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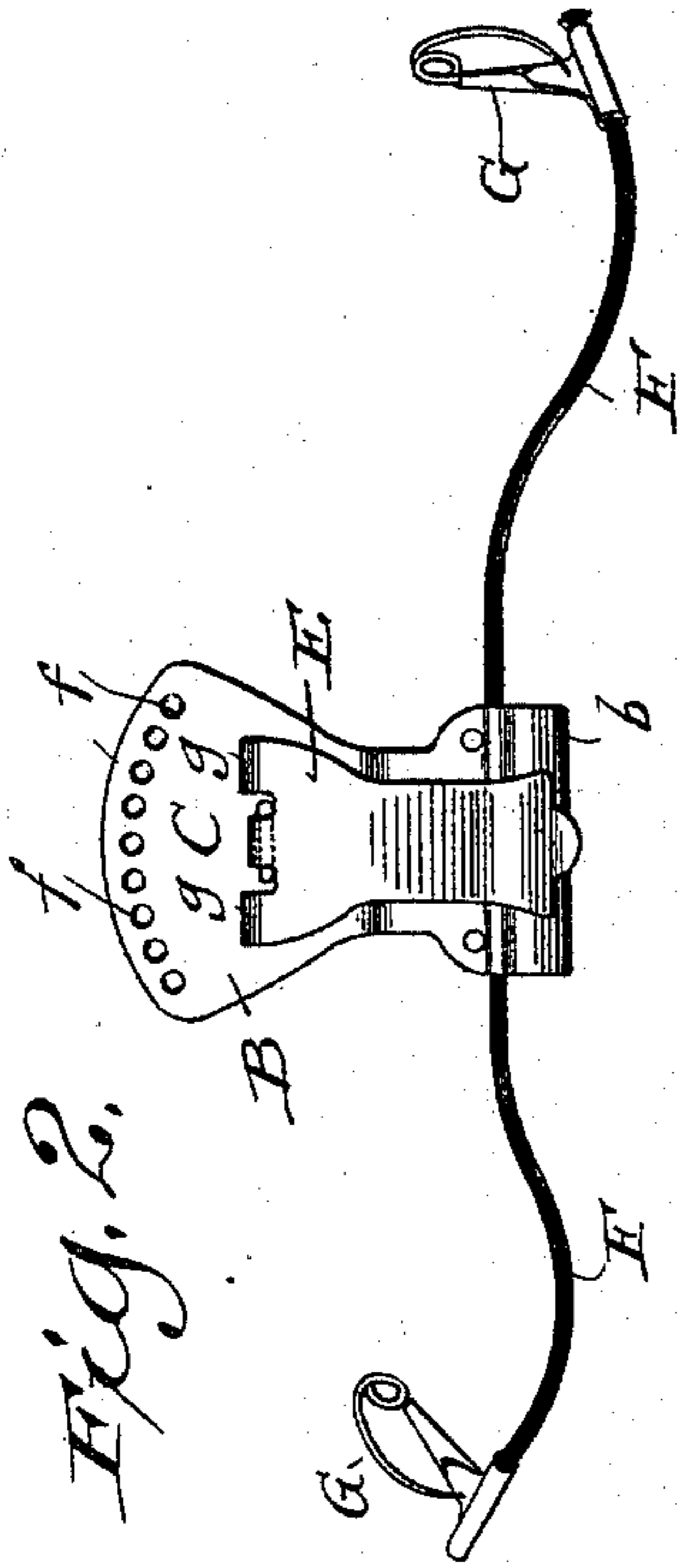


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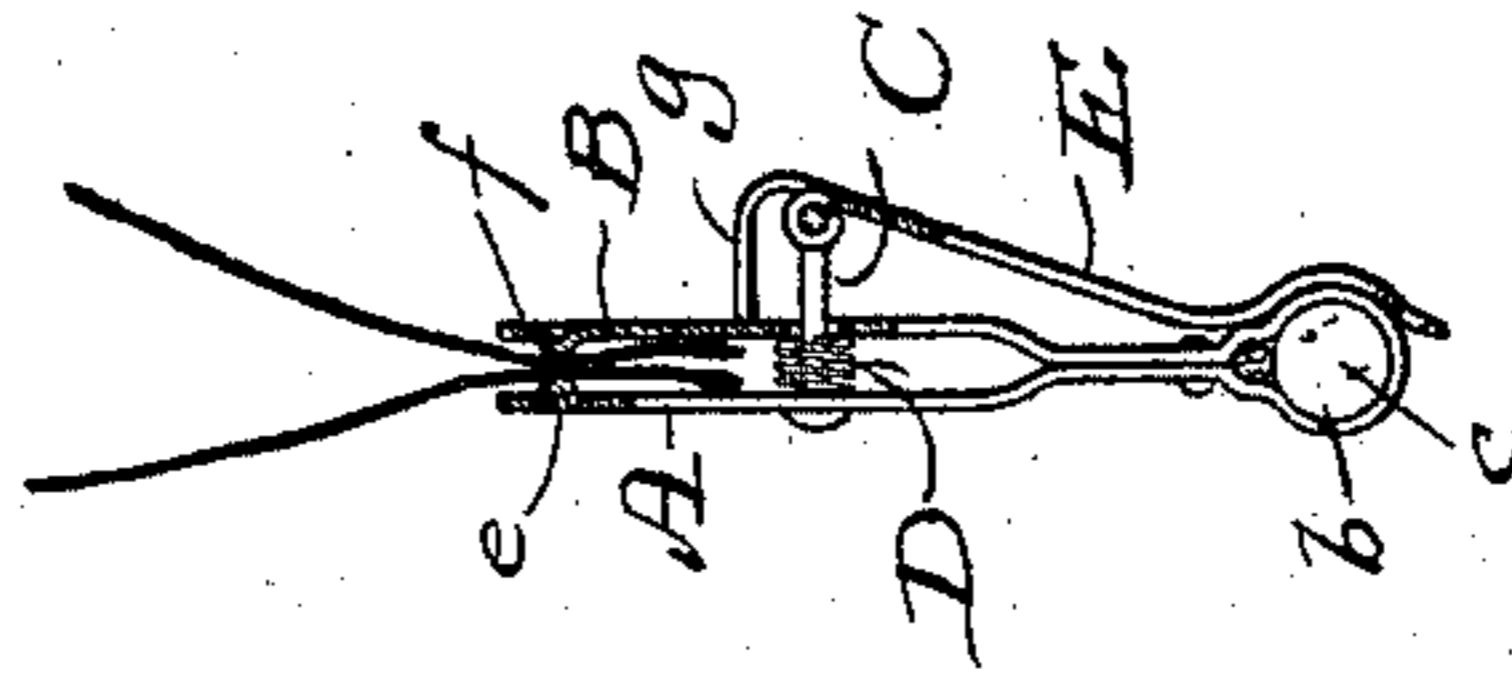


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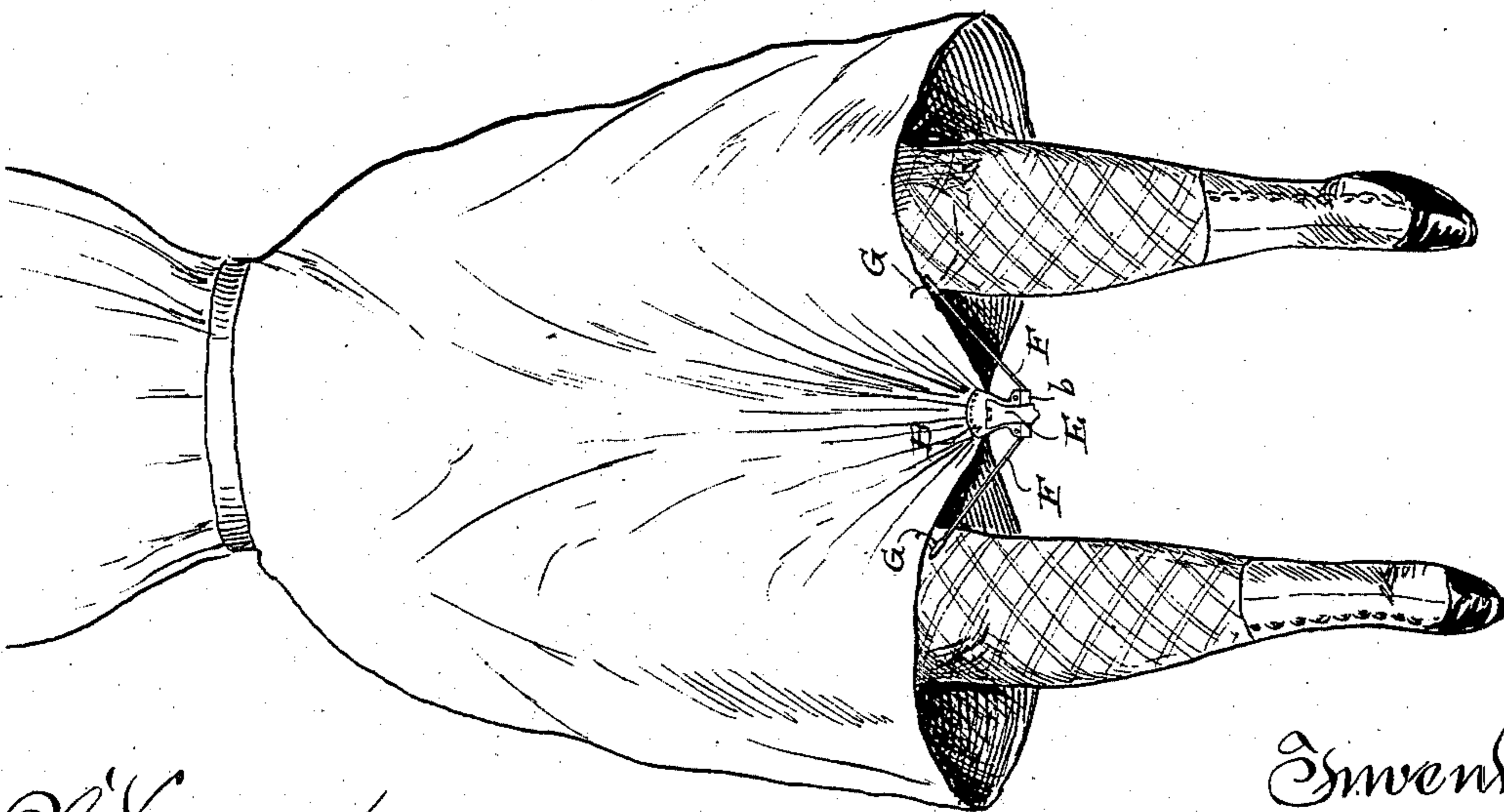


Fig. 1.

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## GARMENT-PROTECTOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PETER PEARSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Menominee, in the county of Menominee and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Protectors; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention has for its object to provide a simple, economical, and convenient device for attachment to the skirts of a woman, so that when the latter is mounted on a bicycle said skirts will be kept from flying up and from coming into contact with the wheels or gearing of the vehicle. Hence said invention consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts hereinafter set forth with reference to the accompanying drawings and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a general view illustrating an application of a device constructed according to my invention; Fig. 2, a front elevation of the device, and Fig. 3 a partly-sectional view of the clamp portion of said device in working position.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A B represent jaws that may result from the bending of a preferably spring-metal plate central of the same to form a hollow bead *b* for a filling *c* of lead or other heavy material, the extensions of the plate being held one against the other for a limited distance beyond the bead by rivets *d* or other suitable means, and then diverged to form the jaws aforesaid. The jaws are preferably toothed, and, as herein shown, the teeth *e f* may be the result of indenting said jaws at suitable intervals. The jaw B has an aperture in loose engagement with an arm C, extended from jaw A, and a spiral spring D is shown arranged on the arm between said jaws, but if said jaws have sufficient elasticity in themselves said spring may be omitted. In hinge connection with the outer end of the post C is a lever E, having its upper extremity in the form of tongues *g*, exertive against the jaw B, the lower portion of the lever being shaped to conform with the bead *b* above specified. The assembled parts thus far described constitute a clamp, and extending from the lower portion of the same are longitudinally-yielding elastic branches F, having spring-pins G or other suitable skirt-attaching devices joined thereto. The elastic branches may be in one piece

with each other and held in place by crimping the jaw-plate thereon, as is herein shown; but it is practical to connect the clamp and said branches in various ways.

In practice the front and rear edges of the skirts are inserted between the jaws A B of the clamp, the latter being arranged to come intermediate of the legs of the wearer, and the lever portion of said clamp is swung down to close said jaws, after which the elastic branches F are coupled to the front edges of said skirts.

The fullness of the skirts being gathered in and held by means of the clamp, the elastic branches of said clamp permit yield to the knee motion of the wearer mounted on a bicycle.

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

1. A garment-protector comprising a clamp having the jaws thereof spring-controlled, an arm extending from one jaw through an aperture in the other, a lever hinged to the arm to operate upon the apertured jaw, elastic branches extending laterally from the clamp, and skirt-attaching devices secured to said branches.

2. A garment-protector comprising a clamp having a weighted extremity and the jaws thereof spring-controlled, an arm extending from one jaw through an aperture in the other, a lever hinged to the arm to operate upon the apertured jaw, elastic branches extending laterally from the clamp, and skirt-attaching devices secured to said branches.

3. A garment-protector comprising a clamp, elastic cord in rigid connection with the clamp but extending therefrom in opposite directions, and skirt-attaching devices connected to ends of the cord.

4. A garment-protector comprising a weighted clamp, elastic cord in rigid connection with the clamp but extending therefrom in opposite directions, and skirt-attaching devices connected to the ends of the cord.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Menominee, in the county of Menominee and State of Michigan, in the presence of two witnesses.

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