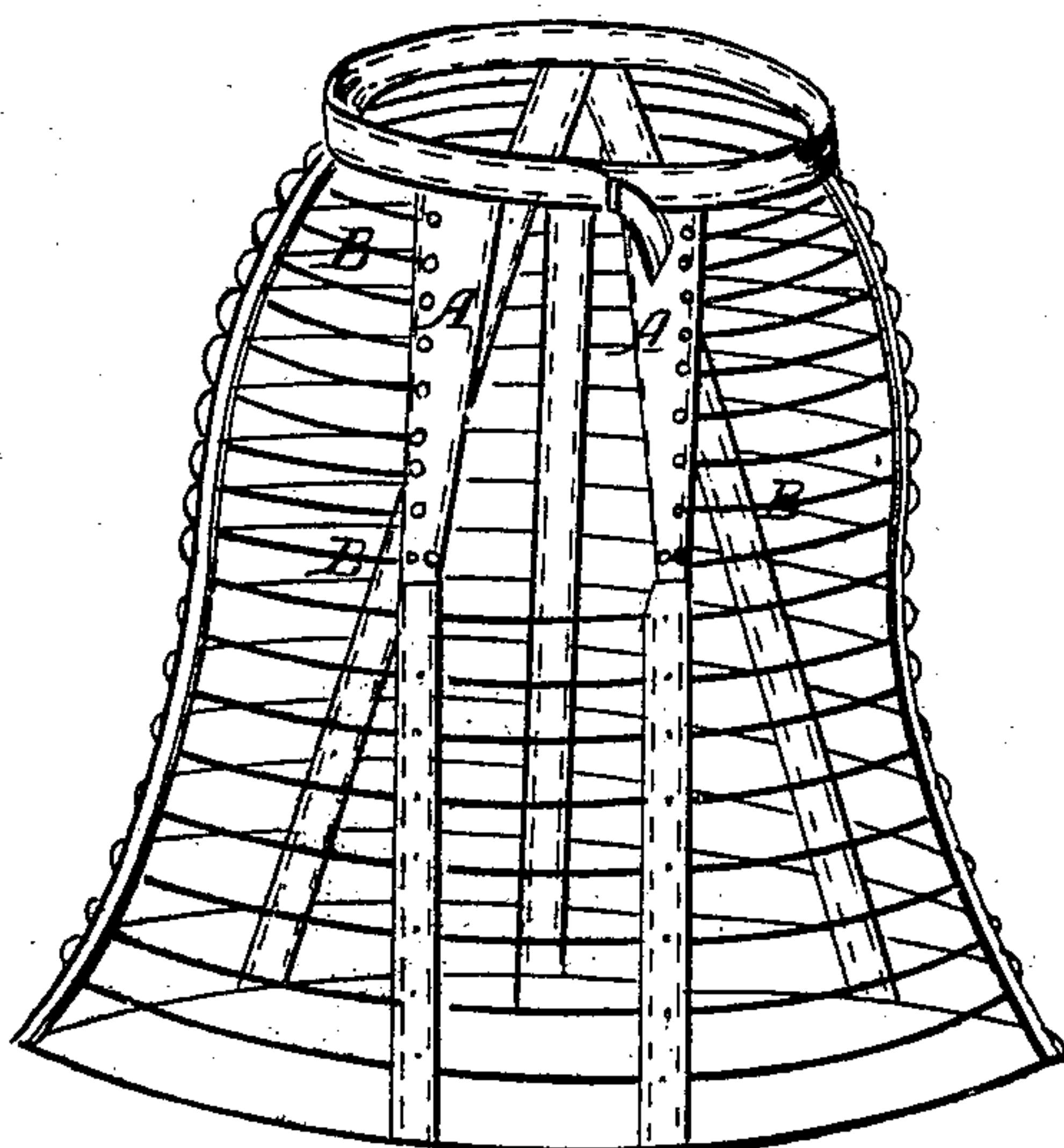


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Fig. 1.



WITNESSES

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IMPROVEMENT IN COVERED CLASPS FOR 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, FRANCIS E. DAY, of the city, county, and State of New York, 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 same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms part of this specification.

My invention consists in a new device or clasp for securing the ends of the upper hoops to the tabs, in the manufacture of hoop-skirts, whereby the skirt is given a neater finish, and all liability of soiling the clothes by the corrosion of the ordinary fastenings is obviated.

In the accompanying drawings—

Figure 1 is a front view of a hoop-skirt showing my invention.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of my invention.

Figure 3 is a central vertical section of said fastening.

Inasmuch as my present invention relates only to a particular portion of a hoop-skirt, I shall letter only such parts as may be referred to in describing my improvement.

A A designate the tabs on either side of the opening in the front of the skirt, which is left to enable the skirt to be adjusted upon the wearer, the continuity of a few of the upper hoops B B being broken, in order to leave such opening, their ends being secured to the tabs A A.

The universal mode of securing each "bustle-hoop" is by a metallic fastening, consisting of a head and two prongs, the latter being pushed through the tab and clasped around the wire or hoop, the head resting on the face of the tab.

The better class of the fastenings are made of silvered brass, and the others of ordinary tin. Metal is always likely to tarnish and corrode, and if the skirts be kept on exhibition for some time, such fastenings become more or less tarnished, which of course injures the sale of the skirt; and further than this, when the metal corrodes, the rust is likely to get on the clothes of the lady and injure them.

I remove all these objections by securing the hoops in the tabs by means of a covered fastening.

In figs. 2 and 3, I have illustrated the metallic fastening ordinarily used, consisting of a head, *a*, and two prongs, *b b*.

It is provided with a covering of silk, *c*, which is shown as merely drawn over the head *a* of the fastening, the edges being pressed into the concave portion, and a piece of pasteboard, *d*, with some glue on its under side, for better security being crowded down in said cavity.

The above is a very simple manner of effecting the covering, but various ways of accomplishing the covering of the metallic fastenings may be resorted to, and different fabrics and materials may be employed, and various-colored fabrics or materials may be employed for the covering of the fastenings. The drawing shows a covering of red silk, and thus a pleasing contrast with the white skirt is produced.

My invention provides a more neat and attractive skirt, obviates all liability of the clothes of the lady being soiled by the corrosion of the fastenings, and enables the manufacturer to use a fastening made of a metal less expensive than silver metal, which is at present employed in making all first-class skirts, and a neater finish is given to the entire article.

I will remark that uncovered metallic fastenings, similar to those used on the tabs, are sometimes used to connect the lower hoop of a skirt to the tapes. I purpose using in such places the covered fastening above described, or wherever else the same may be applicable about a skirt.

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

A covered fastening for securing the hoops to the tabs and tapes, in the manufacture of hoop-skirts, substantially as herein specified.

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