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Hoop Shirt.

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Fig: 1.

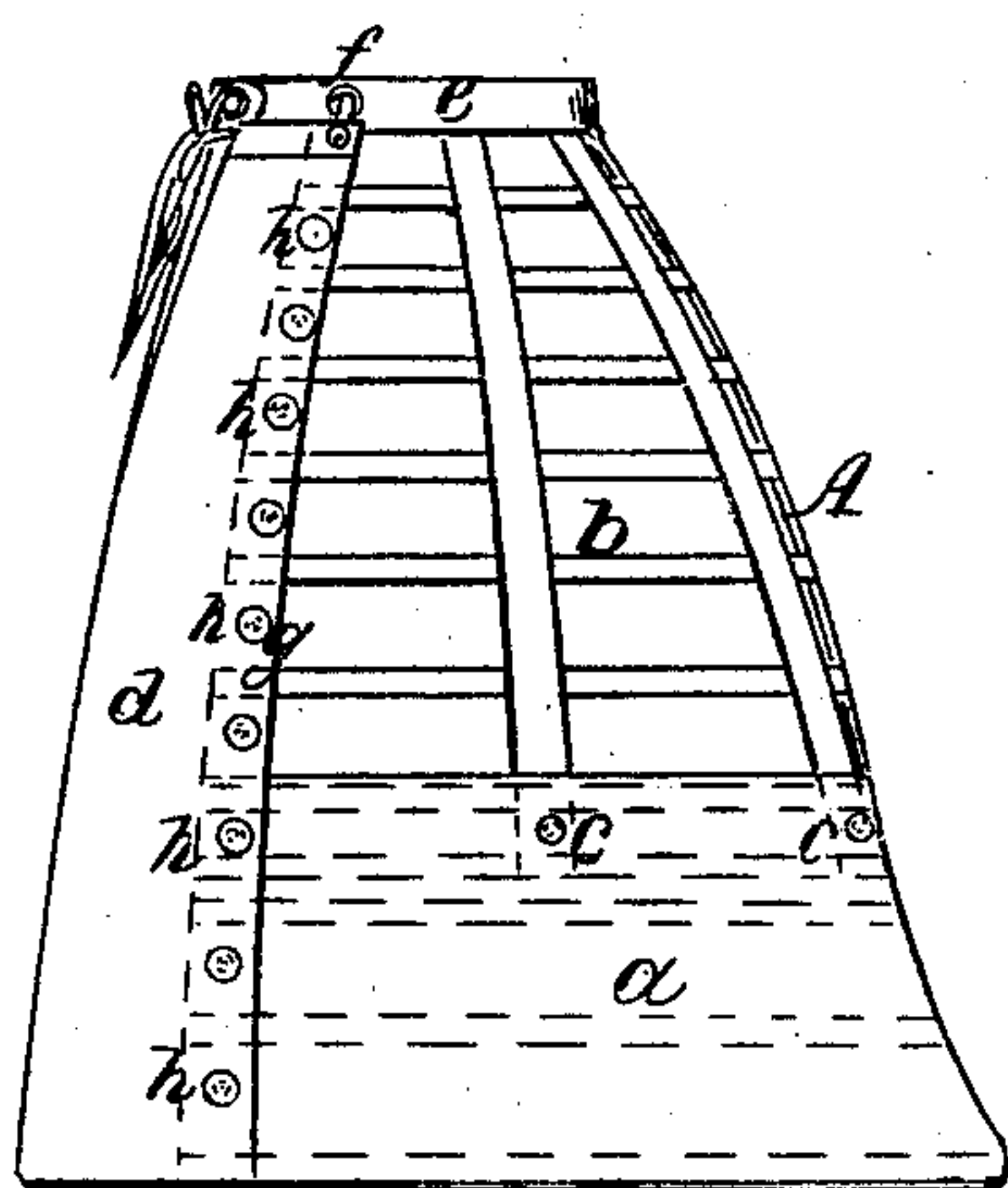
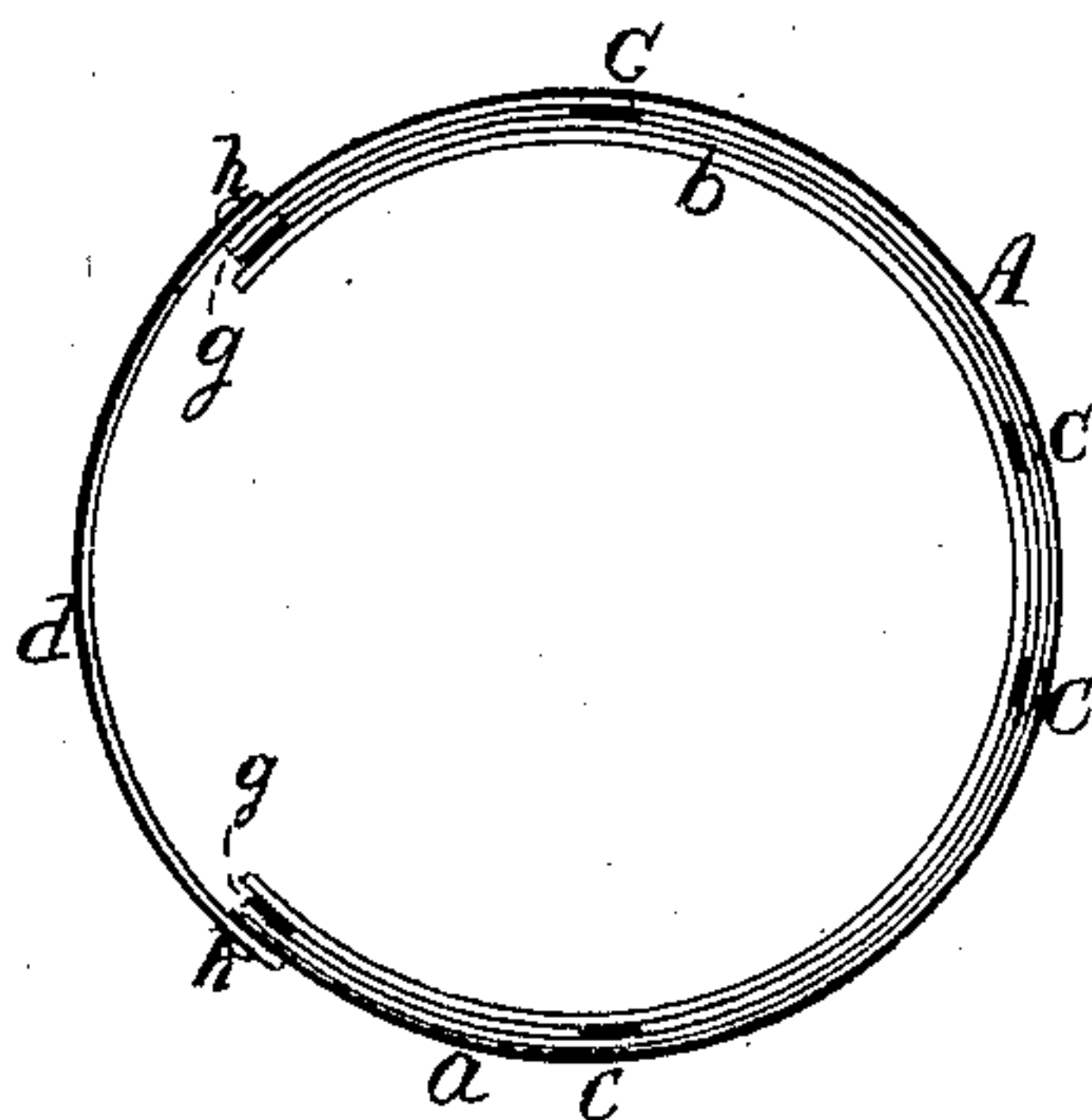


Fig: 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HOOP-SKIRTS.

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

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that we, JOHN WHITEHEAD, and JOHN MCKEEVER, both of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hoop-Skirts; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which drawing—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of this invention.

Figure 2 is a horizontal section thereof.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists—

First, in the arrangement of an apron, in combination with an open front hoop-skirt, said apron being secured to the waistband, and to the tapes which support the open ends of the hoops, by hooks, buttons, or other suitable fastenings, in such a manner that, by said apron, the open ends of the hoops are prevented from sticking out and injuring the dress worn over the hoop-skirt; and, furthermore, if the apron is soiled, it can be readily removed for washing.

Second, our invention consists in providing a hoop-skirt with a removable bottom part, and a removable apron down the front of the skirt, which is formed with an open space, as will hereinafter be more fully described.

A represents a hoop-skirt, the bottom part, *a*, of which is secured to the main part, *b*, by means of buttons, *c*, or other suitable fastenings, so that it can be readily detached for the purpose of washing it, or replacing it by another bottom, of the same or different description.

In hoop-skirts of the ordinary construction, the bottom part, which is most liable to become soiled or worn, cannot be removed, and, when the bottom part

is soiled or worn out, the skirt must generally be thrown away. If the bottom part of our skirt becomes soiled, it can be readily removed and washed, and when it is worn out, it can be easily replaced by another bottom part, without disturbing the main part of the skirt.

When the skirt *A* is made with an open front, as shown, we attach to it an apron, *d*, which is connected to the waistband *e* by hooks *f*, or other suitable fastenings, and to the tapes *g*, which support the open ends of the hoops, by means of button *h*, or other suitable fastenings. This apron prevents the open ends of the hoops from injuring the dress worn over the hoop-skirt, and, when it is soiled, it can be readily removed and washed. If desired, the hoop-skirt can be worn without the apron.

We do not claim a removable bottom part as new in itself, as we are aware such has been used before; but, having thus described our invention,

We claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The apron *d*, removably attached at the sides of the open space, which extends from the top to the bottom of the skirt, and covering said space, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

2. A skirt formed with an open front extending throughout its length, and provided with a removable apron, *d*, and a removable bottom part, *a*, which does not continue entirely around the skirt, but is attached to the tapes at the sides of the opening, in the front of the skirt, substantially as and for the purposes herein shown and described.

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