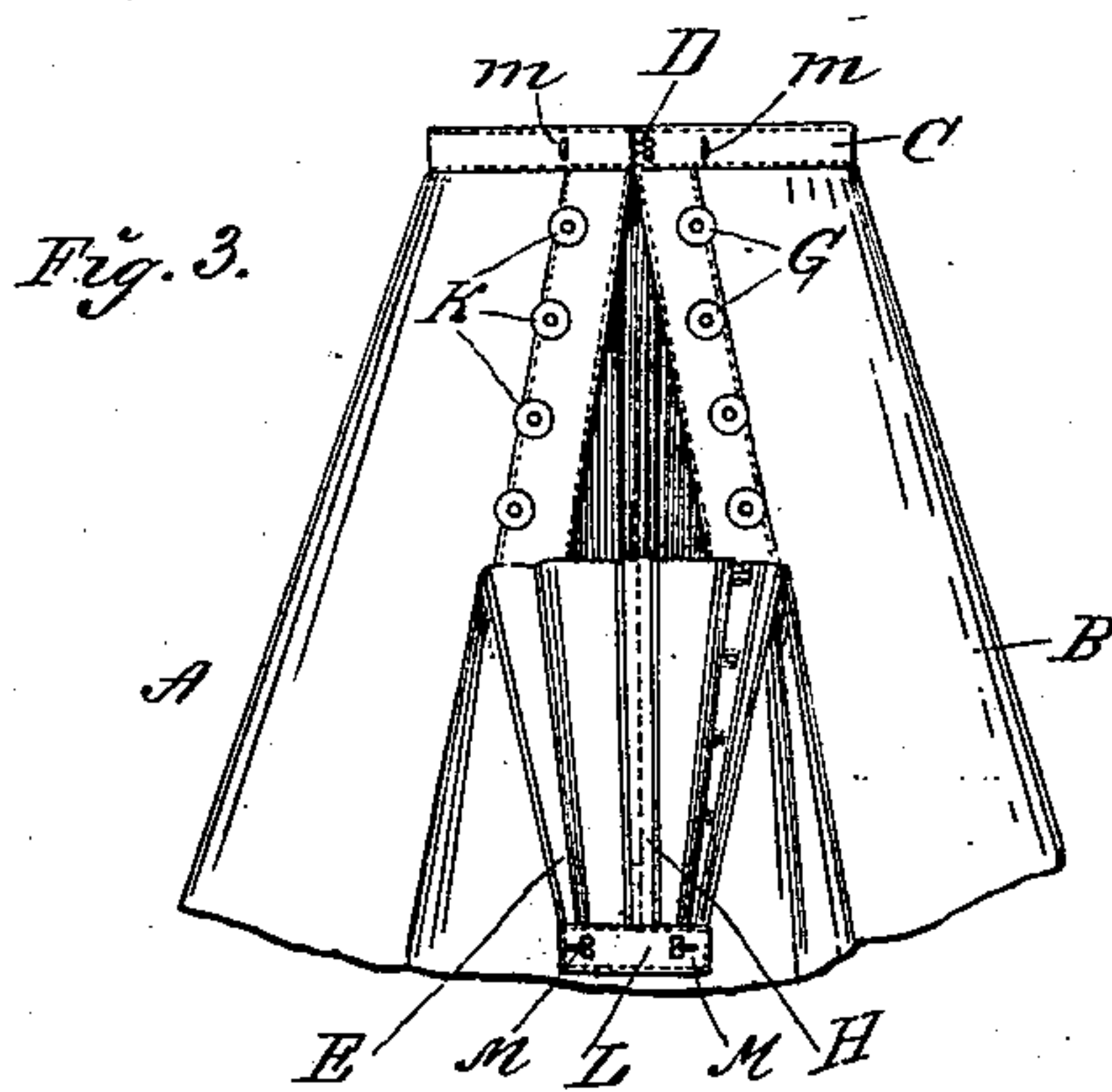
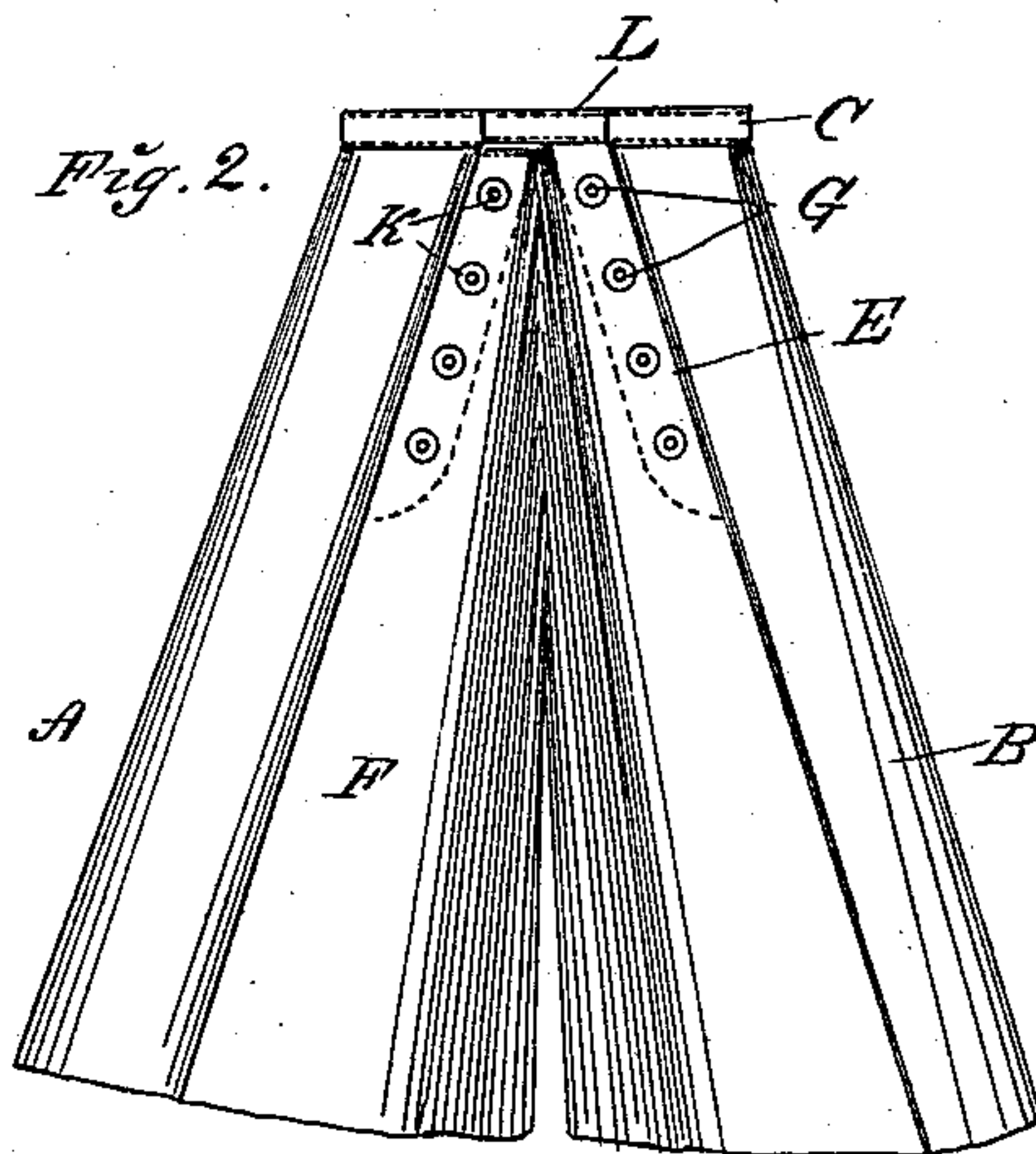
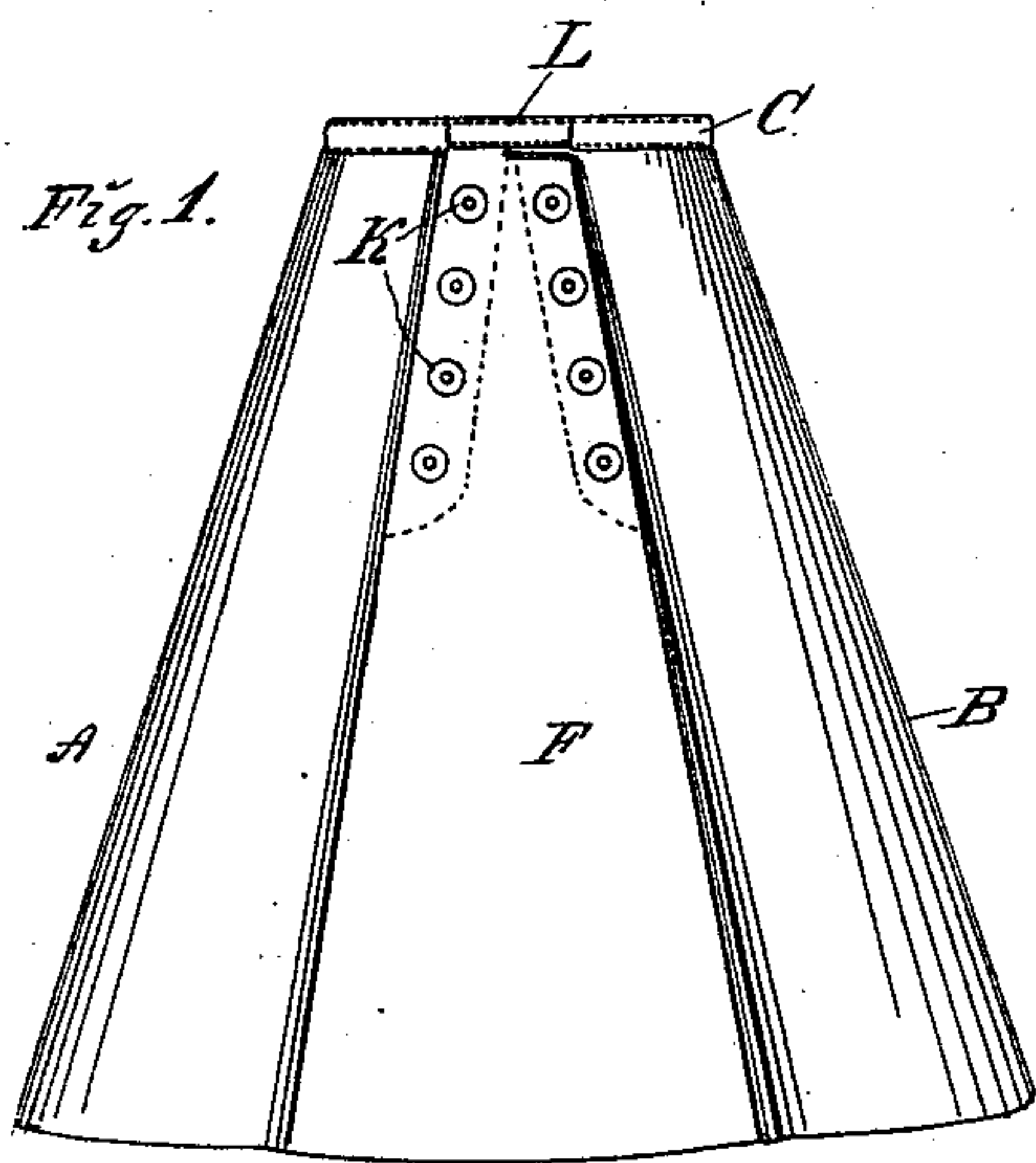


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HYMAN SCHLIVINSKI, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Divided Skirts, 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.

My invention relates to bicycle-skirts in general and more particularly to that class known as "divided skirts," and has for its object to provide a device of this nature which may be manipulated to form a garment of a trousers nature, and which when desired may be caused to assume the nature of a complete skirt with the exception of the back, which latter portion is formed full, so that it may hang and have every appearance of a complete skirt.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like letters of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is a front view of the skirt when arranged to have the appearance of a complete skirt. Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing the front of a skirt opened to give the divided-skirt effect; and Fig. 3 shows the arrangement indicated in Fig. 1, having the upper portion of the front of the skirt loosened, as when the skirt is taken from the person.

In forming a garment in accordance with my invention, I form what are in effect two skirt-sections A and B, the adjacent sides of which are cut away, and the edges of these cut-away portions are sewed together, so as to form what are in reality a pair of trousers with extremely full legs, each being in effect a small skirt. Each of the skirt-sections is then tacked at a point in the rear of its front edge so as to form a fold F, and adjacent the points where the folds spring from the body of a skirt slits are made downwardly from the waistband C, resulting in the formation of a fly or apron E, which latter may be lowered to admit application of the garment to the wearer and may be raised and secured in place by means of buttons G and K and buttonholes formed in the edges adjacent the slit. When this apron is secured in its raised

position, as shown in Fig. 1, the folds, which are likewise provided with buttonholes, are secured by means of the buttons G and K, one of said folds being laid back upon itself in the manner shown in Fig. 2 and the other fold being taken over and laid upon it. This bridges and covers over the gap between the two skirt-sections.

It will be noted that, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, either fold may be turned back against itself and the other brought over to form the complete skirt, and when desired the latter fold may be turned upon itself also, when the result will be the divided skirt shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

The waistband C is divided in the front and is provided with any suitable form of catch D, while on each side of each division may be arranged an eye *m* to receive a hook M, secured to the top of the apron E.

It has been found in practice that when riding upon a wheel and the skirt being arranged as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, there is no impediment to the knees offered by the skirt whatever, and also that when the skirt is arranged as shown in Fig. 1 it has every appearance of an ordinary bicycle-skirt, the rear portion being formed quite full in order that it may hang in folds and thus conceal the bifurcated formation of the rear of the skirt.

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

A divided skirt comprising the body portion and the leg portions, each of said portions being widened at the front forming overlapping flaps extending from the top to the bottom of the garment, the body portion and each of the flaps being provided at their upper front portions at each side of the central portion of the garment with complementary fastenings, whereby said flaps may be turned either to the right or to the left and secured to form a complete skirt or a bifurcated garment.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 27th day of February, 1896.

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