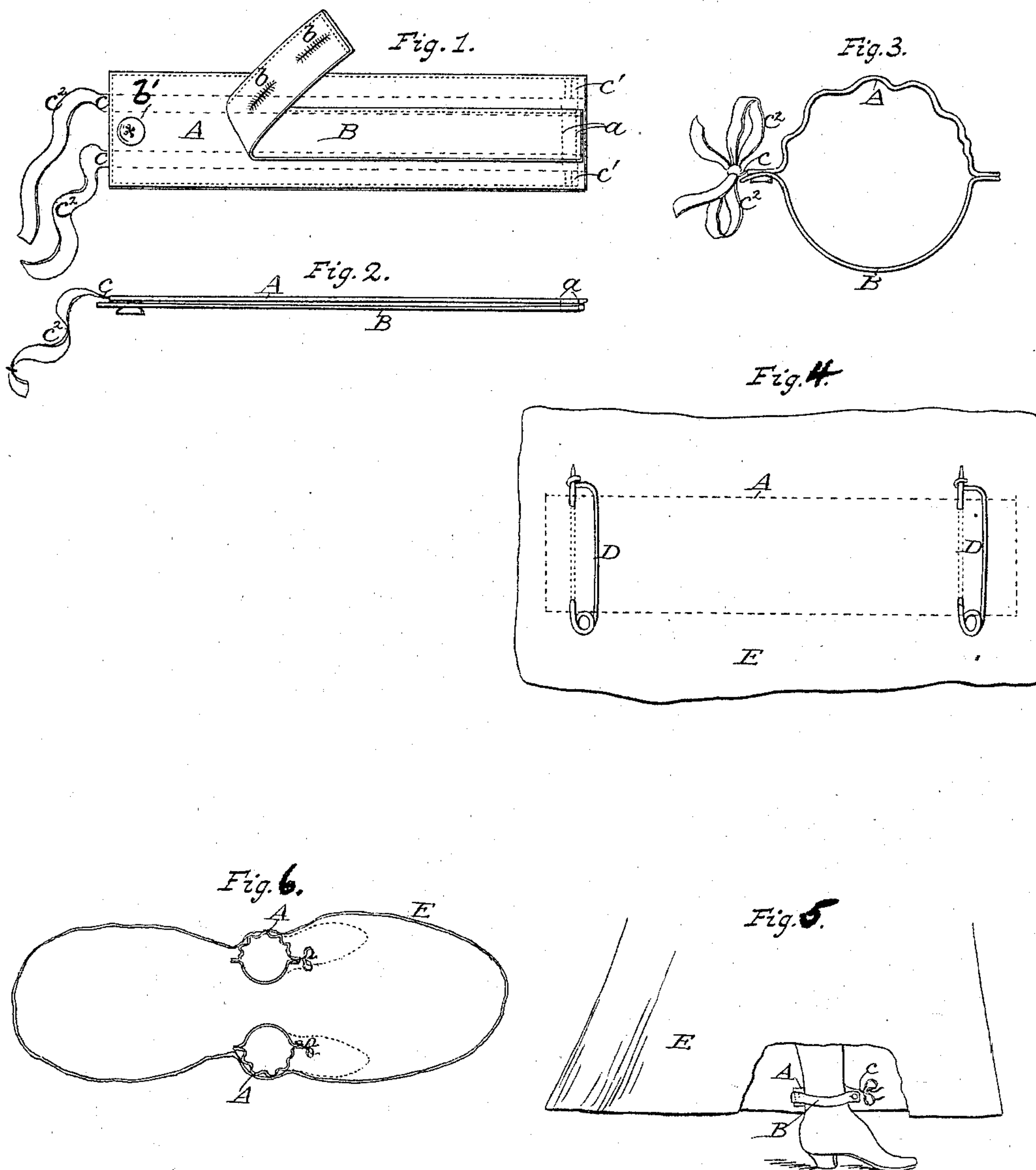


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JANE R. GILBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Albany, in the county of Albany and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Device for Securing Skirts to the Ankles of Wearers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices for securing the lower ends of skirts of garments to the ankles of the wearer, whereby the skirt will be securely held for draping the ankles of a woman when riding on a bicycle or while bathing or when walking in the wind; and the object of my invention is to provide a cheap simple, and effective device adapted to be readily secured to the skirt at points on the same about opposite the ankles of the wearer and also adapted to be readily secured at will by the wearer herself to her ankles just prior to mounting the bicycle and readily detaching the same from her ankles when desired, and also to combine with the skirt of a garment two devices, which are each secured to the skirt opposite the ankle of each foot, whereby whether riding, bathing, or walking the lower margin or edge of the skirt will be held from rising above the plane of the ankles. I attain these objects by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my invention having my preferred form of construction and detached from the skirt. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same. Fig. 3 is a horizontal view of the same, illustrating the manner in which the device may fasten around the ankle of the wearer. Fig. 4 is a view of a section of the lower margin portion of a skirt and the fastening device secured thereto by one of the means which may be employed. Fig. 5 is a side view of a skirt to which my invention is applied with a part broken away for illustrating the manner in which it holds the skirt fastened to the wearer, and Fig. 6 is a horizontal view illustrating the skirt secured from its opposite sides to the wearer by means of my invention.

Similar letters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In the drawings, A is the skirt-attaching piece, of any suitable form and dimensions,

which may be adapted to receive the ankle fastening device and also receive the means which may be selected to be employed for securing the latter to a portion of the skirt which is to be fastened to an ankle of the wearer. This skirt-attaching piece may be of any suitable woven inelastic material which will admit its being readily secured to the skirt by the selected means employed.

B, Figs. 1, 2, and 3, is an ankle fastening device which may be secured to the skirt-attaching piece A by any suitable means and preferably by stitchings *a a*, Fig. 1, or by eyelets or other known metallic fasteners. The ankle fastening device B, Figs. 1 and 2, is shown to consist of a strip of flexible material secured by one of its ends to an end of the skirt-attaching piece A by stitchings *a*, while its opposite end is provided with a buttonhole *b* (or two or more buttonholes may be provided) for engagement with button *b'*, secured to attaching-piece A.

The skirt-attaching piece A, Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 6, shows a pair of shirring strings or tapes *c c* running through the said piece, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1, and secured at one end, as at *c'*, with their tying ends *c² c²* free for service as a means by which the wearer may at will contract the length of piece A and thereby lessen the diameter of the opening produced between parts A and B, as illustrated in Fig. 3, and readily tighten this device on the ankle, so that it may be securely held from moving upward upon the leg toward the knee from the ankle by simply shirring the strings and tying their ends, while the wearer may by untying said end portions of said strings so enlarge the opening in this device that the wearer may readily withdraw her foot from the fastening device without unloosening the piece B, if so preferred.

This device, comprising the skirt-attaching piece A and ankle fastening device described, may be secured to the skirt E by means of safety-pins D, Fig. 4, or stitching, or be buttoned thereto by suitable buttons (not shown) or equivalent substitutes; and they are secured to the inner sides of the skirt at suitable points on the opposite side portions thereof, substantially as shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

By my above-described device the skirt will be securely held from rising above the ankles of the wearer whether riding on a bicycle or bathing or walking in windy weather, and
5 when riding a bicycle, bathing, or walking the legs and feet of the wearer are free to be moved, as may be required or be necessary in those exercises.

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

The combination with the woven inelastic skirt-attaching piece A, adapted to be secured to the lower margin of an inner side of a side

portion of a skirt, shirring-strings *c, c*, con- 15
tained in part within said skirt-attaching piece and adapted to contract the length of the same, of an ankle fastening device B securely connected with said skirt-attaching piece and provided with devices by which it 20
may be secured to the ankle for holding with it, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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