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DRESS AND SKIRT PROTECTOR.

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FIG. 1.

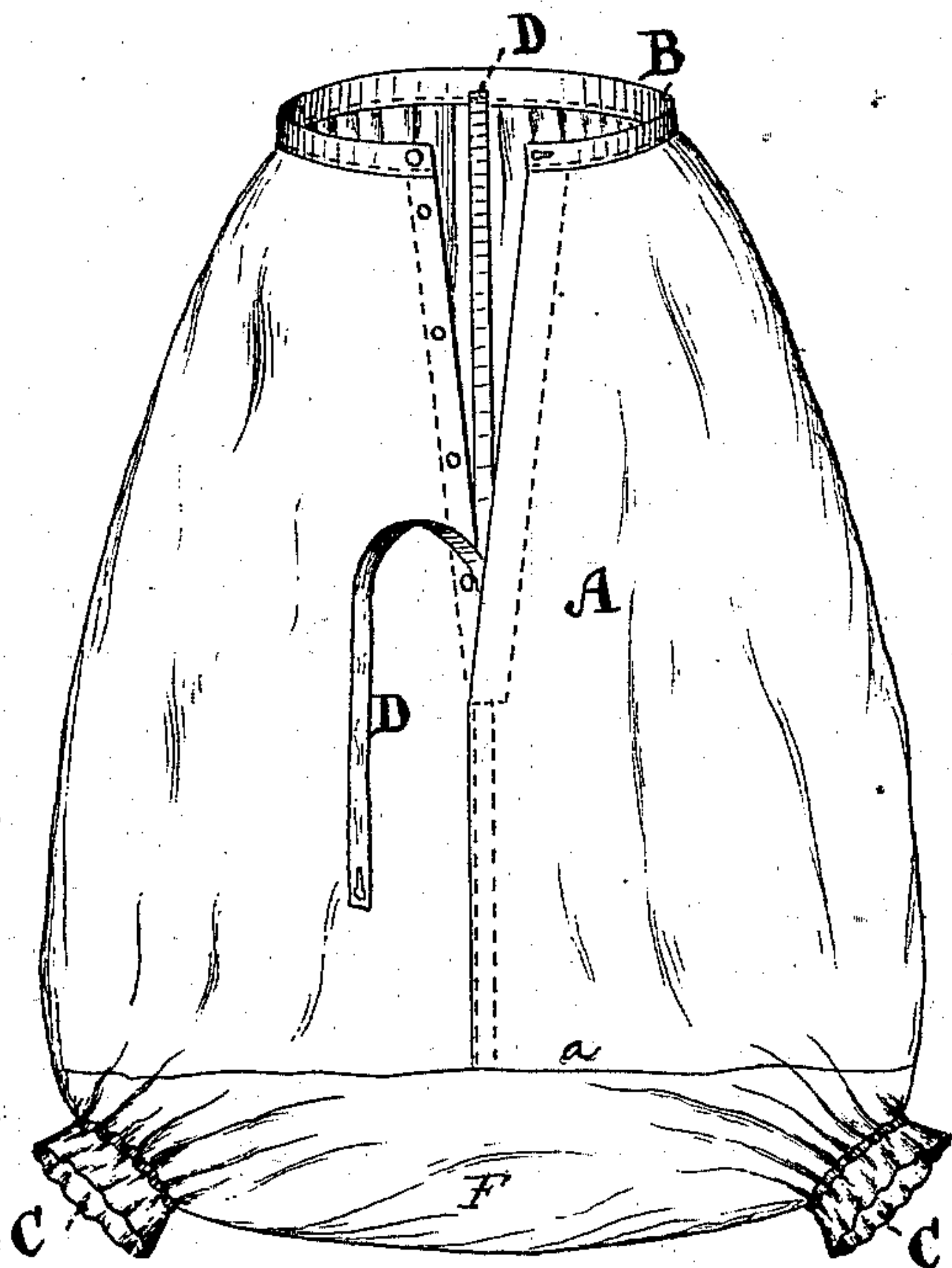


FIG. 2.

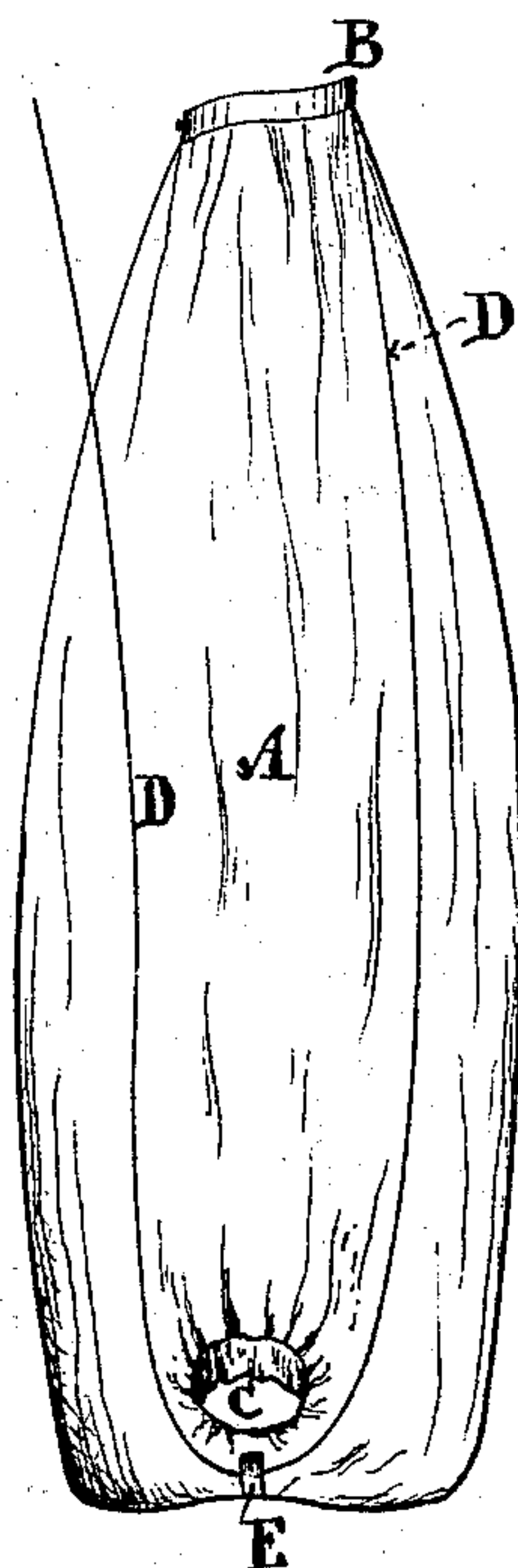


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GILBERT BAKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, (Charlestown district,) in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress and Skirt Protectors; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a covering for the protection of ladies' dresses and skirts against wet and mud; and the invention consists of a garment answering the purpose of a skirt, having its upper part to extend around and be supported at the waist, and its lower portion closed, with the exception of two apertures—one at each end—through which the feet of the wearer are passed, the garment or protector being drawn up over the dress and skirts from below.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same, and Fig. 3 represents my invention as practically applied.

A is what may be termed a "skirt," having a waistband, B, at the upper end, and an opening in front extending about half-way down, more or less, and provided with buttons or other fastenings. The lower portion of the skirt A is closed, this portion being of an oblong or oval shape, instead of circular. At or near each end of the lower portion are openings *c c*, which are to be provided with elastic bands to insure a close fit around the ankles.

D is a tape or strap attached to the waist B behind, and, extending downward, passes through a loop, E, attached to the center of the lower part of the protector on the inside, and again passes up, and may be secured to

the waist or other part of the dress. The object of the strap D is to draw up the lower central portion of the protector A, so as to prevent it from touching the ground and to admit of a free use of the feet and limbs in walking. The strap also serves to elevate the dress and skirts.

The lower portion, F, is usually made separate from the main portion A of the protector, the two being joined together at the line *a* by stitching, cement, or otherwise.

The protector, when designed to keep off wet, mud, &c., is to be made of rubber or other water-proof material. It may be also made of woolen or other suitable material, to be used in traveling. A covering for the feet and lower part of the legs may be connected to the garment at the openings C, if desirable, and made a part of the garment. When the garment is to be worn, it is drawn up over the dress and skirts from below, the feet passing through the openings *c c*, and is then fastened around the waist. The strap D is then drawn up and secured to the waist. When properly arranged, the portion at the line *a* represents the lower edge of the garment at about the level of the ankles, and is not distinguishable from a dress or outer skirt. As will be seen, the garment affords a complete protection to the dress and skirts against mud and water, thus enabling women who are obliged to walk to their places of occupation during wet weather to pursue their work in dry clothes.

What I claim as my invention is—

As a new article of manufacture, a skirt and dress protector consisting of waistband B, skirt A, bottom F, provided with ankle-openings C, strap D, and loop E, all arranged in the manner and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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