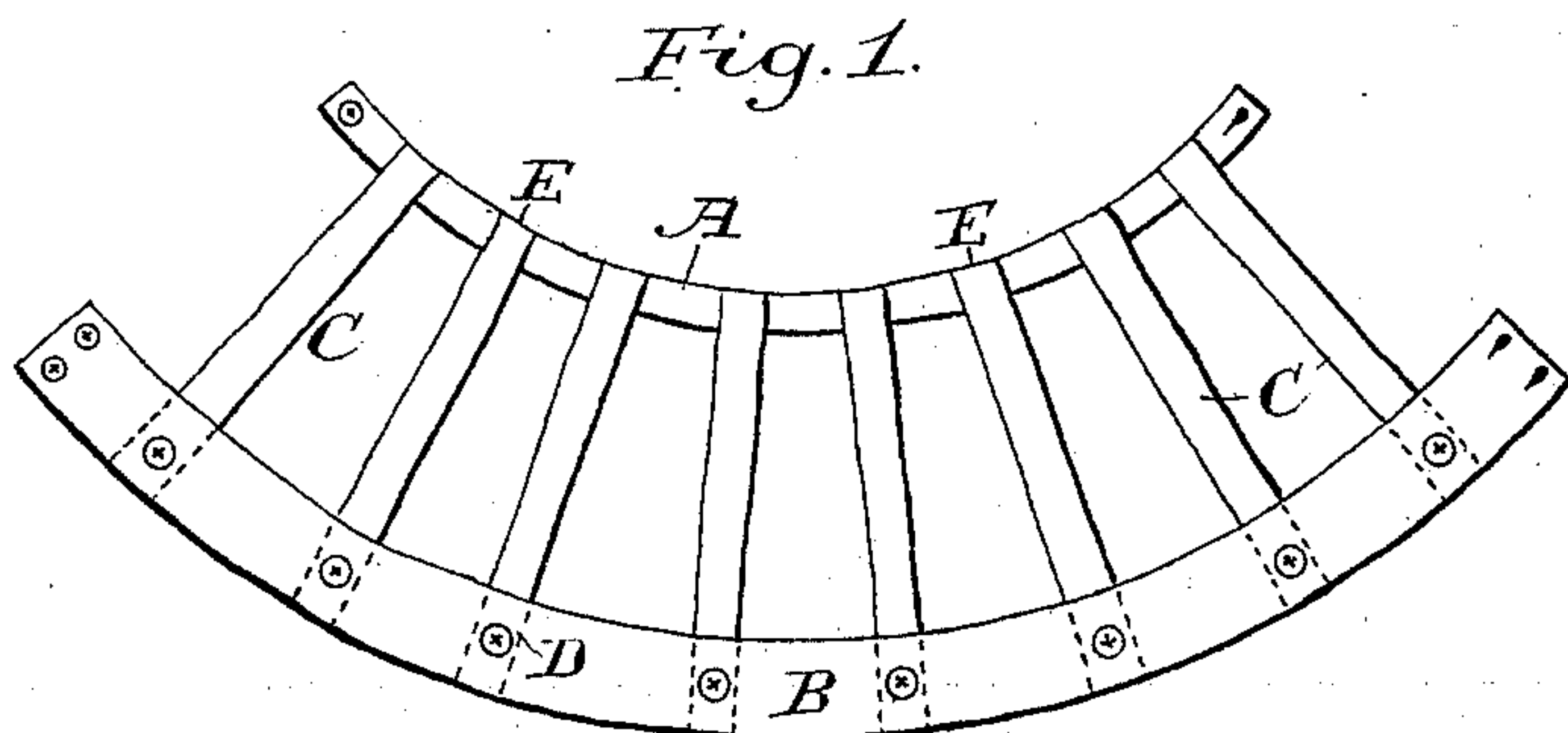


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELLA MATILDA REYNOLDS, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Skirt-Band, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in women's wearing-apparel; and the object of my improvements is to provide a garment by which corpulent and short-waisted women may wear below the hip-joints bands, yokes, gathers, and other tops of skirts and under-clothing whatsoever pendent from the waist, thus reducing the artificial and apparently the natural circumference of the hips, and lengthening, likewise, the waist. I attain this object by a skirt-band, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which consists of two parallel belts, from three to ten inches apart, designated by A and B in the illustration marked Figure 1, one belt, A, passing around the waist, and the other, B, encompassing the hips, being connected by numerous strap-supports, two of which are marked C. The lower belt, B, is wider and of a heavier and firmer texture than the upper, A, and is provided with a number of buttons or other catches, indicated by little circles in the drawings, to which are attached the underclothing aforesaid, and which are severally supported from the up-

per belt by the strap-connections. As the dotted lines in the diagram show at D, the supports are fastened on the inside of the lower belt precisely opposite the buttons or catches, and upon the upper belt at E they are looped to slide, so as to be adjustable to any waist. These loops, however, are securely fastened to the belt when properly adjusted, and where measurements of the waist and hips are known they are superfluous, as the straps are at once secured in their proper places.

The material used in the skirt-band, with the exception of the texture of the lower belt, before mentioned, is belting, webbing, or any other thin cloth.

Fig. 2 of the drawings shows the application of the invention.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The herein-described skeleton skirt-band, the same consisting of an upper and a lower belt, substantially parallel with each other, provided with connecting members and with devices for securing the ends of the belts together about the person of the wearer, and with means attached to the lower belt for securing the skirts thereto.

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