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Hoop-Skirt.

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Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

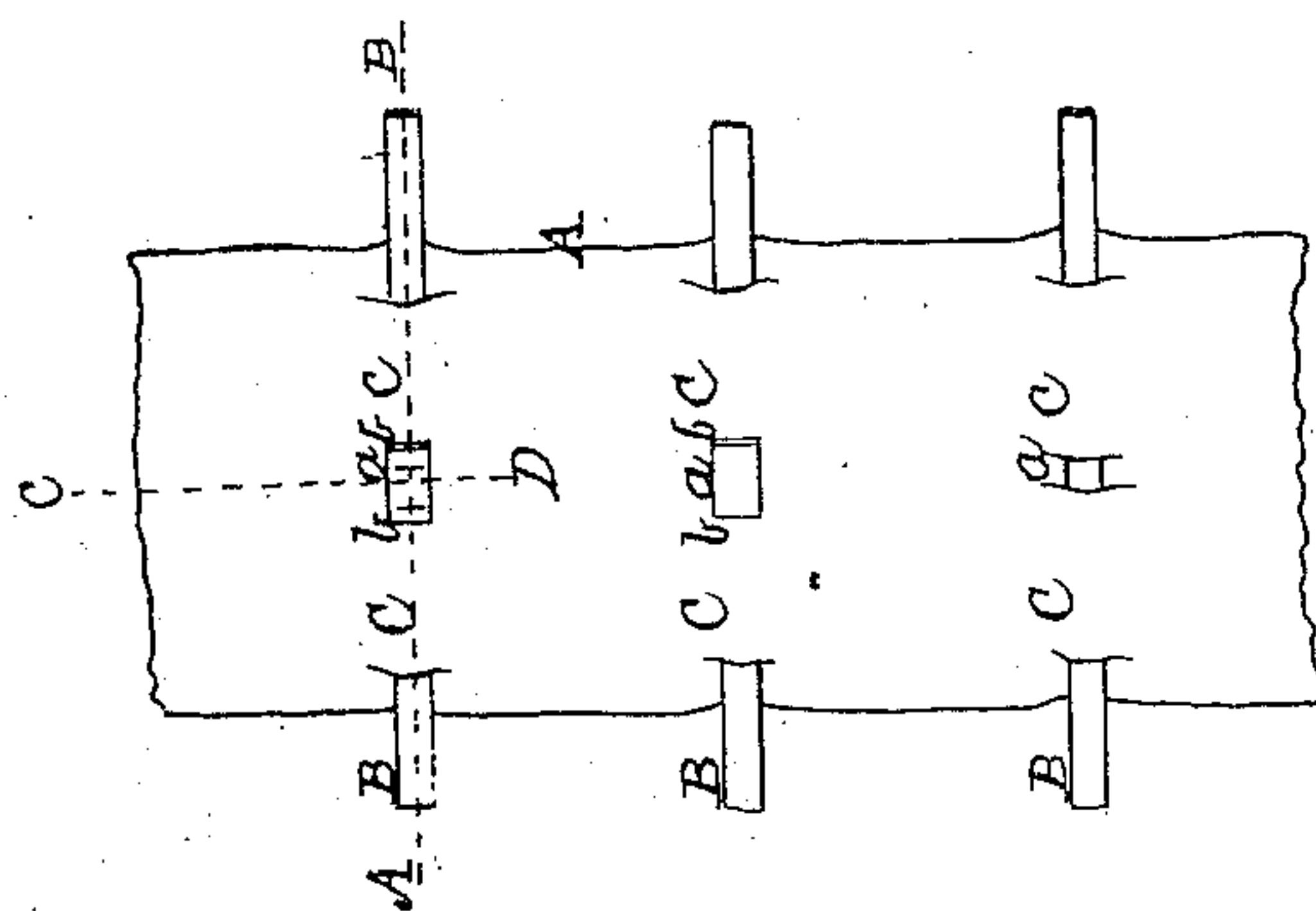


Fig. 4.

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IMPROVEMENT IN HOOP-SKIRTS.

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

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, DAVID H. FANNING, of the city and county of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hoop-Skirts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of so much of a hoop-skirt as is necessary to illustrate my present improvements.

Figure 2 represents, upon an enlarged scale, a section on line A B, fig. 1; and

Figure 3 represents, upon an enlarged scale, a section on line C D, same figure.

To enable those skilled in the art to which my invention belongs to make and use the same, I will proceed to describe it more in detail.

In the drawings, A represents a section of one of the tapes which support the hoops B, the latter being passed through pockets C C, woven with the tapes, the pockets being upon the inner side of the tape, with a space, *a*, left between them, as fully shown in the drawings. After the hoops have all been passed through the supporting-tapes, they are fastened in place, and to each supporting-tape, by means of the peculiarly-formed metal clasps D. Clasps D are made with two flanges *b b*, which project out over the edges of the pockets C C on the same line, so that when the lips *c c* are bent in under the hoop in the space *a*, between the pockets, the flanges *b b* are drawn down firmly upon the edges of the pockets C C, thereby fastening the edges of the pockets on each side of the space *a* to the hoop A, while the lips *c c* securely fasten the metal clasps D to the hoop, all as fully indicated in the drawings. The metal clasps D, when first made, have the lips *c c* formed at right angles, or nearly so, to the back of the clasps, whereby the lips pass down freely by the edges of the hoop, after which they are bent in under the hoop, as fully shown in fig. 3. This last operation may be performed by means of a pair of hand-pliers, made for the purpose, or in any other convenient manner. By my mode of fastening the hoops to the tapes, the outsides *d* of the tapes are free from any metal or other fastening, while the hoops are securely fastened to the edges of the pockets on each side of the open space *a*, thereby preventing undue wearing of the pockets by the lateral movements of the hoops.

I do not claim the hoop-skirt fastening described and claimed in the patent of William E. Houston, dated May 21, 1867; but having described my improved hoop-skirt,

What I claim therein as new, and of my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In combination with the pockets C C and hoop B, the clasps D, provided with lips *b b* and *c c*, the former extending laterally upon and clasping the edges of the pockets, as shown in fig. 2, the latter enclosing and clasping the hoop, as shown in fig. 3.

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