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Hoop Skirt.

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Fig. 1.

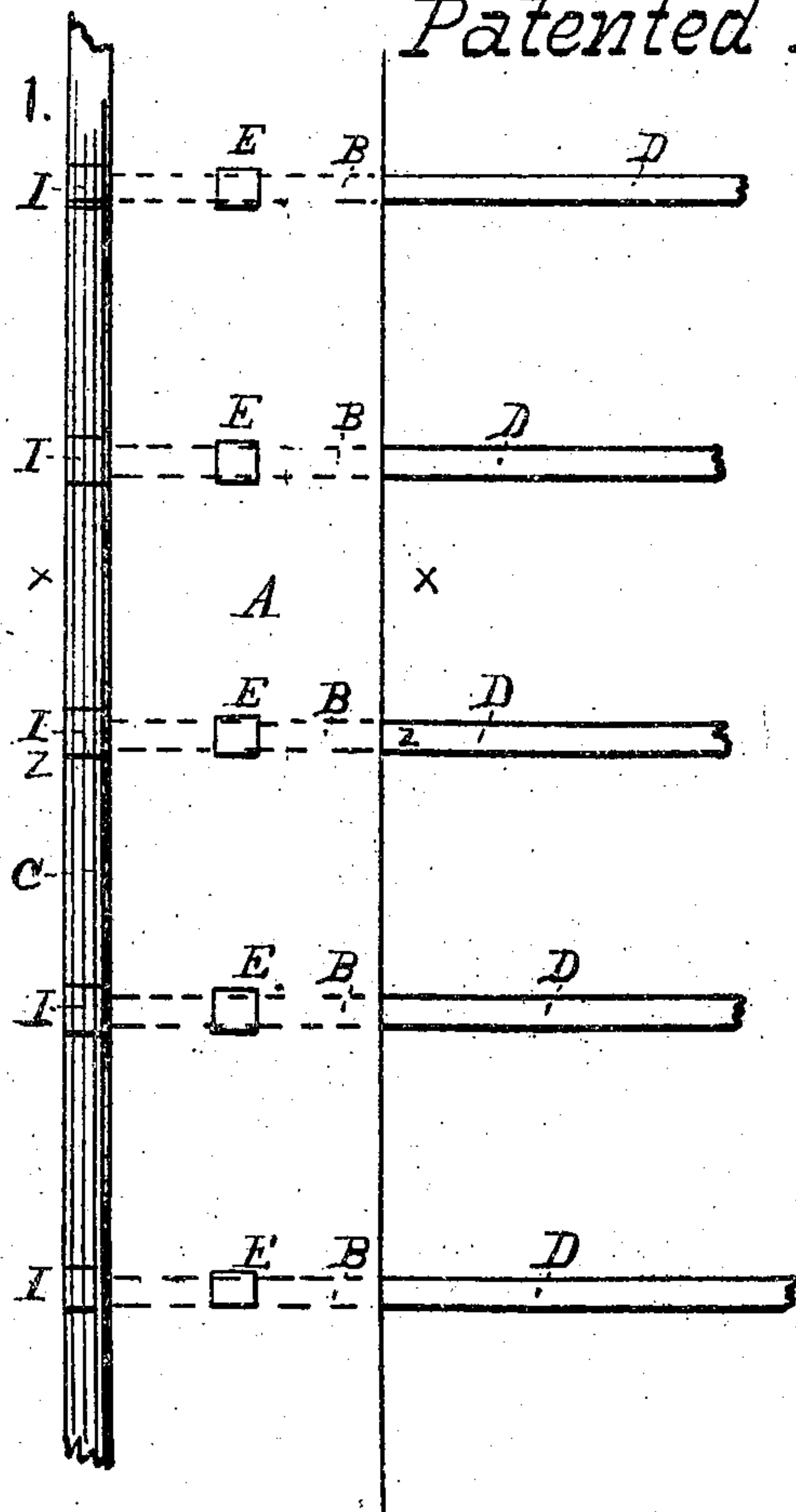


Fig. 2.

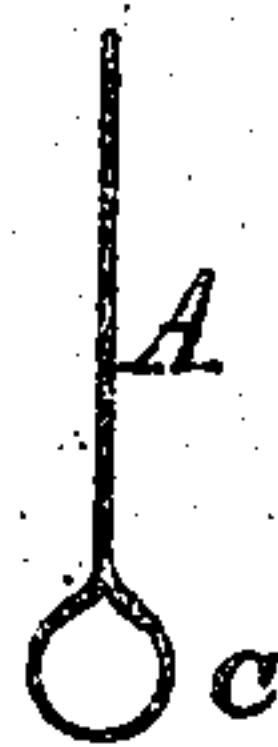
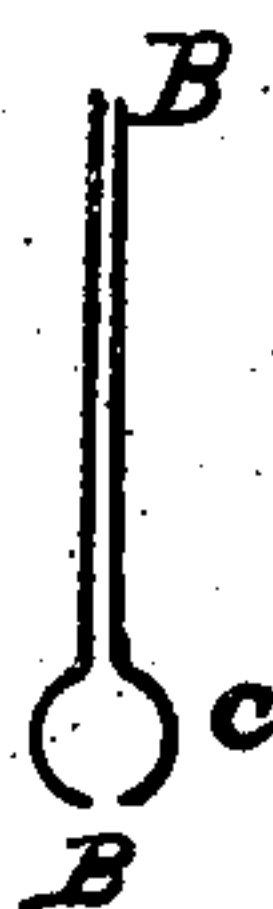


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TAPES OF 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, WILLIAM E. HOUSTON, 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 face view.

Figure 2, a transverse section of the tape on line $x x$; and in

Figure 3, a transverse section of the tape on line $z z$.

This invention relates to an improvement in the vertical tapes of hoop-skirts, and is designed more particularly for that part of the skirt called the tabs, that is the tapes each side of the front opening, and consists of a tape formed with a longitudinal pocket combined with transverse pockets.

In order to the better understanding of my invention, as well as to enable others to construct the same, I will proceed to a description thereof, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

The tape A is woven in the usual manner, with transverse pockets B, for the insertion of the hoops, and upon one edge I form a longitudinal pocket, C, (see fig. 2,) the said pockets B opening through the longitudinal pocket C, as seen in fig. 3. The object of this invention is fully set forth in my application for Letters Patent for improvement in hoop-skirts, filed in even date herewith, and is as follows: A cord is run into the pocket C, and the hoops D passed through the transverse pockets B and secured to the tape A by clasps or spangles E or other device, and to their ends a clasp, F, is fixed, the said clasp being formed so as to be secured to the end of the hoop and over the pocket C, so that the labor and expense of the ordinary tab are almost wholly avoided.

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

A tape, formed with a longitudinal pocket, C, combined with transverse pockets B, substantially in the manner herein set forth, as an improved article of manufacture.

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