

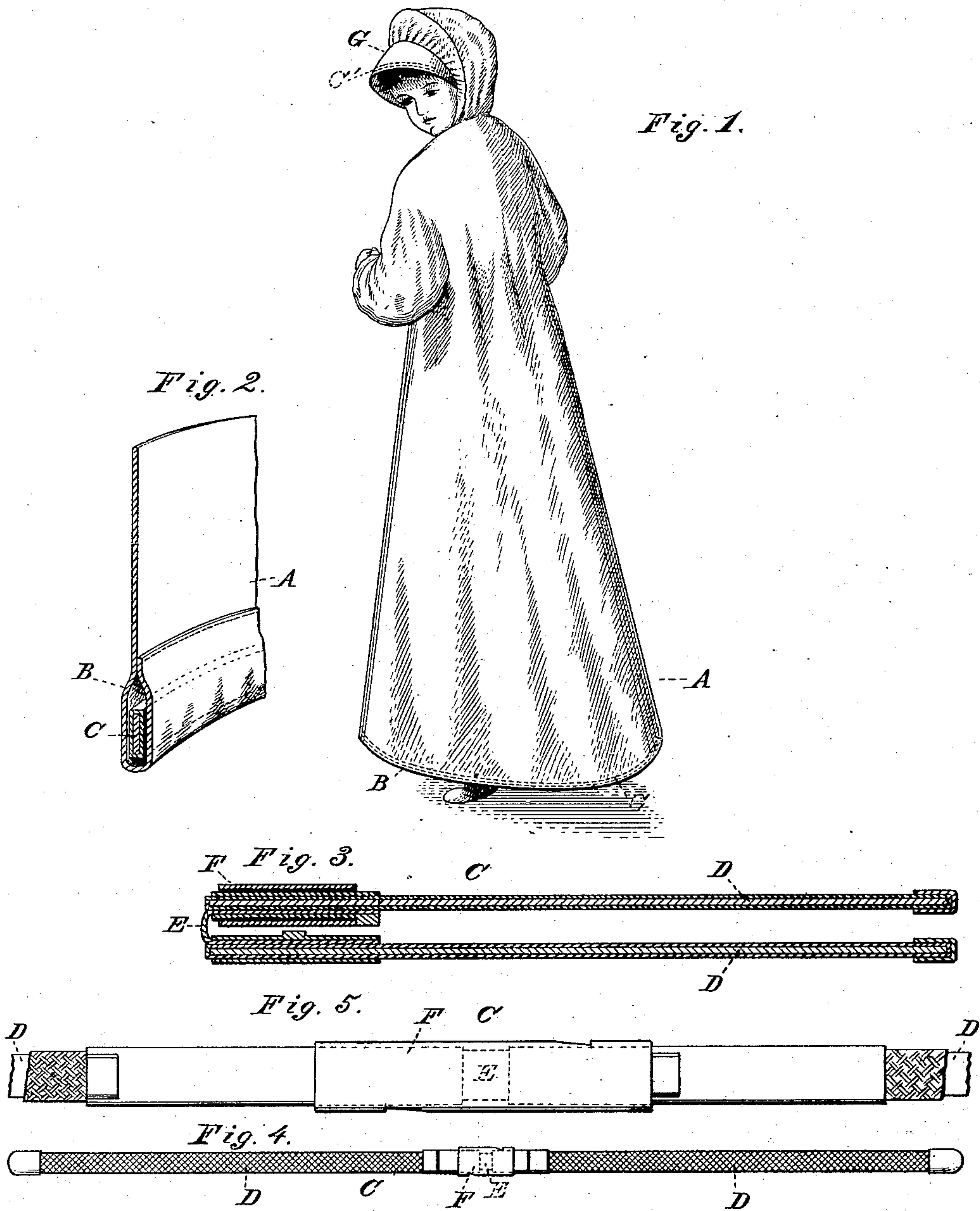
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ADJUSTABLE CLOTHING-STIFFENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARRIE FOOTE MARSH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Clothing-Stiffeners; 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 letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of this invention, and shows a perspective view of a water-proof wrap to which the stiffeners are applied. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective section of a portion of the casing with the stiffener. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section through one of the jointed stiffeners folded. Fig. 4 is a view of the broad side of the same adjusted for use. Fig. 5 is an enlarged detail view of a portion of the same.

The object of this invention is to provide means for stiffening the edges, and especially the lower edges, of thin oil-cloth or rubber-cloth over-garments usually called "gossamer" cloaks or wraps, for the purpose of preventing the edge from flapping inward or about the feet and soiling the skirts and stockings.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the lower edge of the skirt of a gossamer cloak, at or near which is formed a casing or box-plait, as indicated at B. In this

casing is inserted the jointed stiffener C, which is composed of the strip sections D, of metal, which are preferably covered with cloth. These strip-sections D are connected by flexible joints E of the cloth, each section being provided with a sliding sleeve, F, adapted, when the stiffener is in position in the casing, to be slipped over the joint to stiffen the same. When, however, the stiffener is withdrawn from the casing, the sleeves may be slipped away from the joints, so that the sections may be folded together and carried with the gossamer in the small compass in which that article is generally folded.

To the head-piece of the gossamer is attached a fore-flap, G, adapted to come forward over the upper part of the face to protect it from rain, and in the edge of this flap is made a casing adapted to receive a similar jointed strip-stiffener, C', which serves to hold the flap down in proper position to give the desired protection.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A stiffener for the edges of gossamer cloaks, consisting of strip-sections connected by flexible joints and sleeve-joint stiffeners, substantially as specified.

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

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