

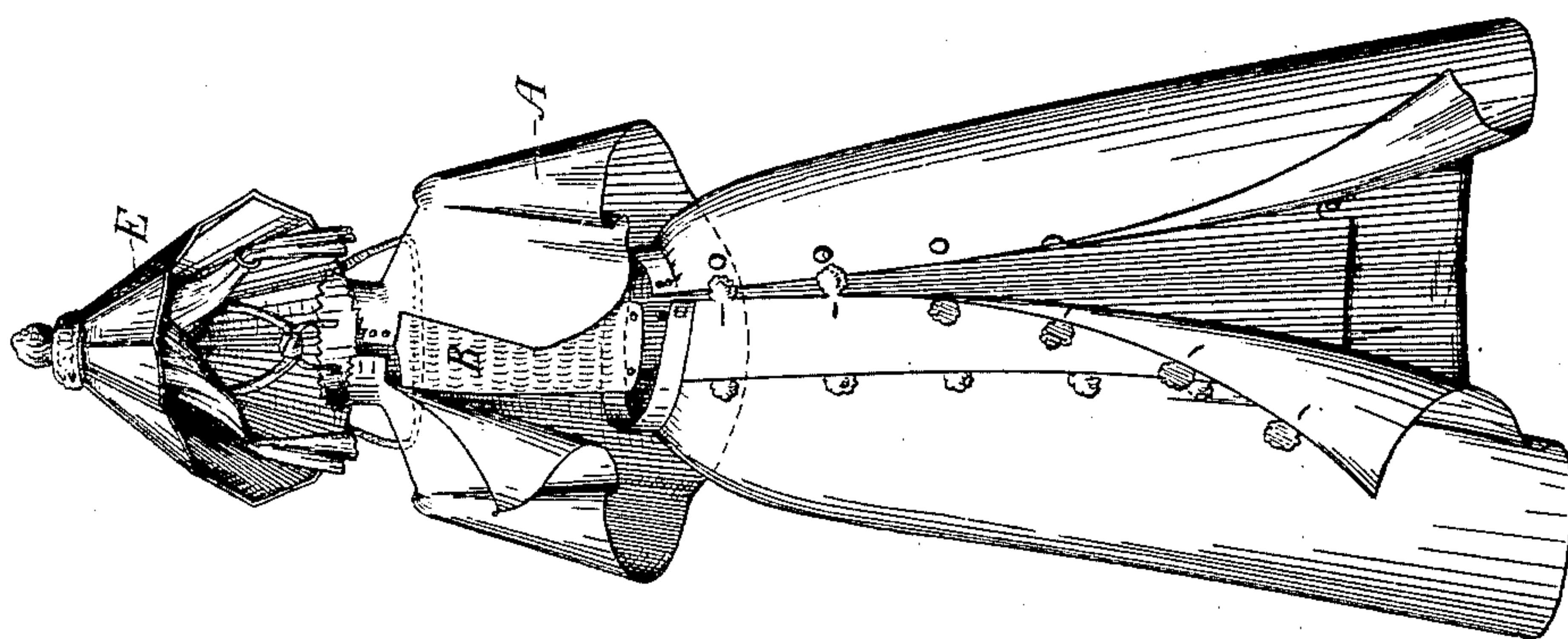
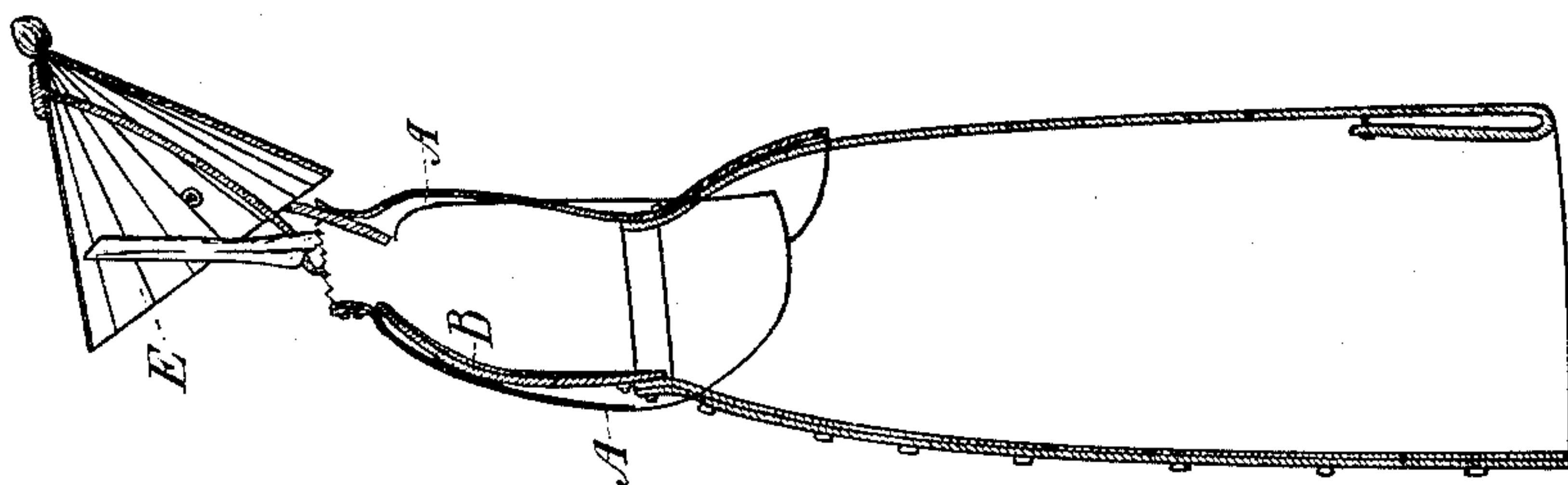
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAGGIE BOYD, of Riverside, county of San Bernardino, State of California, have invented an Improvement in a Storm-Shield and Overdress; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a novel protection against storms, which is especially adapted to ladies' use, and which I term the "storm-shield, head-umbrella, and skirt-protector."

It consists of a waist or body-piece that shields the front and upper portion of the body, an umbrella-shaped head-piece attached to or connected with said waist, and a skirt having a protecting fold or flap extending from the lower rear edge, so that it may be used to incase and protect the skirts of the wearer.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention, Figure 1 is a view of my dress. Fig. 2 is a section showing the relative arrangement of the parts.

A is the body piece or cape, the lower portion of which fits across the back, and has an extension hanging down a short distance behind, so as to cover the rear upper portion of the skirt. The front portion of this cape is brought together and secured around the neck, and it has secured to it the breast-piece B, which extends downward across the chest of the wearer, and has the lower end secured to the front of the skirt by hooks, buttons, or other suitable fastenings. This chest-piece may be lined with woolen or other suitable fabric, and the lower edges of the cape or body-piece are drawn across the outside of the front and secured by rings or other fastenings in the lower edge of the breast-piece. This prevents any entrance of rain or wind.

The cape thoroughly protects the front part of the body from wind or cold.

Through the shoulders of this cape or body-piece openings are made, through which strings pass having buttons or fastenings up-

on their outer ends. To these fastenings the rear portions of the hood or head-piece are secured.

This head-piece or hood is composed of rigid extension-pieces, similar to those used for an umbrella, and has an exterior covering, E, of rubber or other water-proof material. Around the interior and front of the hood are veils, secured to the lower edge, each one crossing over the head on opposite sides and passing through a ring, by which it may be drawn down. These ends pass around under the chin, and may be tied there, so as to secure the umbrella in place and prevent its being blown off by the wind. If the storm is not severe, the veil may be held in the front piece and used as a veil.

The shoulder attachment may be raised or lowered, as required, to suit the position of the head-piece. If the veil is not required, it may be drawn away from the front and crossed over the hood, then drawn through the rings.

The skirt portion is secured around the waist, and drops over the ordinary skirts or clothing which are worn, and it has at the rear an extension of the same material of suitable length, the end of which is folded and provided with suitable fastenings, to be secured to the under or flannel skirt, when in use. The skirts are then all incased within this protecting extension, and are prevented from becoming wet or muddy while walking.

When this device is not in use, it is folded up beneath the rear portion of the water-proof skirt and buttoned or otherwise secured, so that the whole device would lie outside of the ordinary dress-skirt. By this construction I provide a protecting-garment which will entirely incase the wearer and protect her from wind or rain.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with the cape or body-piece, of the expansible hood or umbrella, the fastening-straps by which it is attached

to the shoulders, and the means for securing it and holding it on the head, substantially as herein described.

2. The umbrella or expansible hood or head-
5 piece attached to the shoulders, in combination with cape or body-piece, as shown, and the veil or fabric having the ends secured to the hood passing through rings at the side, so

that the ends may be secured beneath the chin, substantially as herein described. 10

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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