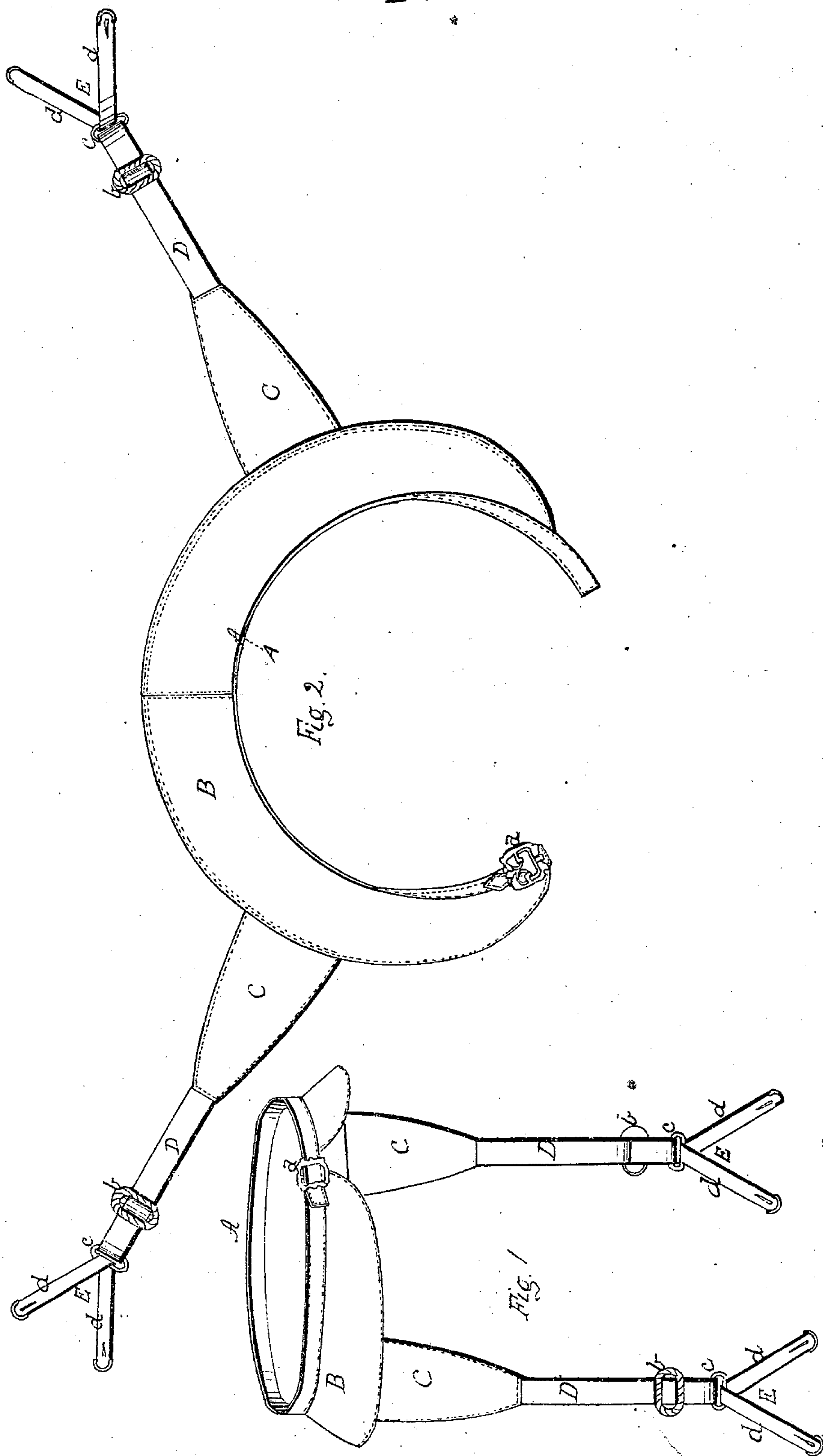


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## IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED SKIRT AND HOSE-SUPPORTERS.

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, MARIA J. FOSS, of Charlestown, in the county of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Skirt and Hose-Supporters; 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, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my combined skirt and hose-supporter, and

Figure 2 represents a top or plan view of the article, with the hose-supporter swung out laterally.

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.

Many efforts have been heretofore made to produce a good, convenient, and cheap hose-supporter, but none of the devices have come into general use, and the object of my present improvements is the production of a combined skirt and hose-supporter, which shall obviate, in a great measure, the objections to previous hose-supporters, and the nature of my invention consists in the peculiar combination of the various parts which constitute the article as hereafter described.

In the drawings A is a band, which is provided with a buckle, *a*, whereby the article can be attached to the waist of the wearer. To the band A is attached the skirt-supporting part B, while to the sides of the part B are attached the hip-pads, C C, to the lower ends of which are fastened the elastic hose-supporting tapes D D, the ends of the latter being passed through the loops *c c*, and then fastened or secured to the adjusting-clasps *b b*, whereby the ends *d d* of the hose-attachments E E, which are passed through the loops *c c*, can be drawn up with greater or less force.

The ends *d d* of the attachments E E may be fastened or connected to the tops of the hose by buttons, or in any other desirable manner.

The hip-pads C C are quite important, since they prevent the displacement of the elastic hose-supporting tapes D D, either when sitting or walking.

If the elastics D D extended up to the band A, or were connected to narrow non-elastic tapes or pieces, there would be great liability of such long, narrow connecting-pieces becoming twisted about the person, especially when sitting down.

By means of the wide hip-pads, the above-named objections are obviated, while, at the same time, all chafing is avoided, which would result from the use of narrow connecting-pieces.

The supporter part B affords a very convenient support for the skirts.

An elastic gore-piece may be set into the back of the parts A and B, if preferred, and they may be made to be laced together, if preferred.

My combined skirt and hose-supporter has been tested, and it has given the best of satisfaction.

Having described my combined skirt and hose-supporter,

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

The skirt-supporter B, to which are attached the hose-supporters D, the latter being provided with hip-pads C, and the whole being combined and arranged substantially as set forth.

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