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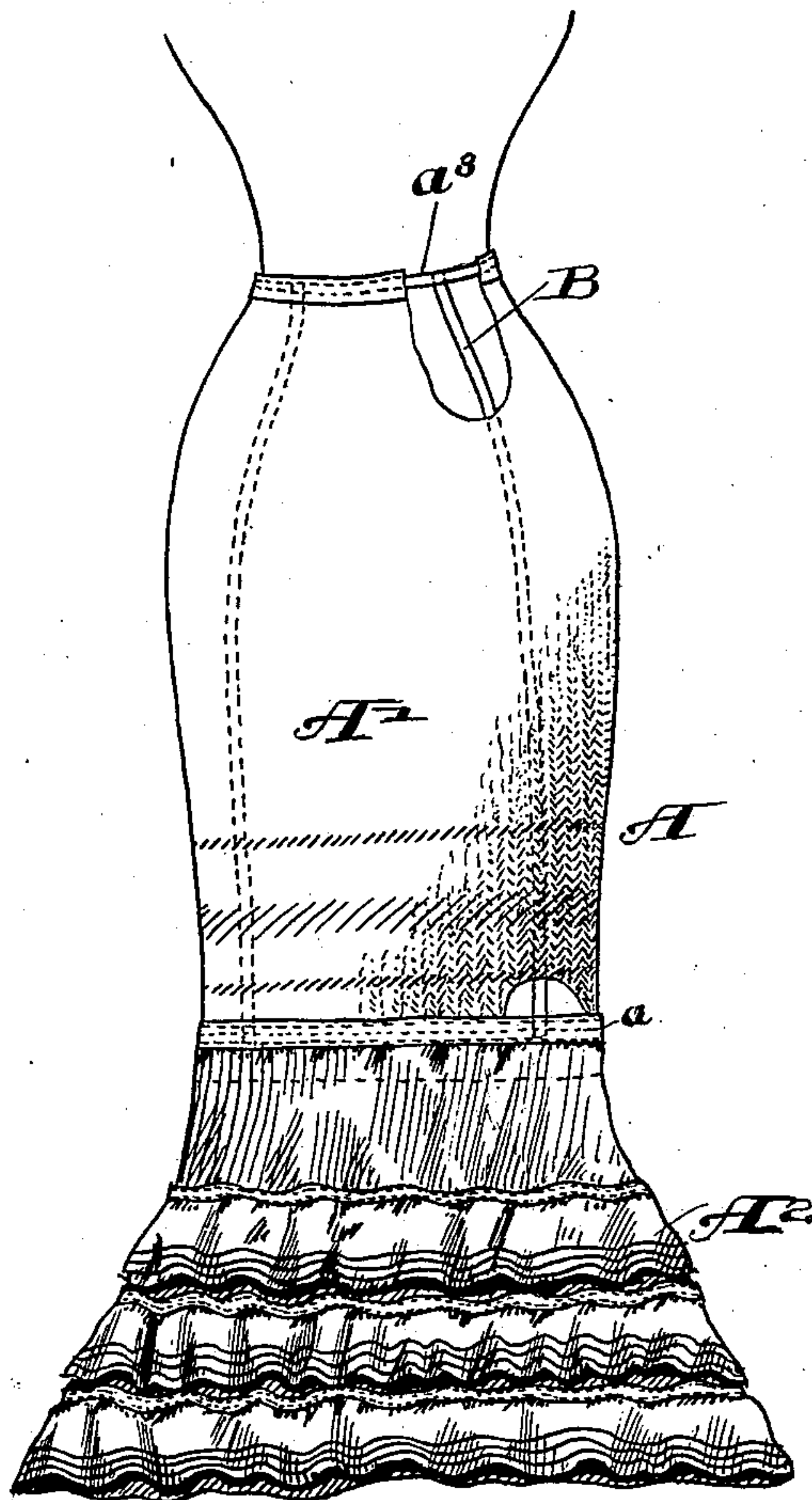
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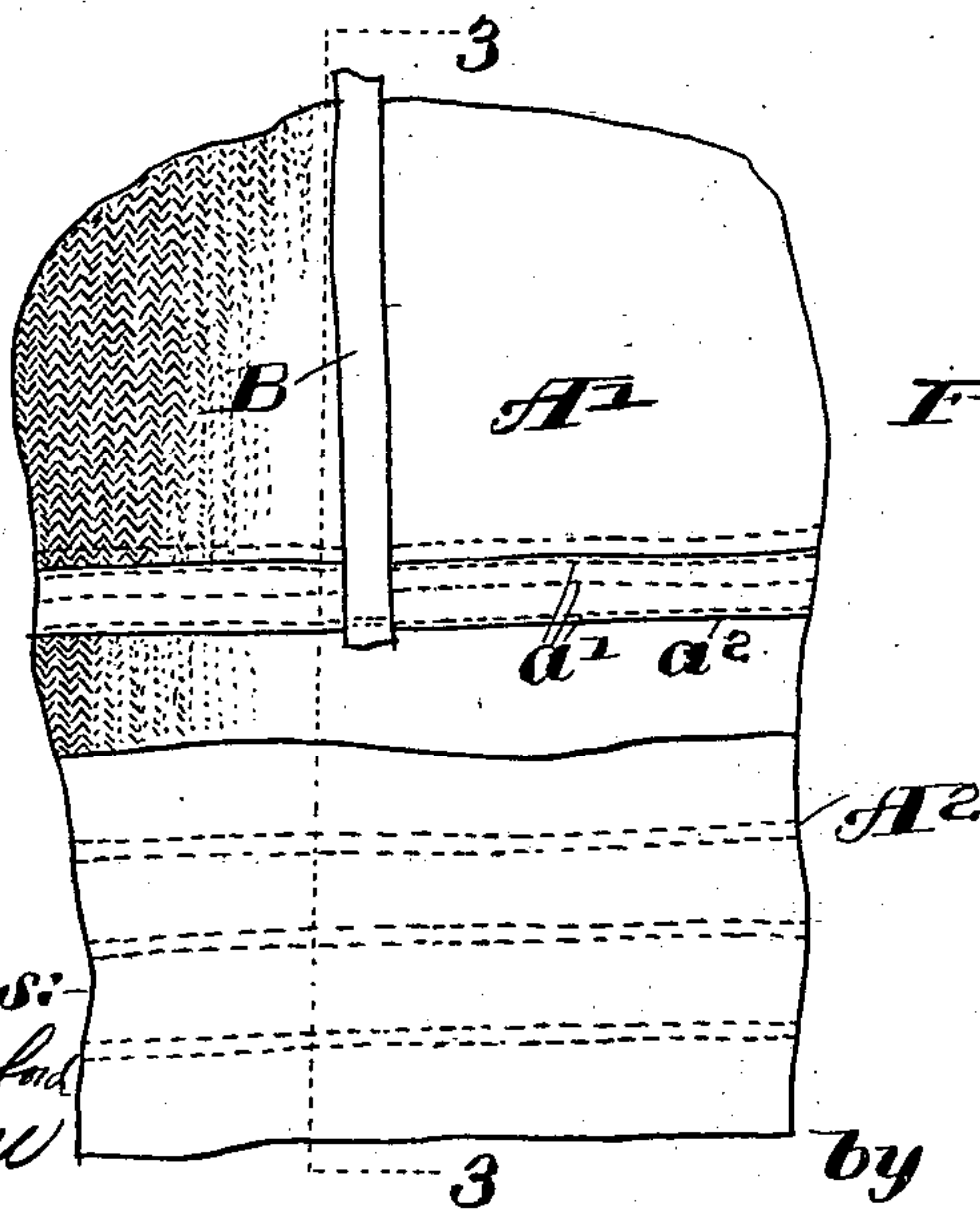
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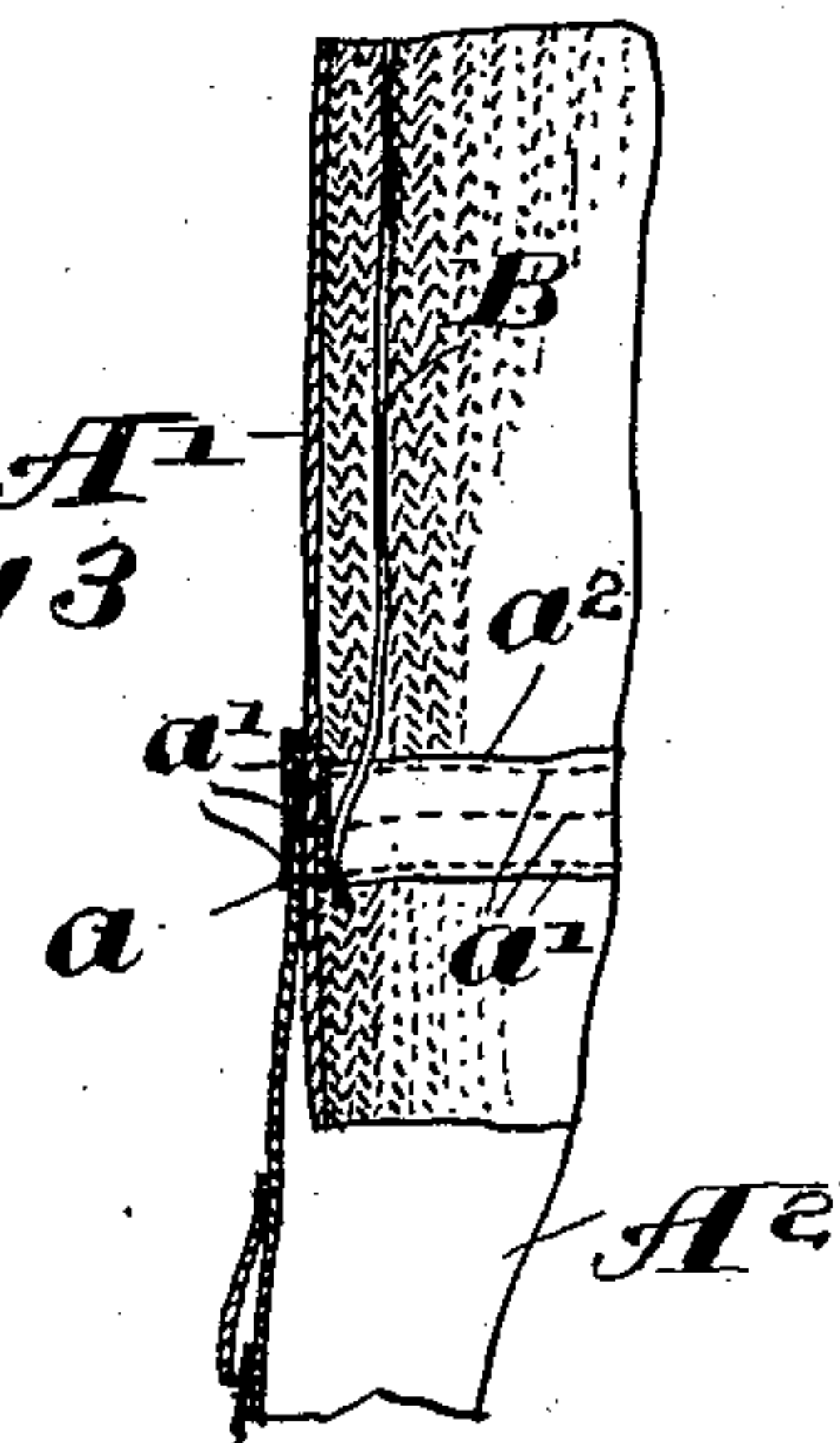
*Fig 1*



*Fig 2*



*Fig 3*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HUGO L. KLEIN, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful  
5 Improvements in Petticoats; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form  
10 a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in petticoats or like undergarments for women, and refers more specifically to a novel garment partaking of the character of both a  
15 petticoat and an underskirt.

The invention consists in the matters hereinafter set forth, and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

A garment embodying my invention embraces in general terms an upper part made of knitted fabric embodying the usual band by which it is fastened in place and a lower cloth part corresponding to the lower part of the usual underskirt and hung to and supported from said upper part of the knitted fabric. The upper knitted part of the garment is made sufficiently loose and elastic, so as to conform to the figure, and thereby give a clinging effect to the garment, while  
25 the lower or cloth part of the garment is preferably flared out to give a bell-shaped effect thereto.

In the drawings, Figure 1 illustrates in position on a form a garment made in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is an inner face view of the garment at the seam between the upper and lower parts thereof. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section taken on line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

As shown in said drawings, A designates the garment as a whole consisting of an upper tubular knitted part A' and a lower cloth part A<sup>2</sup>. The knitted part of the garment is preferably made from woolen yarn and is of  
45 open-work, whereby is imparted thereto considerable elasticity, and is provided with the usual band  $\alpha$ , by which the garment is fastened in place. The lower part A<sup>2</sup> of the garment may be made of muslin, silk, satin,  
50 or other solid cloth and is shown as ruffled in a familiar manner. Said lower part of the garment is shown as made of bell form, so as

to give a flaring effect to the lower part of the garment.

The upper knitted part of the garment overlaps the lower part thereof and is secured thereto by means of parallel lines of stitches  $\alpha'$ . Said stitches extend through inner and outer stiffening-tapes  $\alpha^2$   $\alpha^3$ , one on the inside of the knitted part of the skirt and the other  
60 on the outer side of the cloth portion of the skirt, near the top thereof. Said stiffening-tapes give sufficient body to the overlapping parts of the skirt to make durable the seam by which said parts are united. Said knitted  
65 upper part of the garment may constitute the support for the lower cloth part thereof; but inasmuch as the weight of the lower part of the garment may be sufficient to unduly stretch said upper or knitted part of the garment  
70 I have shown means for supporting said lower part of the garment from the band  $\alpha$  thereof. The suspension of the lower part of the garment from the band  $\alpha$  is effected through the medium of vertical supporting-tapes B,  
75 attached at their upper ends to said band and at their lower ends to the seam connecting the upper and lower parts of the garment, as herein shown. A number of bands will be provided, which will hold the  
80 lower part of the garment symmetrical, four being a convenient number, two at the front and two at the rear of the garment. The supporting-tapes are herein shown as attached at their upper ends to the waistband and free  
85 or unattached between their ends; but, if desired, the tapes may be stitched to the knitted part of the garment throughout their whole or part of their length.

The seam between the upper and lower parts of the garment is located at or slightly below the knees of the wearer, and the garment is made narrowest at this line and is curved in graceful lines both upwardly and downwardly from said seam. The flaring  
95 shape of the lower part of the garment gives freedom of movement to the wearer's limbs when walking. The flounces constituting part of the lower part of the garment serve to give the required fullness to the garment  
100 and to the dress-skirt over the same and also to emphasize the bell or flaring effect of the dress-skirt.

The principal object of the invention is to



provide an undergarment of the character referred to over which a dress-skirt may be fitted, which is designed to produce a clinging effect in the upper part of the dress-skirt and a bell-shaped effect in the lower part of the said skirt. As before stated, the elastic character of the knitted fabric in the upper portion of the garment causes the garment to fit snugly to the figure, and in practice said garment will be made somewhat smaller than a garment would be made of solid material for the same person, so that when the garment has been donned it will fit closely to the person and give to the garment a clinging effect, as before stated. The dress-skirt is fitted over said undergarment so as to follow the lines thereof, and thereby give a clinging effect to the upper part of the outer or dress skirt and a bell or flaring effect to the lower part thereof.

I claim as my invention—

1. An undergarment for women comprising an upper tubular part made of knitted mate-

rial and provided with a waistband, a lower part made of a stiffer material and joined to said upper part, and supporting-tapes attached at their upper ends to said waistband and at their lower ends to the garment whereby said lower part of the garment is supported from said waistband.

2. An undergarment for women comprising an upper tubular part made of knitted material and provided with a waistband, a lower flaring part made of a stiffer material and joined to said upper part and supporting-tapes attached at their upper ends to said waistband and at their lower ends to said lower part of the garment.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 1st day of November, A. D. 1902.

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