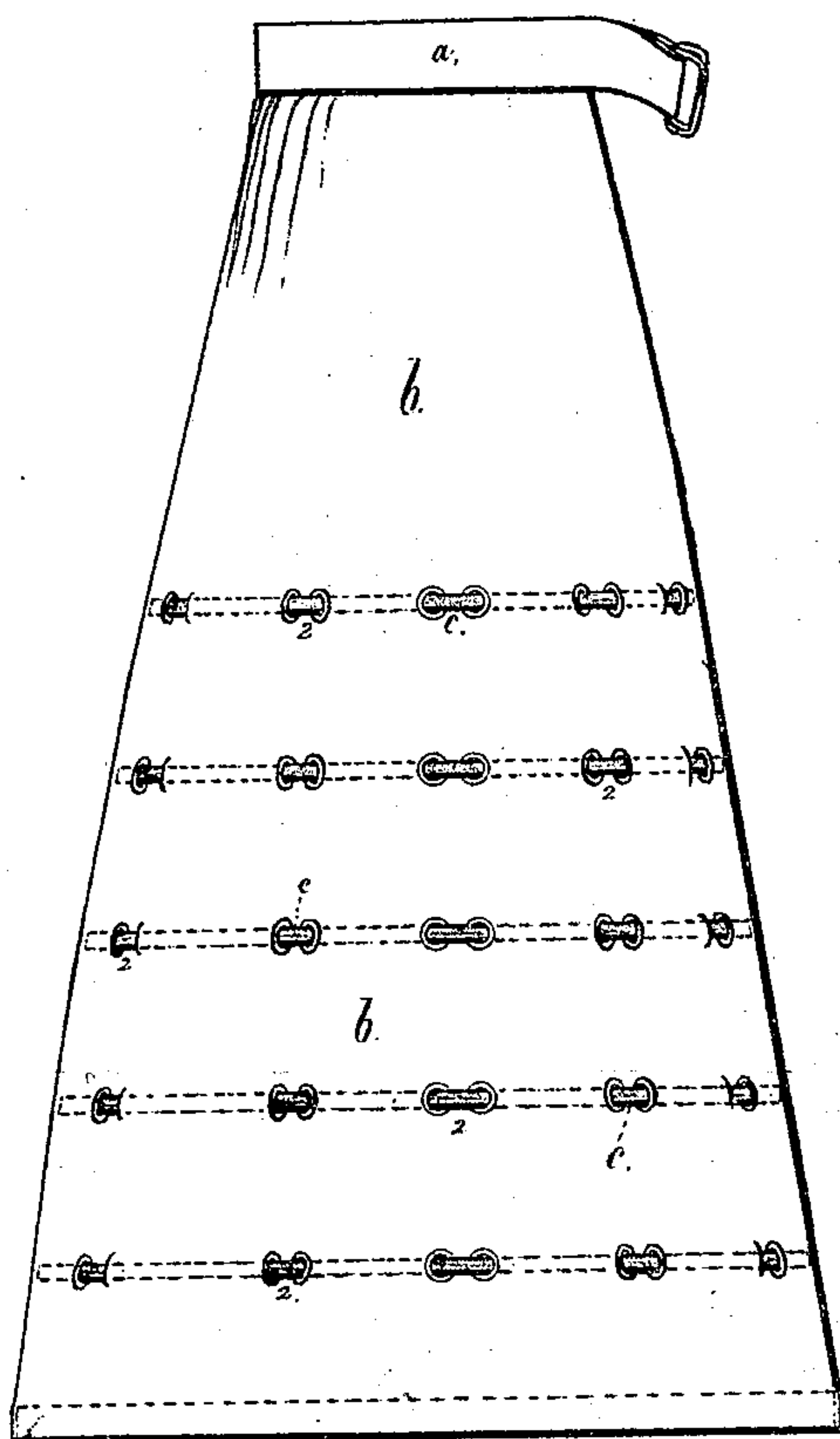


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IMPROVEMENT IN HOOP-SKIRTS.

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, JOSEPH MAYER, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented and made a new and useful Improvement in Hoop-Skirts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification, wherein I have shown a side view of my improved skirt.

Heretofore it has been usual to make ladies' skirts, either in a skeleton-form, with tapes uniting the hoops, or with hoops introduced in a pocket, or fold, made in the woven material composing the skirt. The open skirt, first named, is not approved by all persons, and the woven skirt with the pockets is costly, and the hoops cannot always be introduced conveniently at the parts desired.

The nature of my said invention consists in a skirt in which the hoops are connected to the fabric of which the skirt itself is formed, by being threaded through holes, provided, at suitable distances apart, in the fabric itself, so that the skirt is distended by the hoops, and the connection between the two is of the most substantial character, and, if desired, the hoops can be removed with facility, to allow the skirt to be washed or worn without the hoops.

In the drawing—

a is the waistband, and *b*, the skirt, of woven, knitted, or felted material, and of any desired color.

In the fabric forming the skirt, I introduce holes at the proper places, and I prefer to protect the edges of the holes with eyelets, as shown at 2 2.

The hoops *c*, of covered wire, or other suitable material, are threaded through these holes, so as to stand horizontally, or nearly so, around the skirt, and the ends of the hoops are connected by any suitable clasp.

In a skirt made in the foregoing manner, the hoops appear alternately upon the outside and inside, and I prefer that the holes be so disposed, that the hoops show in longer sections on the inside, than on the outside, so as to spread the skirt more evenly.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A lady's skirt, formed of a woven or similar fabric, and provided with holes, through which the hoops are threaded, as and for the purposes set forth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my signature, this 29th day of December, A. D. 1868.

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