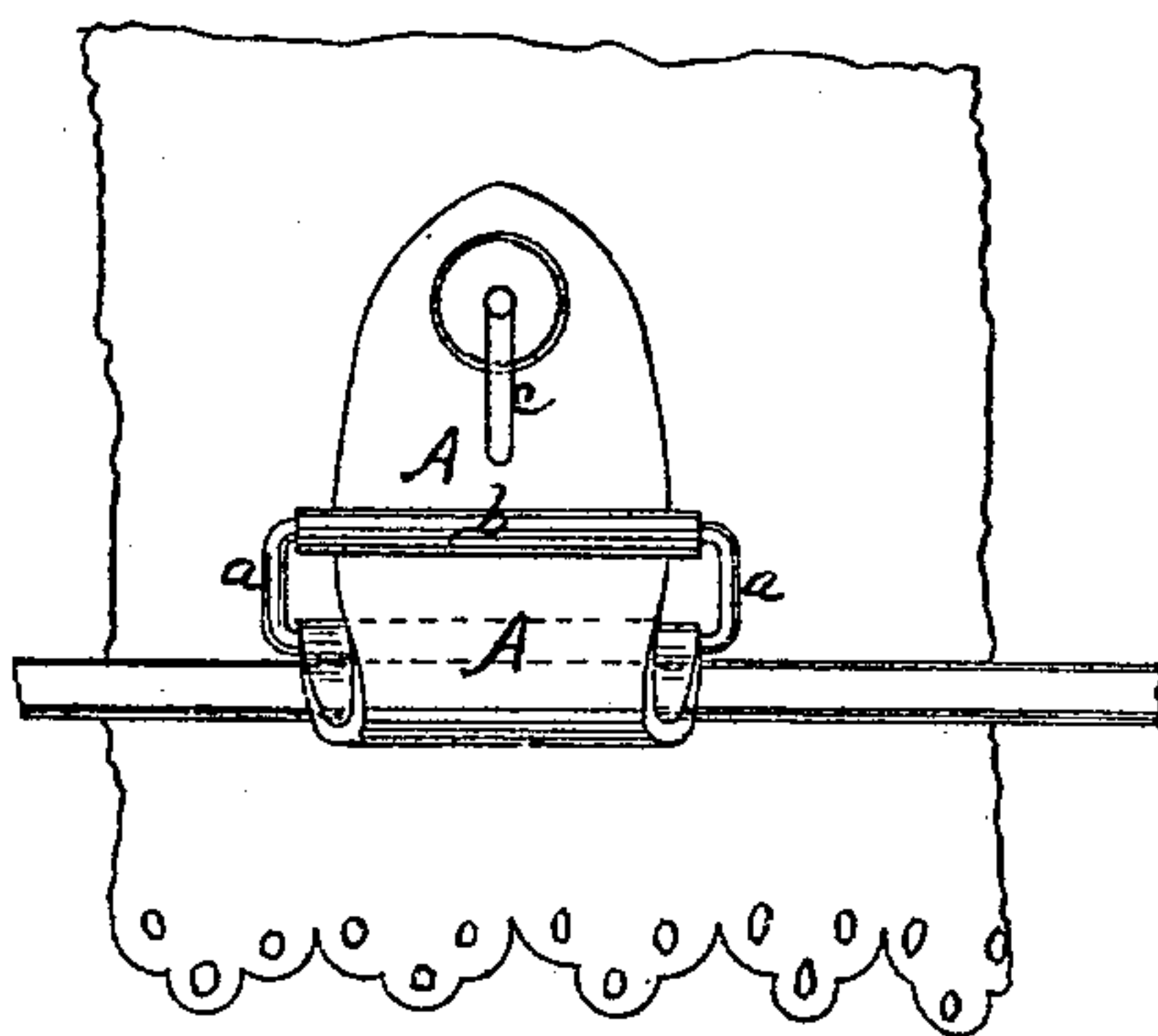
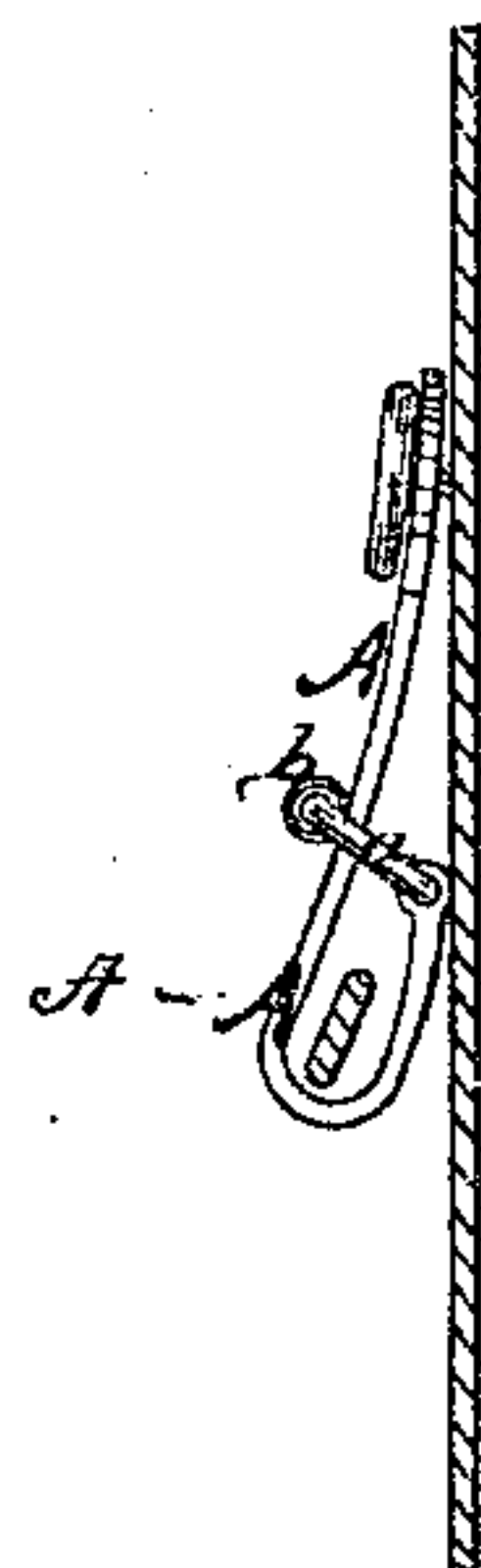


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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN ATTACHMENTS FOR HOLDING SKIRTS TOGETHER.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, EMILE LOISEAU, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Hoop-Skirts Holder; and I do hereby declare 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 a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a remedy against the inconvenience which so often is occasioned to ladies, when, either through accident or in a crowd, the skirt and petticoat are raised, whereby the lower hoops of the skirts are exposed. It is in that case very annoying and troublesome to readjust the dress, which can only be done by shaking the same. Also, when a lady is seated it will often happen that the hoops become so entangled that it will be almost impossible to bring them into the right shape again. When descending staircases, or leaving cars or other vehicles, the ladies generally raise their dresses a little; but the hoop is very often not raised, and hangs down, so that the ladies' feet can be easily entangled in the same, whereby serious accidents are frequently occasioned. By my invention all the above annoyances are completely overcome, and it is made impossible for the hoop-skirts to separate from the balmoral or petticoat.

My invention consists in arranging a device whereby the lower or any one hoop of the skirt is secured to the petticoat, thereby making actually one garment out of the two. The connection can be made by any suitable device, the most simple form being shown in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front view of the skirt-holder; and

Figure 2, an edge view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A rectangular frame, *a*, with rounded corners, made of metal wire, and one long side of which may be provided with a roller, *b*, is secured to a strap, *A*, of leather, cloth, or any other suitable material. The opposite end of this strap is provided with a button-hole, *c*. The strap is wound around a hoop of the skirt, and its end passed between the hoop and the roller *b*, thus forming a loop and securing the strap well to the hoop. The upper end of the strap is then secured to a button on the petticoat. Any number of such or similar straps may be employed, so as to secure the petticoat well to the hoop-skirt.

The same object will be attained by using other devices, such as clasps, hooks, &c. The straps may also be secured firmly to the petticoat, instead of the hoop-skirt.

All these details are immaterial, as the essential idea consists in uniting the two garments so that they form but one; whereby all the aforesaid annoyances are overcome.

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

A strap, *A*, whereby a lady's hoop-skirt is attached to a petticoat; said strap being made substantially as herein shown and described.

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