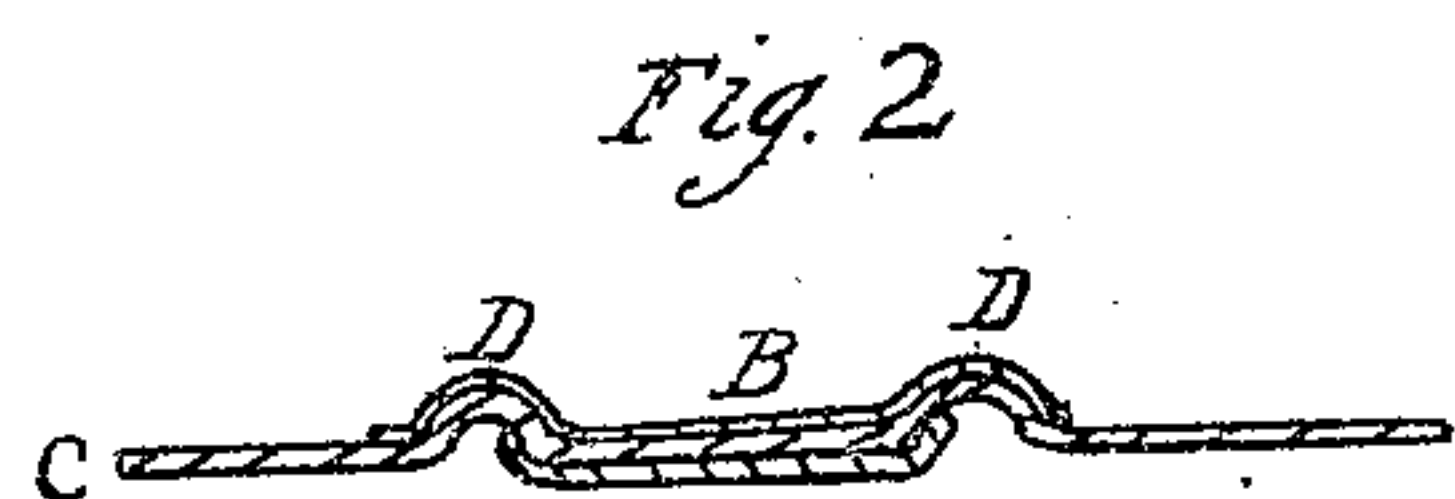
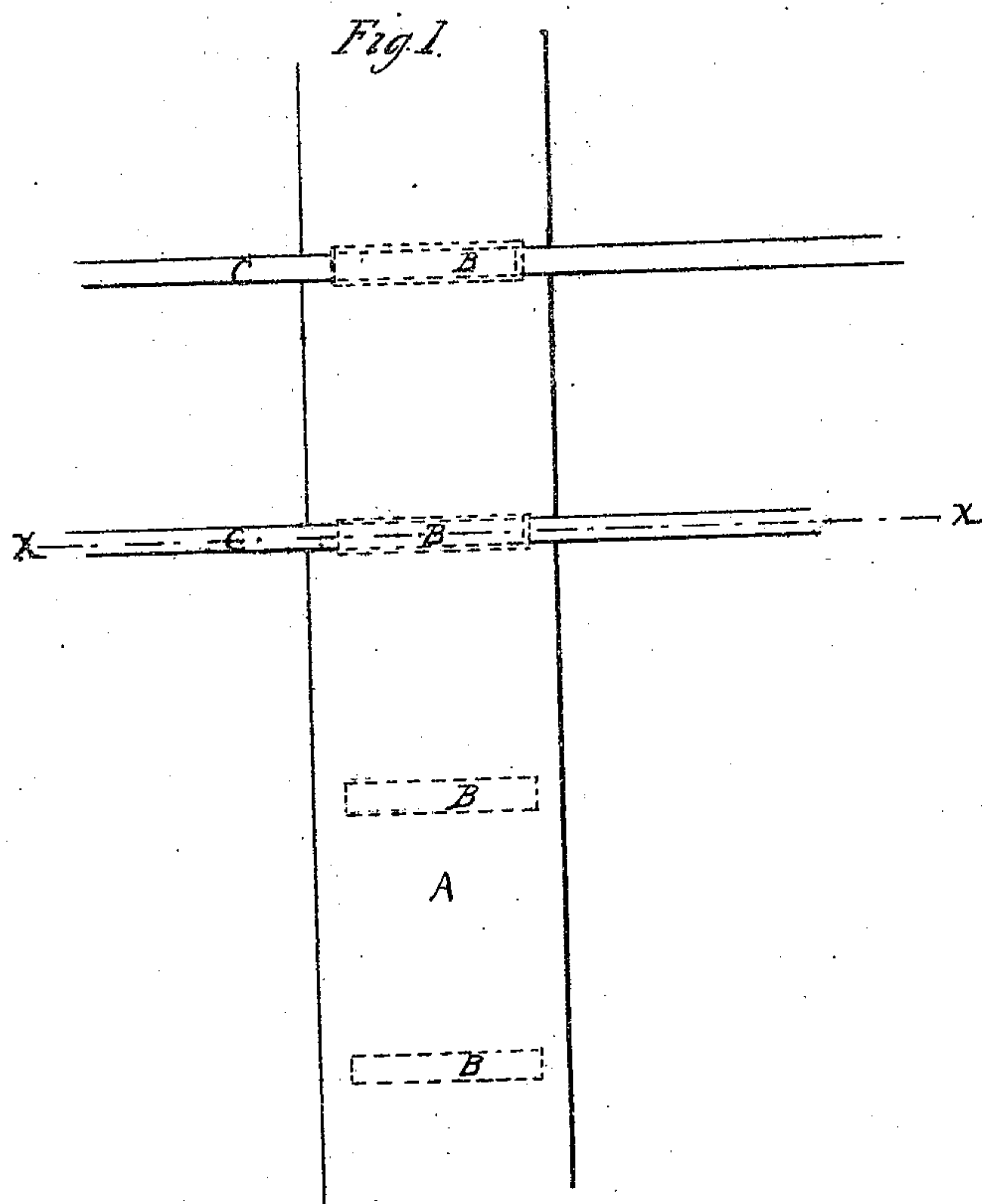


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Hoop Skirt.

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IMPROVEMENT IN HOOP SKIRTS.

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, T. B. DE FOREST, of Birmingham, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Hoop Skirts; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a portion of a tape with hoops inserted; and in

Figure 2 a horizontal section on line *x x*.

This invention relates to an improvement in the manner of securing hoops to the tapes of hoop skirts, and consists in indenting or enlarging the hoop at or near the ends of the pocket, so that the said indentation or enlargement prevents any lateral movement of the tape on the hoop.

To enable others to construct and use my improvement, I will proceed to describe the same, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

A is the tape, B the pocket, denoted in red, fig. 2, and C the hoop, denoted in black, fig. 2. The tape, with its pockets, is formed in the usual manner, save that I make the pockets only sufficiently large for the hoop to be passed therethrough, and I prefer to make the pockets a little shorter than the width of the tape. This last is not essential. Through the pockets the hoop is passed in the usual manner, and when in proper position I indent the wire, as seen at D, fig. 2, preferring to make such indentation at both ends of the pocket. This indentation enlarges as it were the wire, and prevents its lateral movement in the pocket, and therefore secures the hoop in the tape without the aid of clasps, spangles, stitches, or anything of like nature.

I prefer, as I before stated, to make this enlargement by indentation, yet it may be done otherwise, the object of my invention being accomplished by any enlargement of or upon the hoop. If the pockets are made double, that is, one pocket upon each edge of the tape, so as to leave a space in the middle, a single enlargement of the hoop in such space would answer every purpose.

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

Securing the hoop and tape by one or more indentations or enlargements of the hoop, substantially as herein set forth.

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