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Hoop Skirt.

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Fig. 1.

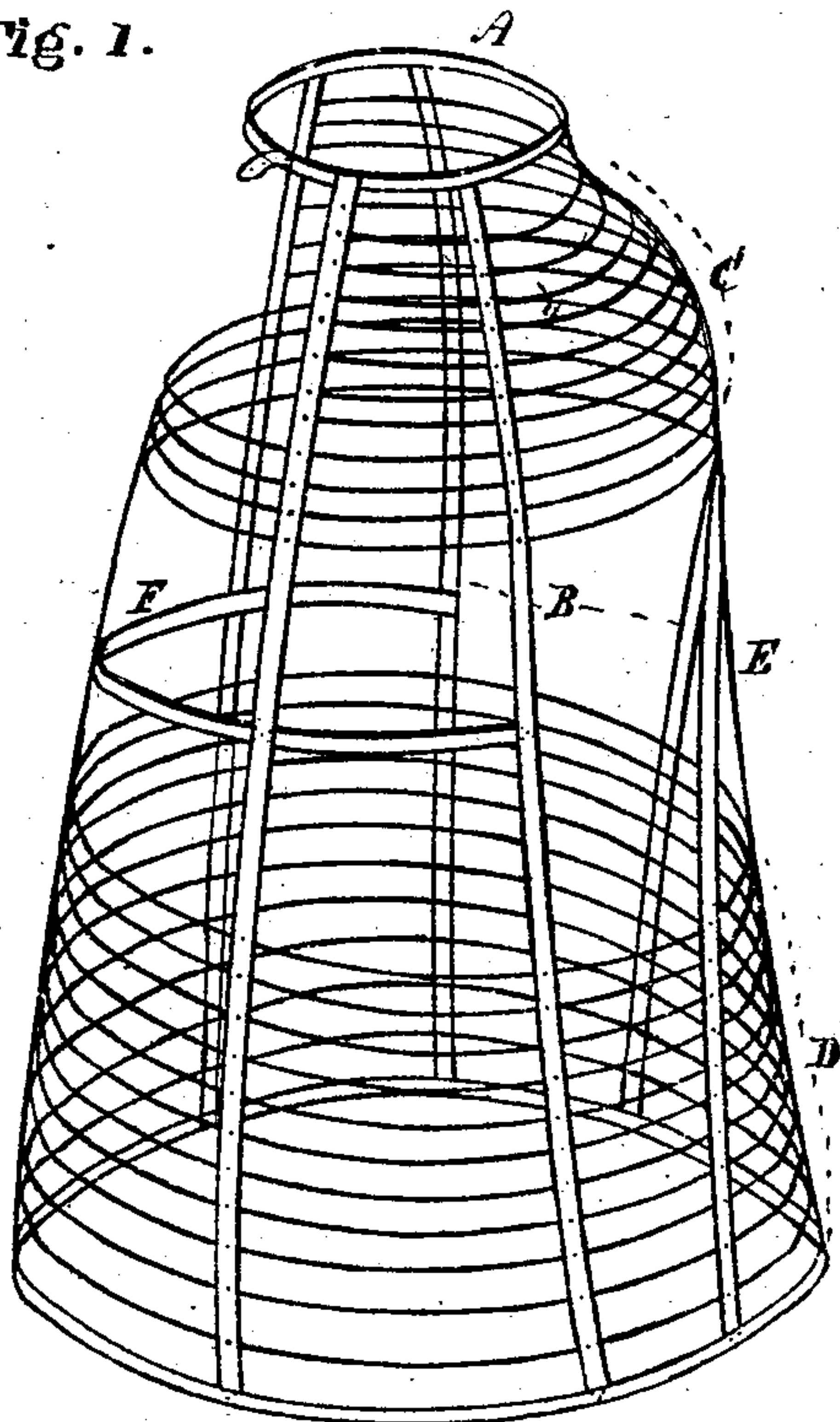
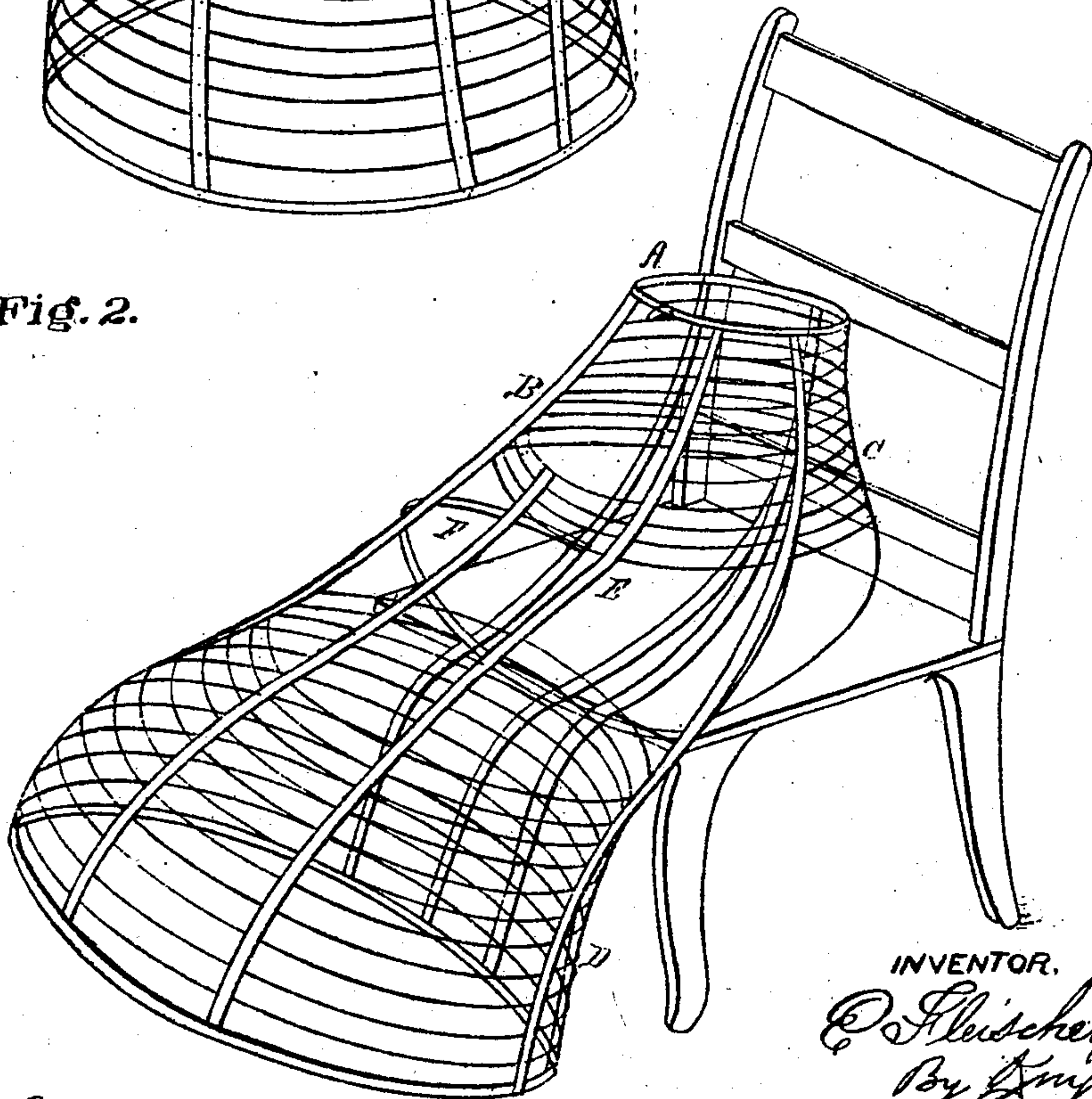


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HOOP-SKIRTS.

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

To whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD FLEISCHER, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio, have invented a new and useful Hoop-Skirt; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification.

This invention relates to an improved form of ladies' hoop-skirt, combining the advantages of graceful elegance with ease and comfort to the wearer at all times, whether in the sitting position, entering or leaving carriages, or otherwise; and consists in forming the upper and lower thirds of the skirt of two independent spirals or sets of hoops, connected only by the customary suspending-tapes, so as to leave a middle portion or interval in the skirt entirely free from wires; and, further, in providing said middle portion, in front, with a horizontal tape, in such position as to assist the adjustment of the springs, under changes of position, without attention or inconvenience.

Figure 1 represents my improved skirt in the standing, and

Figure 2, in the sitting position.

Attached to and depending from the waistband A, are customary tapes, or other suspenders, B, to which are attached two separate wire spirals or series of hoops, C D, extending about a third the height of the skirt from the top and bottom, respectively, so as to leave, at about the mid-height of the skirt, an open interval, E, entirely free from wires.

Extending around in front of the skirt, about the middle of its height, and fastened to the side and front suspenders, is a horizontal tape or ribbon, F.

By reference to fig. 2, it will be seen that a lady wearing the skirt can take her seat without sitting on the wires of her skirt, and without tilting the lower hoops ungracefully, the latter drooping naturally into place, without any special attention or adjustment, the horizontal tape F resting against the knees of the wearer, and assisting to hold the skirt to its proper adjustment without trouble.

It will also be seen, that in other positions which embarrass the wearer, such as ascending and descending stairs, entering or alighting from carriages, &c., the customary annoyance and inconvenience arising from the use of hoop-skirts are avoided. Moreover, the wires being omitted from one-third of the skirt, those in the upper and lower portions can be of such weight and stiffness as to hold their shape and position, even in a storm; nor are the wires liable to injure children in the lap, as sometimes occurs with the common form.

One or more bands, either intersecting or parallel, may be used in place of the tape F.

I claim herein as new, and of my invention—

The improved skirt herein described, provided with upper and lower hooped sections, C and D, suspenders B, and knee-band or tape F, arranged substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony of which invention, I hereunto set my hand.

EDWARD FLEISCHER.

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