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Fig. 1.

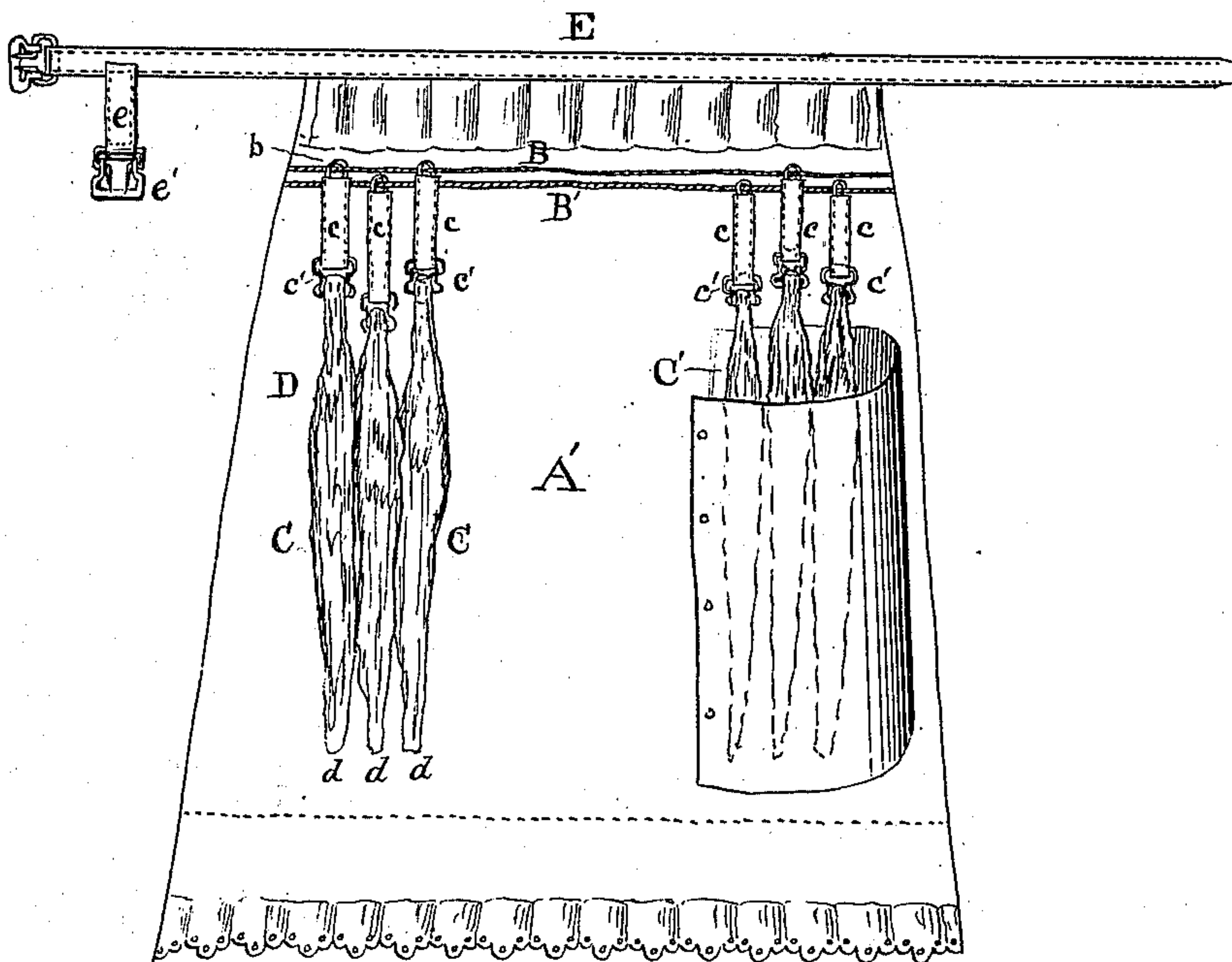
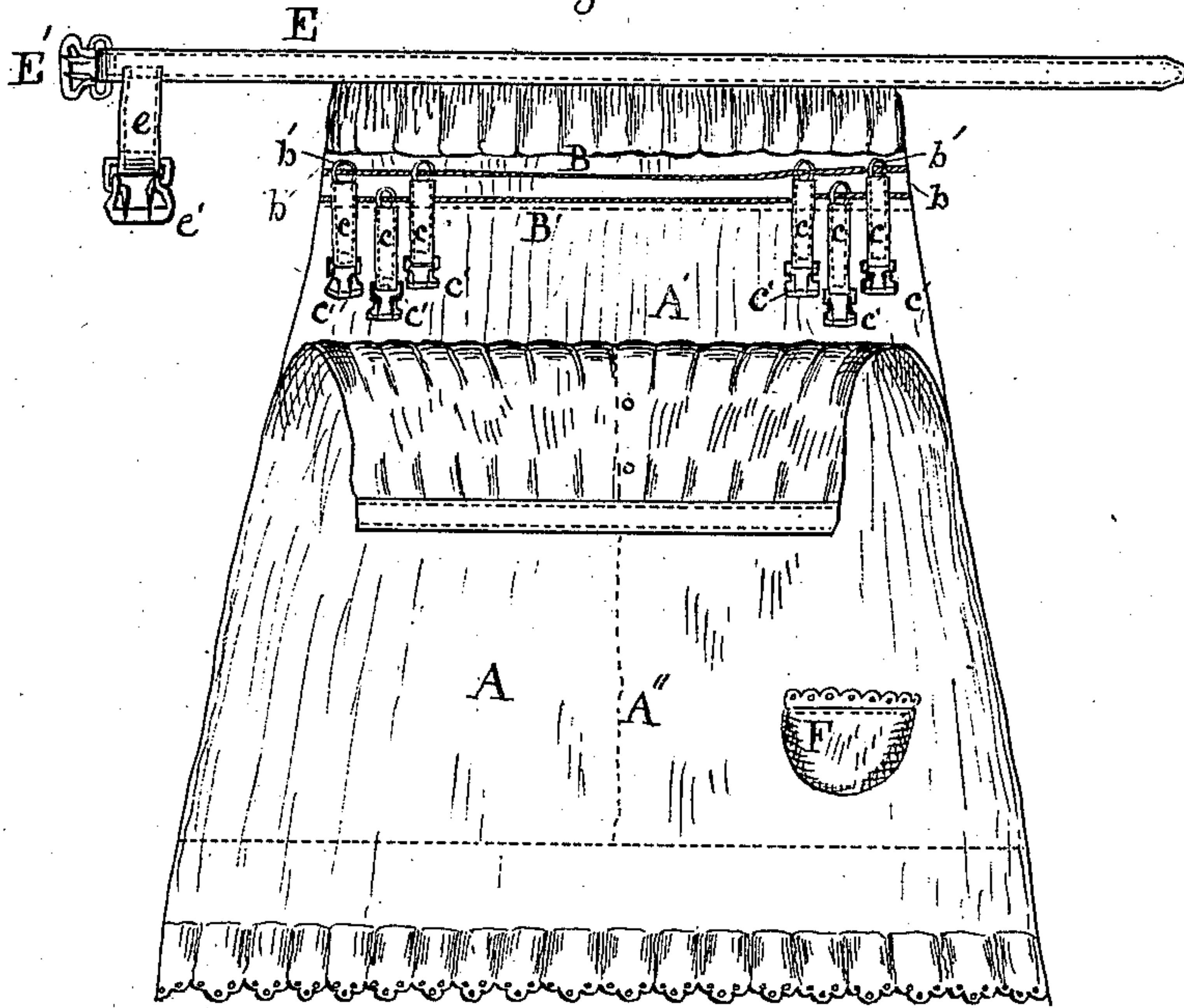


Fig. 2.

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SAFETY-SKIRT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MARGUREITE A. SUTTON and ANNA O. WOOD, citizens of the United States, residing, respectively, at Arlington and Frederick city, in the counties of Baltimore and Frederick and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-Skirts; and we 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.

This invention relates to that class of ladies underwear called "safety-skirts," which will be hereinafter more fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 represents an underskirt with the invention attached to the inside thereof, having the front part of the skirt turned down to show the devices. Fig. 2 shows the inside of the skirt, the front part being entirely removed where the invention is applied to practical use.

The object of this invention is to furnish to females subjected to natural issues a ready supply of diaper-cloths when traveling or absent from their homes.

A is a skirt made in the usual form and manner, and which may be of ordinary goods for such articles, or may be of the best silk-gum, which is preferable, as it is fine, flexible, pure, odorless, and durable. It is to be worn entirely on the back, and is fastened by the band E and buckle E', which clasp the waist in front. It can be in use day or night, thereby affording a constant supply always at hand, relieving the wearer of much anxiety as to accidents and of much trouble and embarrassment. The outside half, A', is composed of silk-gum, which is to be lined on the inside with the best quality of linen diaper and furnished with two slip-cords, B B', which are fastened at their ends b b' to the skirt, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2. On each of these cords B B' are suspended by rings b' b' b' three or more elastic straps, c c c, having small buckles c' c' c' at their lower ends. By these rings the straps c c c can be moved from one side to the other of the skirt. To these buckles c' c' c' are attached the clean napkins C, as seen in

Fig. 2, as many as may be thought requisite for the time. They are all placed on the right side of the wearer, which is shown in Fig. 2, to the left, where three such are represented. These diapers rest against the fine linen diaper-lining, heretofore referred to. In this lining is also an envelope or long pocket, C', Fig. 2, made of water-proof material, into which pocket the soiled napkins are to be slipped as they are detached from use, still suspended by straps c c c from the cords B B'. On one side of the skirt, Fig. 1, is a small pocket, F, to hold a sponge or package of sachet-powder or other deodorizer.

This skirt, when worn, is placed entirely behind the person, and fastened around the waist by the band E and buckle E'. The pendent strap e, with its buckle e', is in front of the wearer. When one of the napkins is to be applied, the placket A'' in the skirt which is next the person is unbuttoned, a napkin is drawn through the opening A' and brought under the body, and the end d inserted and fastened in the buckle e'. When the napkin is to be removed, the end d is released from the buckle e', and the whole is slipped into the pocket C' on the other side of the skirt.

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

1. In a safety-garment, the cords B B', in combination with the series of sliding pendent straps, and the skirt A, provided with suitable devices to secure it to the back of the wearer, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. The combination, with the skirt, of the cords, pendent straps thereon adapted to carry the napkins, and the pendent strap attached to the waistband, substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. The combination of the skirt A, provided with band E and buckle E', the slip-cords B B', fastened within said skirt, and the series of straps c, having buckles c', and suspended on the cords by rings b', substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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