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Fig. 1.

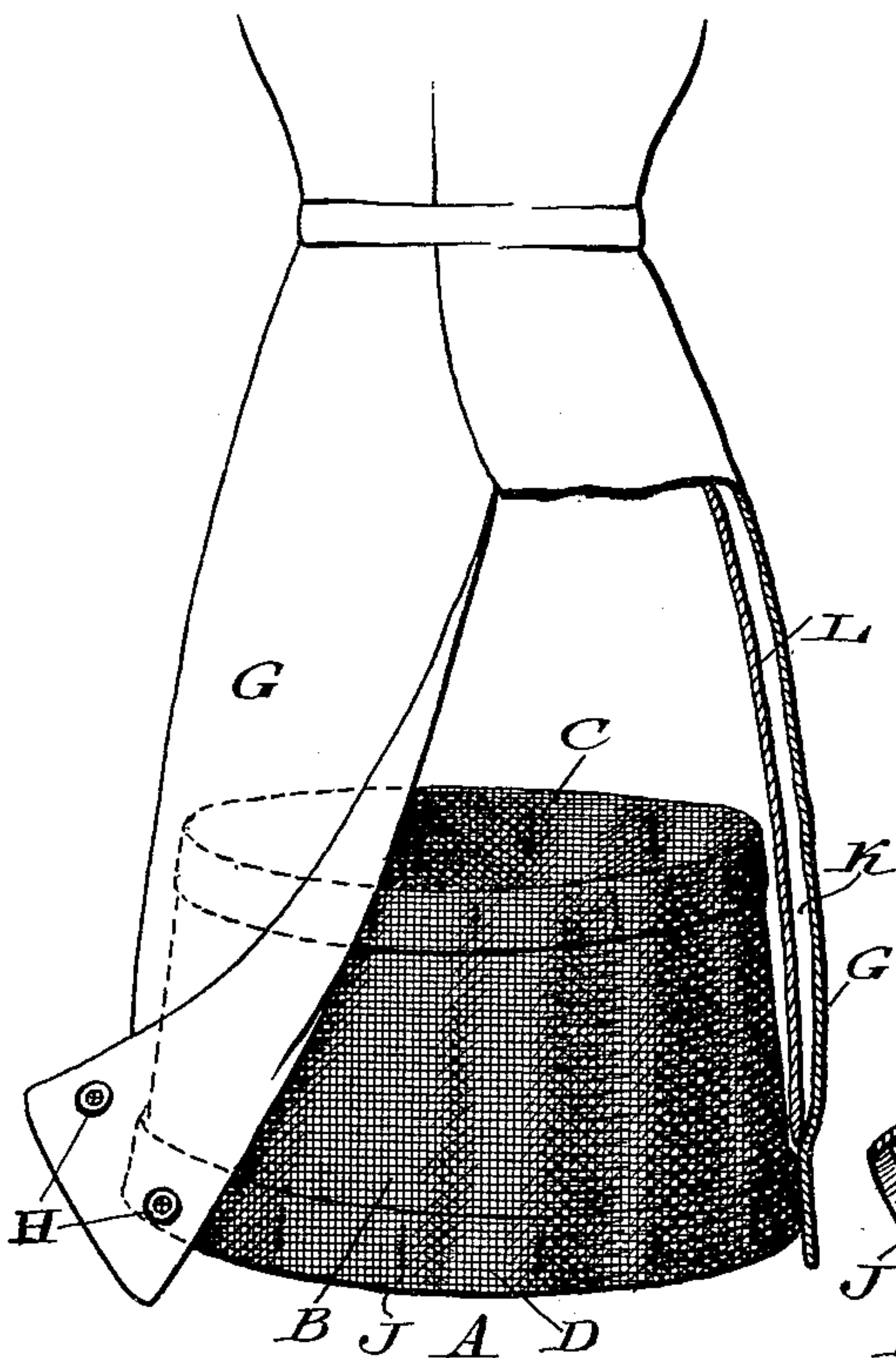
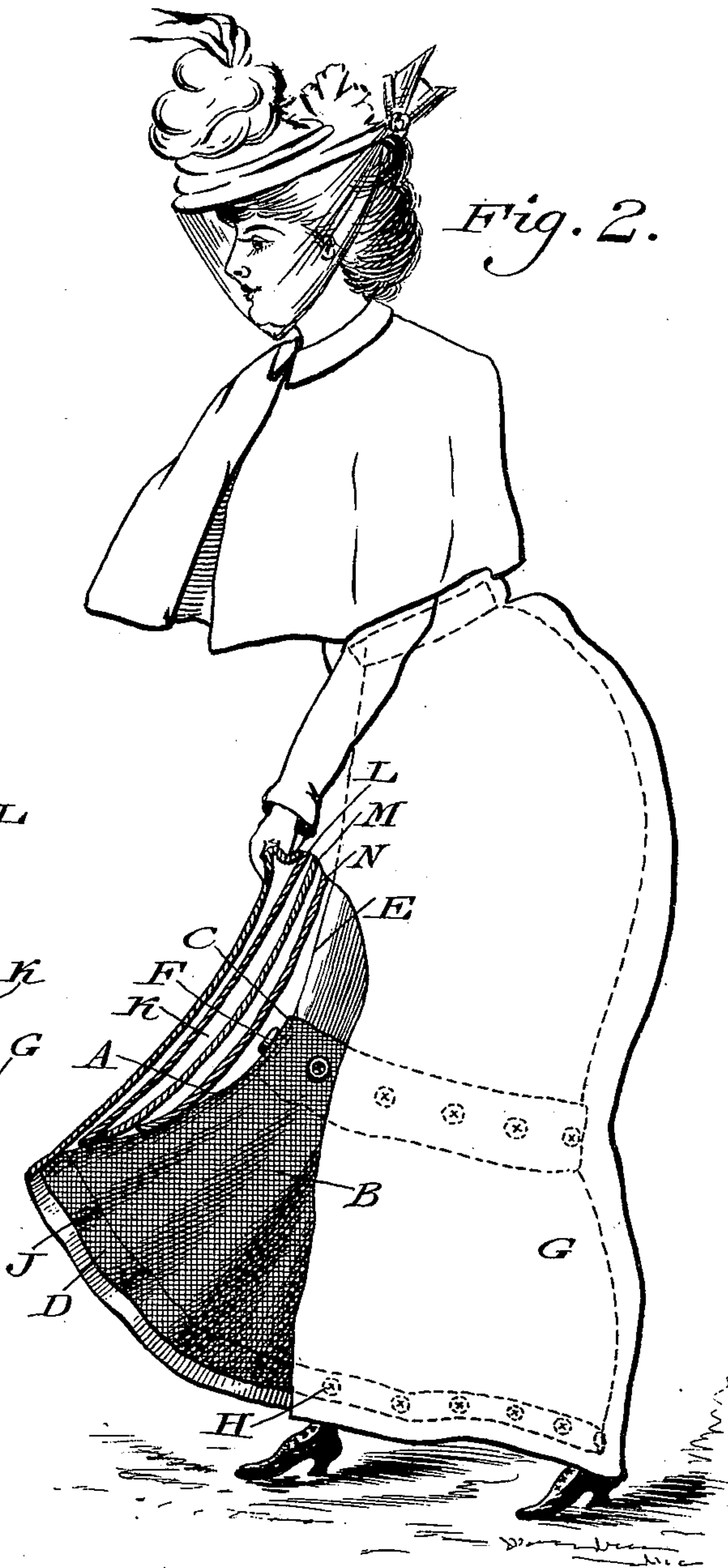


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY C. SMITH, of the city and county of Camden, State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Skirt Supporters and Protectors, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of an improved construction of skirt supporter and protector, which is made of suitable waterproof material and is adapted to have its upper portion buttoned or otherwise secured to an inner short skirt and its lower portion buttoned or otherwise secured directly to the inner lower portion of an outer long skirt or ulster, whereby a species of pocket or compartment is formed in which an intermediate skirt is contained, especially that of the dress proper, so that the latter is inclosed and protected from bad weather and its lower edge prevented from coming in contact with a pavement, sidewalk, &c., the construction presented avoiding material thickening of the inner short skirt or petticoat and outer garment.

It further consists of novel details of construction, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a skirt supporter and protector embodying my invention and a portion of a skirt to which the same is applicable. Fig. 2 represents a side elevation of the protector in position, showing the manner of applying and securing the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a skirt-protector, the same consisting of an annular body or strip B of waterproof material, which has its upper and lower edges C and D preferably reinforced and provided with buttonholes or other similar fastening devices.

E designates an inner short skirt, which is adapted to have buttons F or other fastening devices secured thereto, which are adapted to engage the upper row of buttonholes in the protector B.

G designates an outer skirt or garment, the lower inner portion of which is provided with buttons or other fastening devices H, which are adapted to directly engage the button-

holes J or other similar fastening devices in the lower outer portion of the protector B, whereby a species of pocket or compartment K is formed, in which the intermediate skirts, as L, M, and N, are contained, the relative position of said skirts being indicated in Fig. 2, in which I have shown three skirts as interposed between the outer skirt or garment G and the inner skirt E, while in Fig. 1 I have shown only the dress-skirt L interposed between the protector D and the outer skirt or garment G.

The short inner skirt E is a petticoat and will be worn as such, it not being an additional garment or appliance. It is utilized as the support for the piece or protector-section B, which when in position is a downward continuity of the petticoat, its upper end portion lying flat against the lower face of the petticoat and likewise against the inner side of the outer garment, avoiding turning over of the upper and lower end portions of said protector-section and consequent lumping or material thickening of the petticoat and outer garment.

It will of course be evident that the outer skirt or garment G can be the lower outer portion of an ulster or an outside skirt, the object being to prevent the lower portion S of the inner or intermediate skirt or skirts L, M, and N from being soiled, as is evident, and especially inclosing the dress-skirt.

It will be apparent that slight changes may be made by those skilled in the art which will come within the scope of my invention, and I do not therefore desire to be limited in every instance to the exact construction I have herein shown and described.

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

The combination with a short petticoat and a longer exterior skirt, of a skirt-section of waterproof material pendent from said petticoat, and fastening devices for said section, petticoat and skirt, said section lying flat at both ends on the petticoat and skirt respectively, said skirt being of greater length than that of the combined petticoat and section.

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