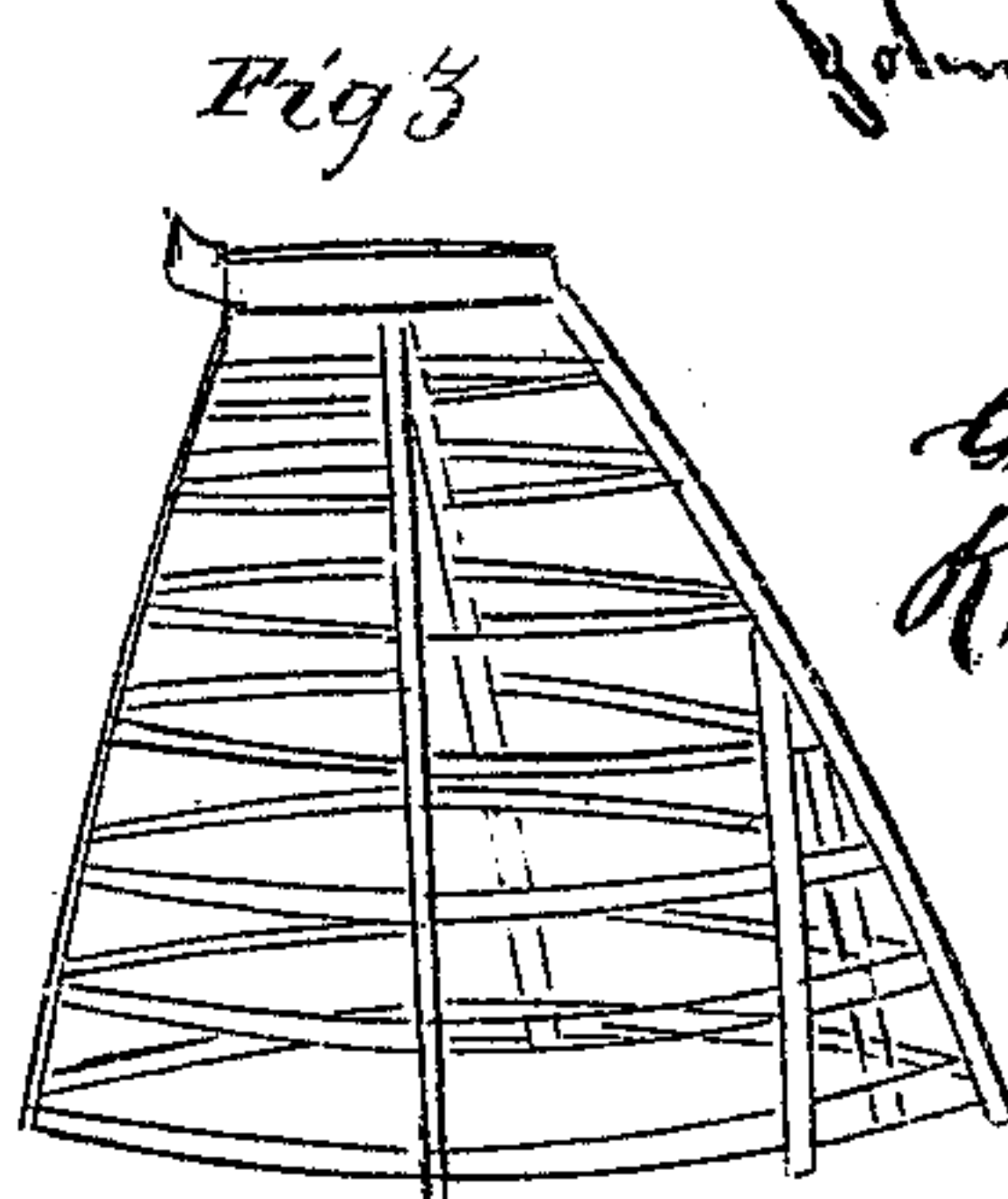
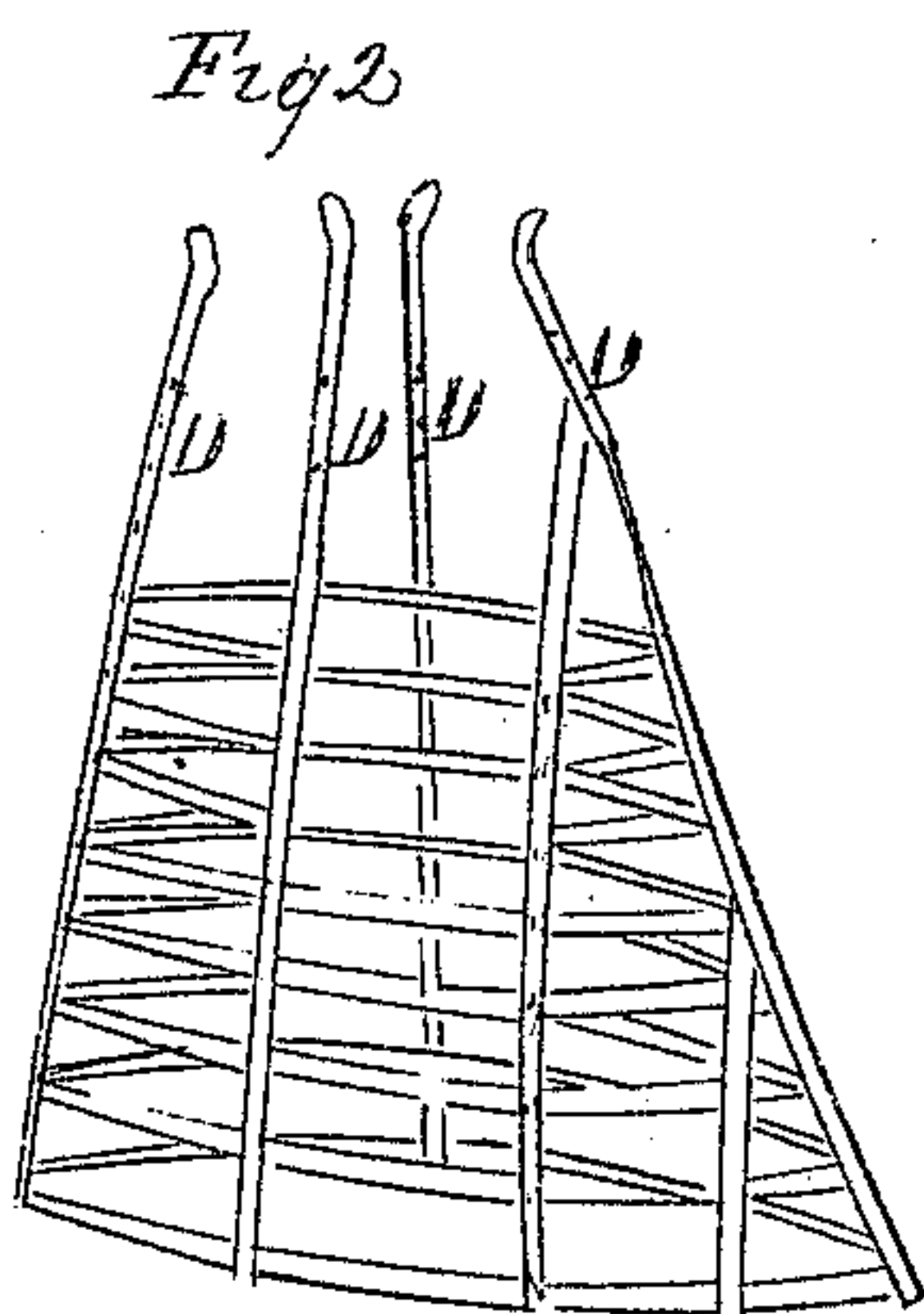
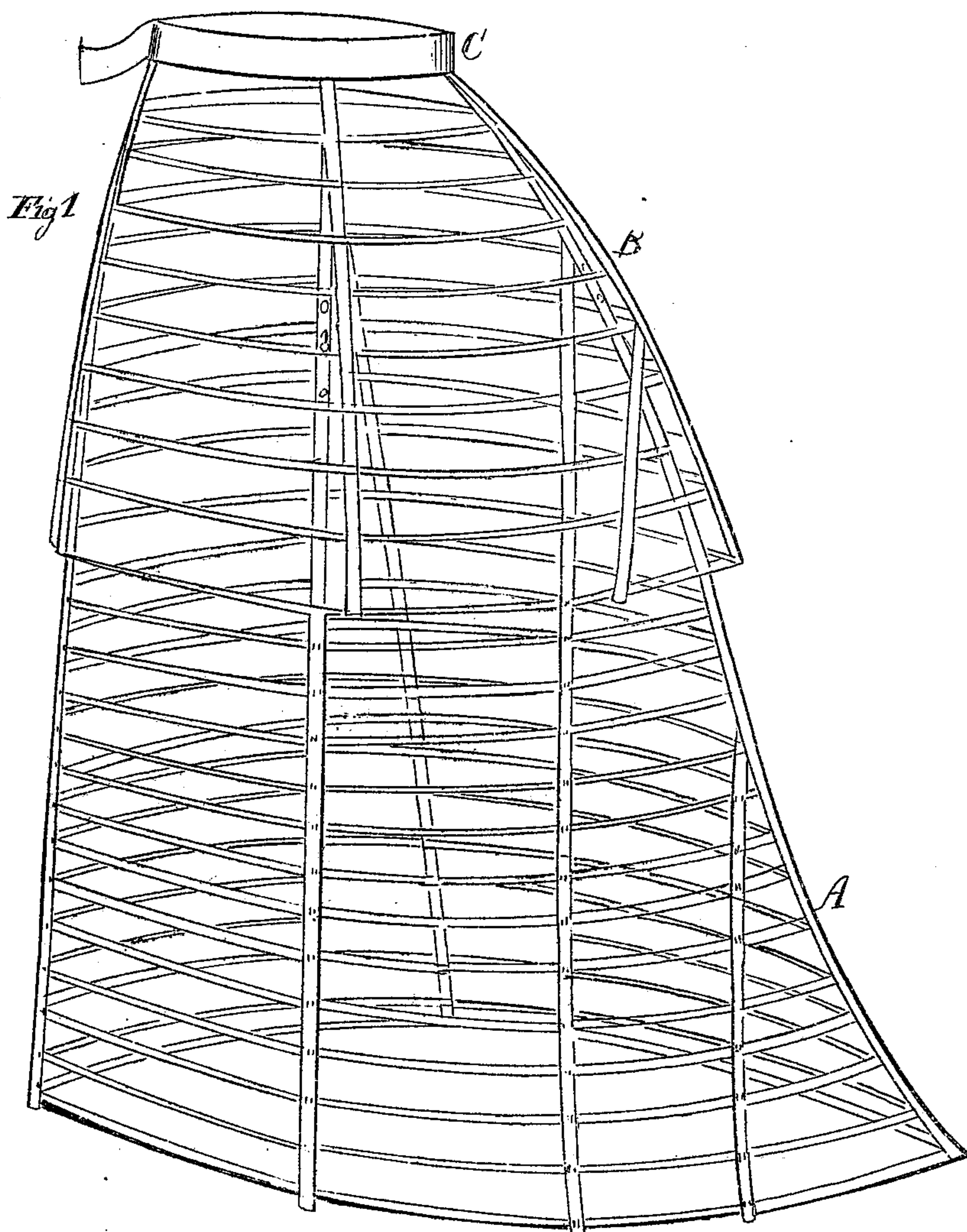


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IMPROVEMENT IN HOOP-SKIRTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. CHASE, of Augusta, in the county of Kennebec and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hoop-Skirts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of my improved skirt in full. Fig. 2 is a view of the inside and lower skirt. Fig. 3 is a view of the outer or flounce skirt.

My invention consists in the employment of a lower or main skirt having no hoops at its upper part, in connection with a flounce-skirt, the two skirts being connected together only at the waistband, and the main skirt being adjusted by hooks and eyelets.

In the accompanying drawings, A is the main skirt, which is constructed in the usual manner at the lower part; but the hoops are omitted in the upper portion of said skirt. By this construction of skirt greater lightness is attained, and more freedom to the hips and

lower portion of the body is secured, while there is less pressure thereon by the weight of the skirt. Over this skirt is the short flounce-skirt B, reaching down from one-fourth to one-half of the length of the main or under skirt. The two skirts are connected together only at the waistband.

D D, Fig. 2, represent eyelets in the tapes which connect the hoops of the main skirt, into which hooks may be made to pass for the purpose of raising or lowering the under skirt to adapt it to dresses of different lengths.

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

As a new article of manufacture, the herein-described hoop-skirt, consisting of the lower or main skirt, A, having no hoops at its upper part, and the upper or flounce skirt, B, the skirts A B being connected together only at the waistband, and the skirt A being made adjustable by hooks and eyelets, substantially as described.

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