

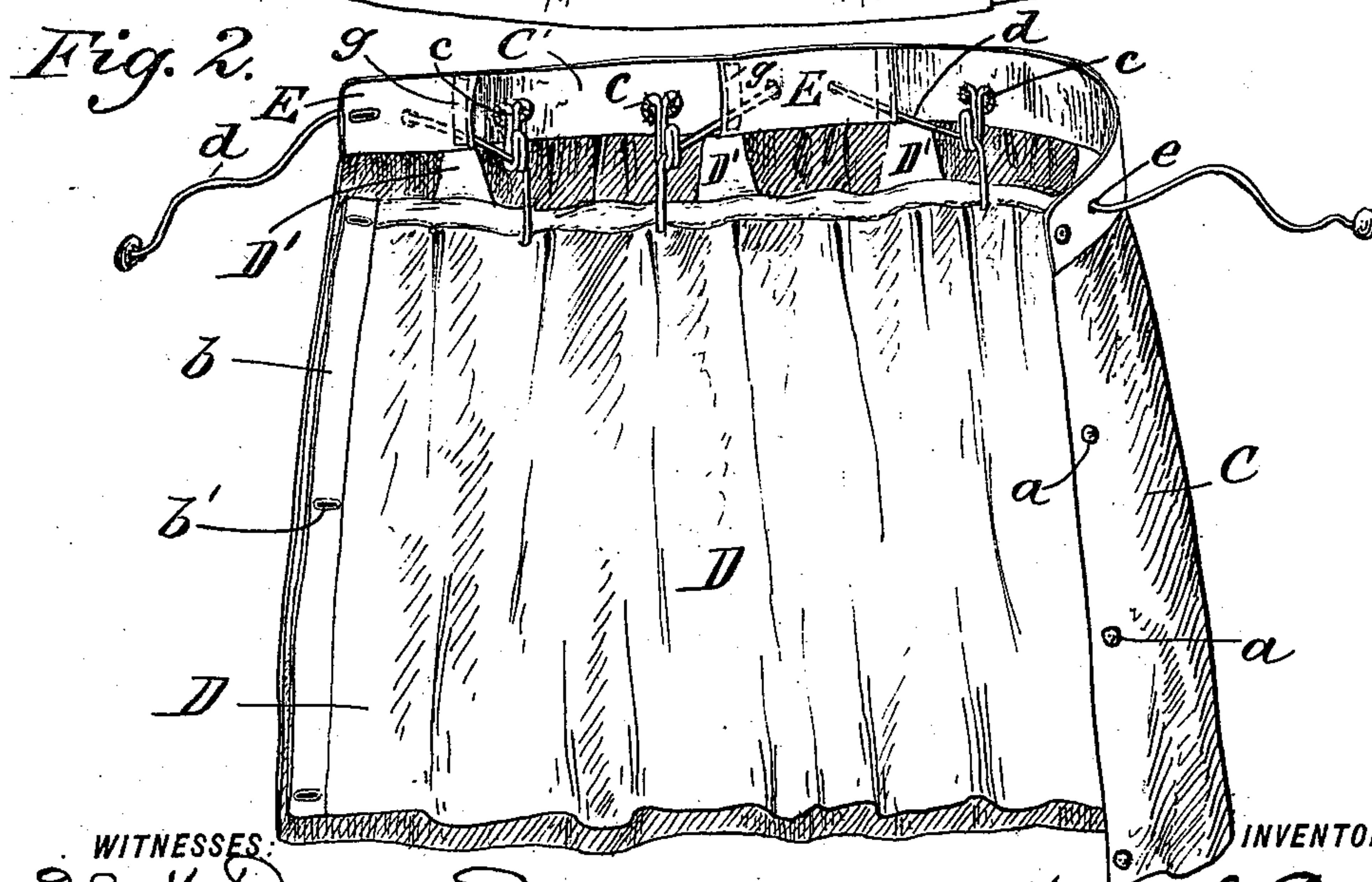
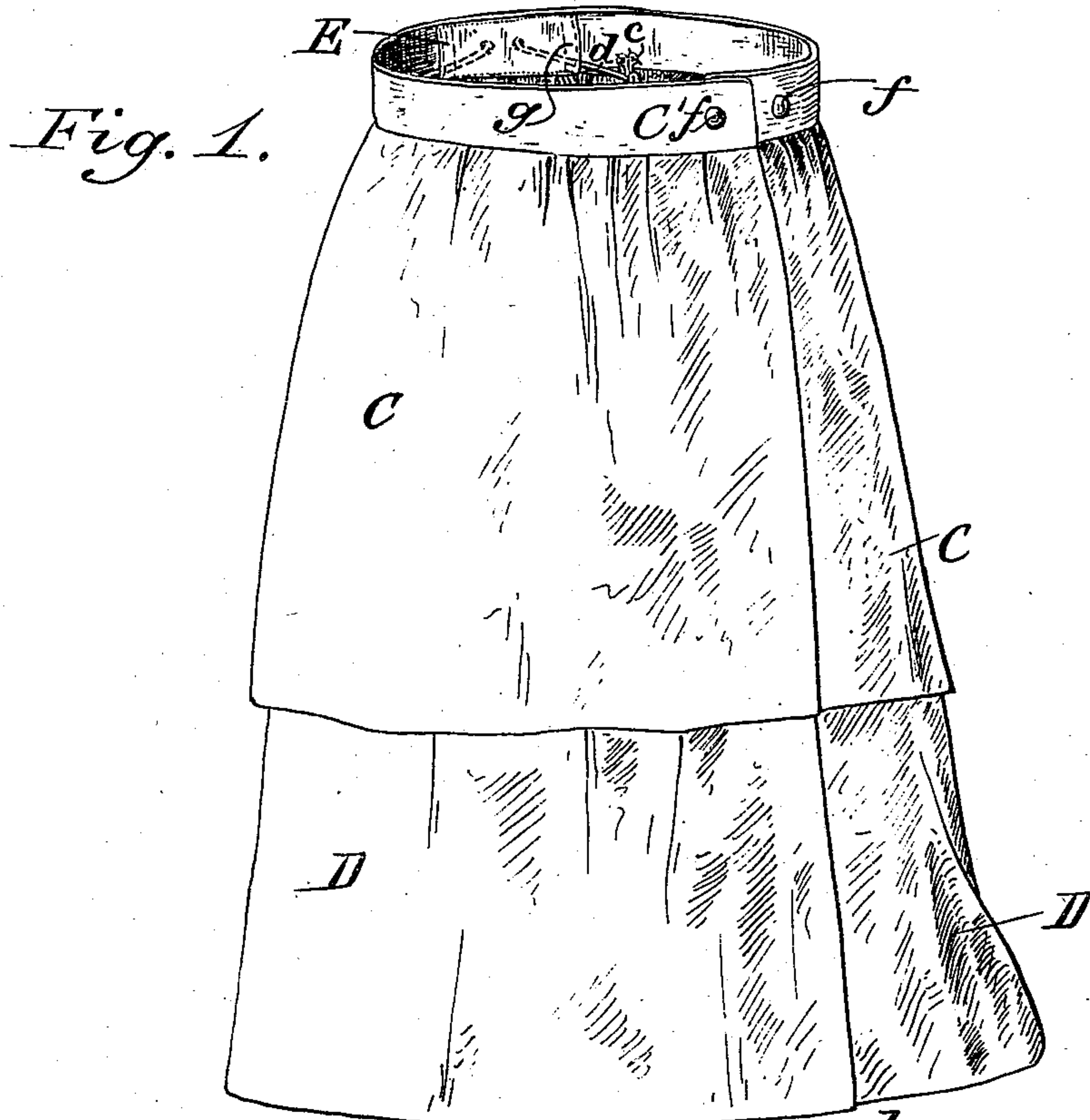
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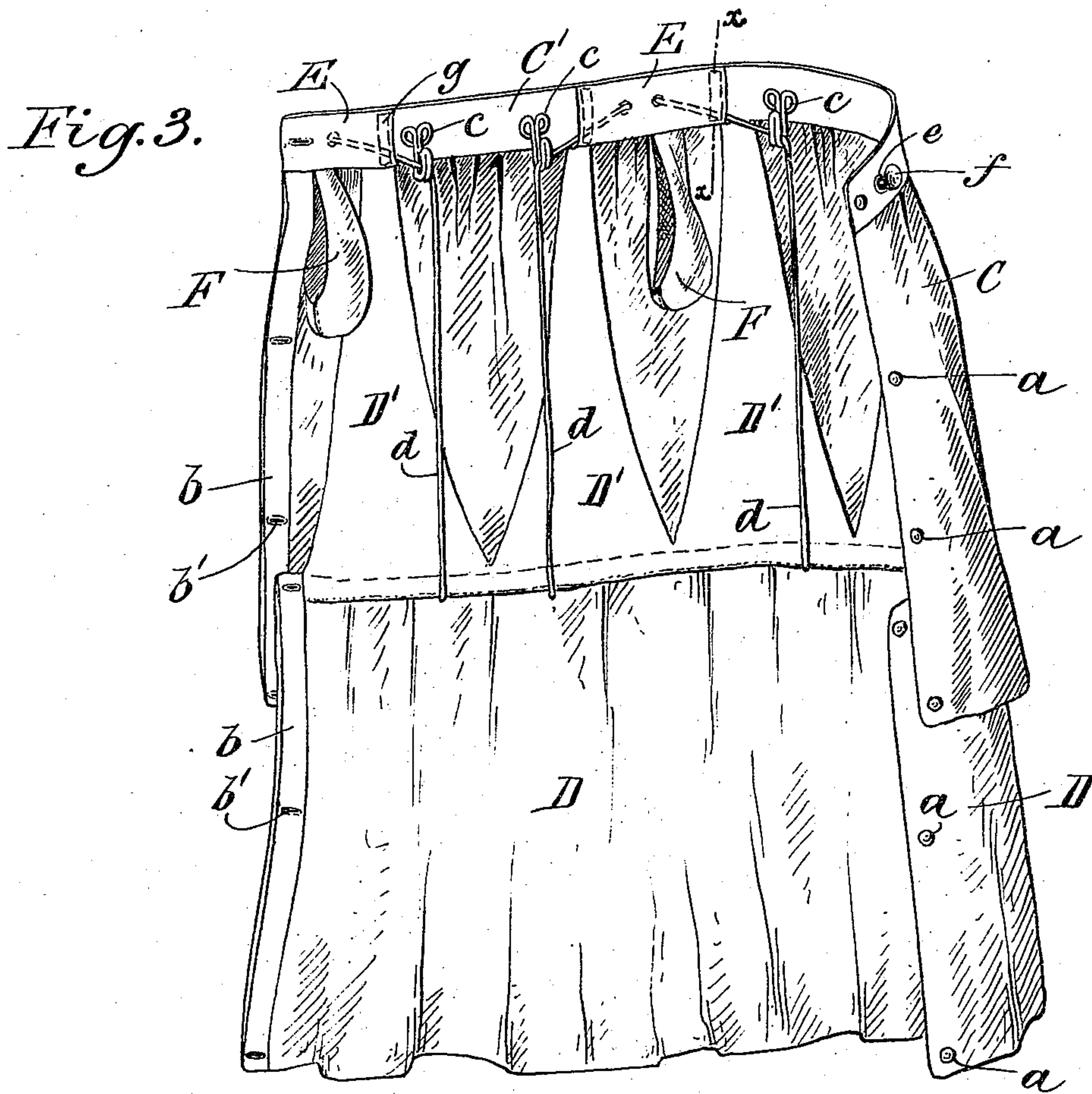
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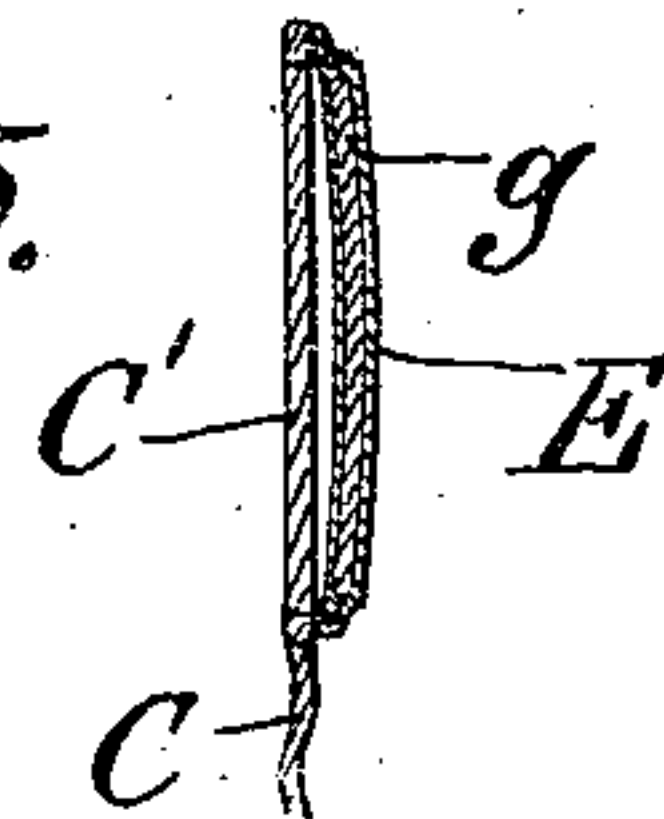
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*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*



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## BICYCLE AND WALKING COSTUME.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MATTIE L. PECK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Bicycle and Walking Costume, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

This invention relates to combined bicycle and walking costumes, and has for its object to provide a device of this character, the skirt of which may be transformable from the usual length necessary for a walking-skirt to such short dimensions as will enable the same to be worn upon a bicycle while seated thereon without interference with the natural motions of propelling the vehicle.

Heretofore bicycle costumes have comprised either long skirts, which are awkward to wear upon the wheel, short skirts, which, however, are embarrassing to wear either when riding or more particularly when off the wheel temporarily, or bloomers, which are open to similar and still greater objections than the latter.

By the use of my invention, which consists in the novel construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts, I am able to provide a costume which, when cycling, permits the utmost freedom of motion, while not being unsightly or otherwise objectionable, and which may at once be transformed when desired into a walking-skirt indistinguishable from the usual style.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective elevation of the skirt forming part of a costume embodying my invention as it appears upon the wearer when adapted for use as a walking-skirt. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the interior of the same transposed into a bicycle-skirt and opened out to more clearly illustrate the construction. Fig. 3 is a similar view to the preceding figure of the skirt returned to its normal form. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a person mounted upon a bicycle and wearing my improved skirt. Fig. 5 is a detail view of the upper band of the skirt, being a section taken upon the line *xx*, Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawings, it will be ob-

served that the costume, of which my improved skirt may form a part, may comprise the usual waist, jacket, or other upper garment A, which, however, forms no part of my invention, a pair of bloomers B, and a skirt C extending to or beyond the knees and having beneath the same a skirt D, of the usual length employed in a walking costume, adapted to be elevated to the level of the skirt C.

The skirt C may be of any desired material and is suspended from the band or belt C'. The said skirt is also open at one side, one of the free ends thereof being provided with buttons *a* and the opposite end having secured thereon a longitudinal strip *b*, in which are formed buttonholes *b'*. The skirt D is preferably of similar material to that of the skirt C, and is open in like manner and provided with similar buttons *a*, strip *b*, and buttonholes *b'*. The upper half of this skirt is composed of thin and very light material, such as is used for the linings of dresses, and is cut out to form triangular strips D', the object of such incisions being to render the said upper portion of skeleton form, whereby it will occupy but little space when the main body of the skirt D is drawn upwardly. The strips D' are secured at their upper ends to the band C', from which the skirt D is suspended.

Secured to the band C' upon the interior thereof are hooks *c*, and the said band has secured thereto adjacent to each of the said hooks an auxiliary band or guide piece E. Secured to the top of the main body of the skirt D are cords, ribbons, or tape strings *d*, which extend upwardly around the hooks *c* into the guides E and through openings *e* in the main band C', the said cords being of just sufficient length to extend from the top of the skirt D to the outside of the band C', where they have secured upon the ends thereof the buttons *f*.

The operation or management of the skirt will be readily understood from the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings. The device being in the position shown in Fig. 1 is thus capable for use as a walking-skirt, and it being desired to transform the same into a bicycle-skirt the buttons *f* are grasped and the cords



*e* drawn outwardly, thereby elevating the main body of the skirt *D* until the bottom thereof is above the level of that of the outer skirt *C*, the skeleton upper portion *D'* being  
5 folded or doubled and resting between the said skirt *C* and the skirt *D*.

The cords *d* may be either tied in a bow-knot, in order to be out of sight, or the same may be thrust in the openings or pockets *F*,  
10 which I form in the skirt *C*. In order that the guide-pieces *E* may not sag, or be torn off or worn away by the friction of the cords *d*, I secure thereto upon the inner side strips *g* of whalebone or other rigid material, as more  
15 particularly shown in Figs. 3 and 5.

It will be understood that the skirt is donned by opening the sides of both the outer and inner garments, and when the device is in proper position, and fastening the buttons *a*  
20 within the buttonholes *b'*. The skirt is removed by the converse operation.

I do not confine myself to the exact formation of parts and details herein set forth and illustrated, as the same may be changed or  
25 varied in many particulars to suit the especial grade or material of the costume without altering the nature or principle of my invention, the advantages of which will be obvious.

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

1. In a combined bicycle and walking costume, the combination with a short outer bicycle skirt having a band or belt at the top,  
35 of an inner walking skirt, the main body of which extends from above the bottom of the outer skirt considerably below the same, the said skirt having an upper portion of thin or flimsy material cut out to form strips secured  
40 to the band of the outer skirt and depending therefrom, and cords secured to the top of the main body of the said inner skirt and extending to the band, whereby the said inner skirt may be elevated to the level of the outer skirt,  
45 substantially as shown and described.

2. In a combined bicycle and walking costume, the combination with a short outer bicycle skirt having a band at the top, and open  
50 throughout at the side with means for securing the ends thereof, of an inner walking skirt comprising a lower body extending considerably below the outer skirt, and an upper skeleton portion of thin or flimsy material secured  
55 to the band of the outer skirt, the said inner skirt being also open at the side and pro-

vided with means of fastening, and cords secured to the top of the lower body of the walking skirt and extending upwardly to the band thereon, substantially as shown and described.  
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3. In a combined bicycle and walking costume, the combination with a short outer bicycle skirt having a band at the top and open at the side with means of fastening the same,  
65 of an inner walking skirt comprising a lower body extending considerably below the outer skirt, similarly open and having means of fastening thereon, and an upper skeleton portion of thin or flimsy material secured to the band of the outer skirt and depending there-  
70 from, guide-pieces secured to the said band, hooks adjacent thereto, cords secured to the top of the lower portion of the skirt, extending upwardly around the hooks through the guides and the band to the outside of the  
75 skirt, and buttons upon the said cords, substantially as shown and described.

4. In a combined bicycle and walking costume, the combination with an outer bicycle skirt having a band at the top thereof, and  
80 open at the side throughout, buttons upon one of the ends thereof, and button-holes in the opposite end, of an inner walking skirt comprising a lower main body extending from above the level of the bicycle skirt consider-  
85 ably below the same, the said main body being similarly open and provided with like means of fastening, and an upper skeleton portion of thin or flimsy material cut out to form strips secured to the band of the outer  
90 skirt and depending therefrom, guide-pieces secured to the inside of the band having strengthening strips therein, hooks secured to the said band adjacent thereto, cords secured to the top of the main body of the in-  
95 ner skirt, passing upwardly around the hooks and into the guides and extending through the band to the outside of the skirt, and buttons secured to the ends of the said cord, whereby the inner or walking skirt may be  
100 elevated to the level of the outer skirt, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 28th day of July,  
105 1894.

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