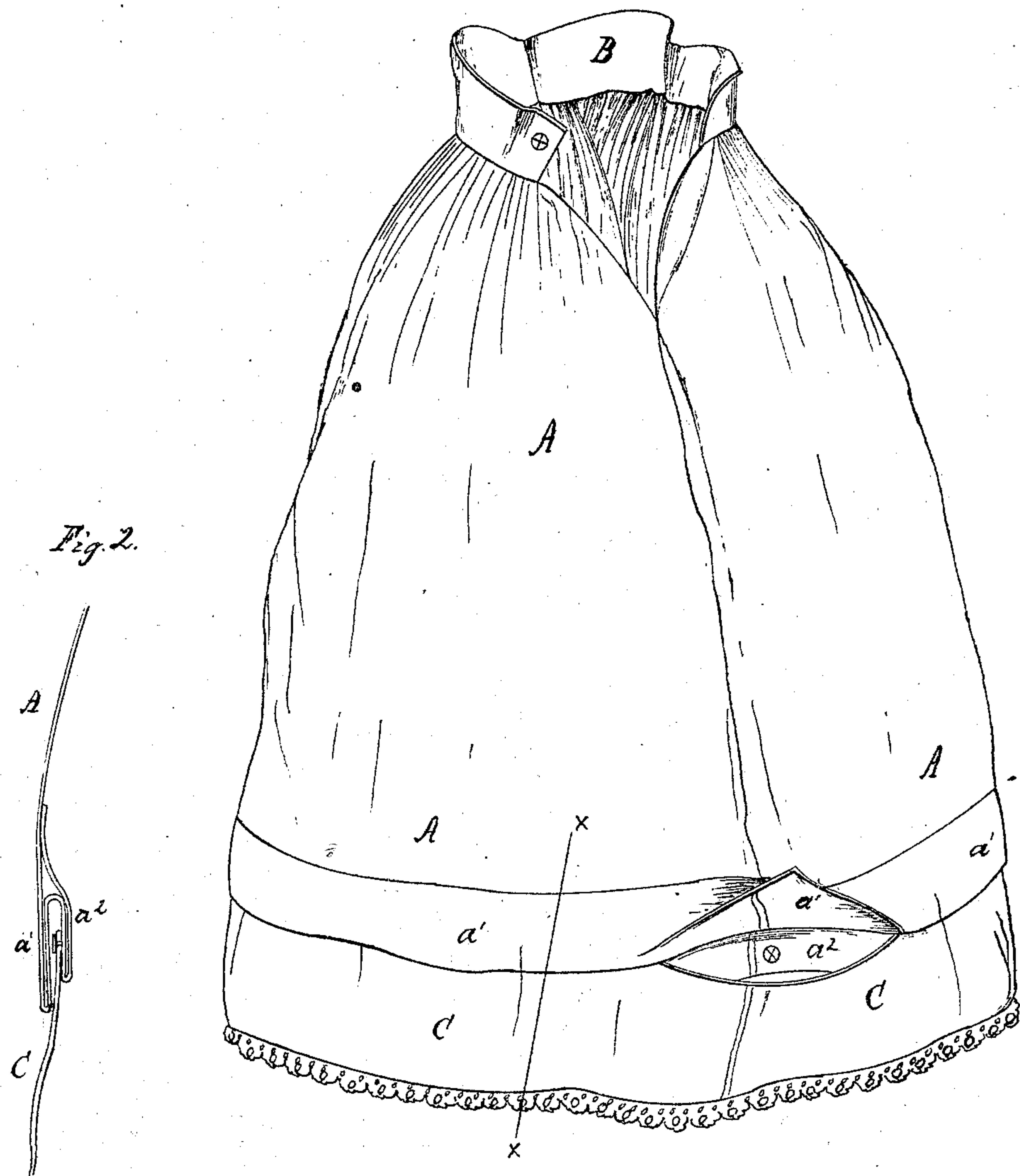


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Skirt.

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IMPROVEMENT IN LADIES' SKIRTS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 58,336, dated September 25, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DWIGHT M. CHURCH, of Derby, New Haven county, State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ladies' Skirts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved lady's skirt. Fig. 2 is a detail sectional view of the same, taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

My invention has for its object to furnish a lady's skirt the lower part of which may be detached when soiled and replaced by a clean part without its being necessary to wash the entire skirt every time its lower part becomes soiled; and it consists of a lady's skirt formed by combining a detachable lower part with the body or main part of the skirt, as hereinafter more fully described.

The upper part or body, A, of the skirt is made with a waistband, B, in the ordinary manner. Upon the lower edge of the part A is formed a wide hem. This hem is tucked by folding in its lower edge, as shown in Fig. 2, so that the hem may have two downwardly-projecting edges or flaps, *a'* and *a²*. The turned-up part of the hem is secured in place by being sewed fast to the inner flap, *a²*. These flaps *a'* and *a²* should be of about the same length, or the

outer one may be a little longer than the inner one. To the inner flap, *a²*, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, are sewed buttons sufficiently near each other to fully and securely support the lower detachable part, C, so that its upper edge may not sag below the lower edge of the flap *a'*.

The lower edge of the detachable part C may terminate in a hem or in an embroidered portion, in the same manner that the lower edges of ladies' skirts are ordinarily finished.

In the upper edge of the detachable part C are formed button-holes corresponding in number and position to the number and position of the buttons on the flap *a²*, before described; and the part G is secured to the part A by being buttoned to it, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

When the lower part of a skirt constructed in this manner becomes soiled it may be removed and replaced by a clean one without its being necessary to remove or wash the entire skirt. Lower parts, C, of different qualities, may also be attached to the same body A, as circumstances may render them suitable.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

An improved lady's skirt formed by combining a detachable lower part, C, with the body or main part A of the skirt by fastenings concealed by a tuck, *a'*, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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