

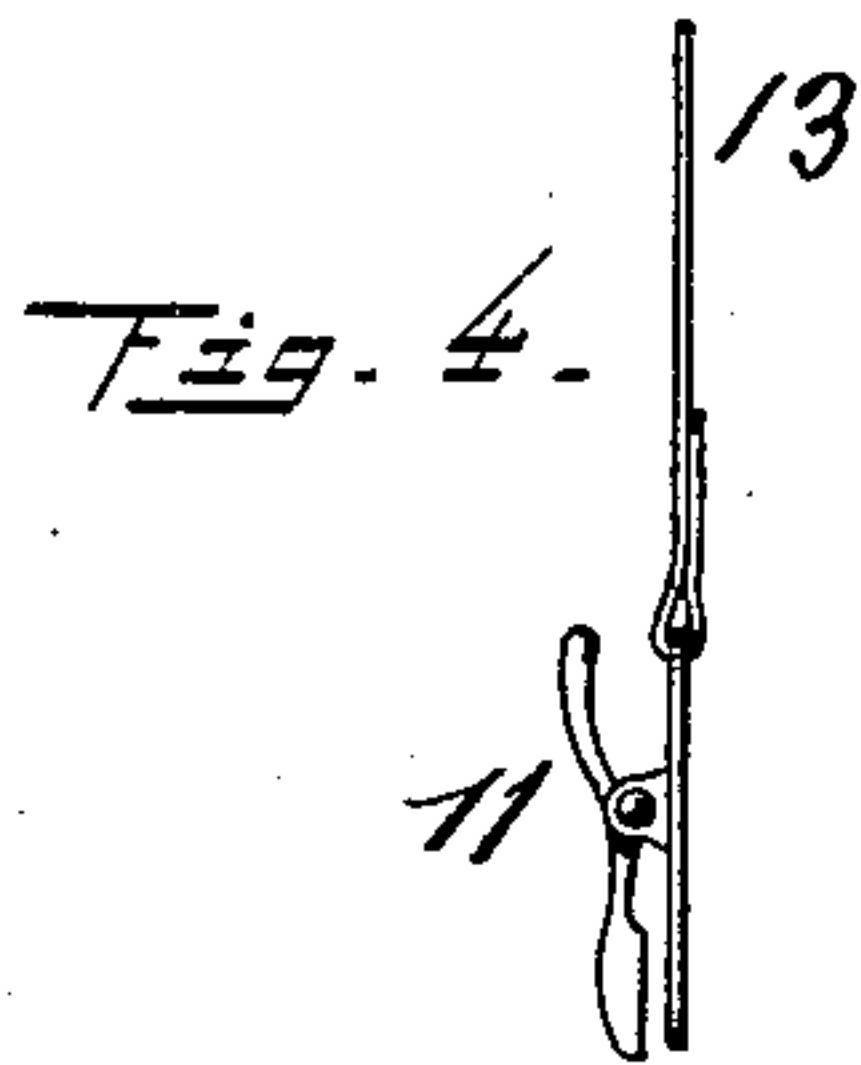
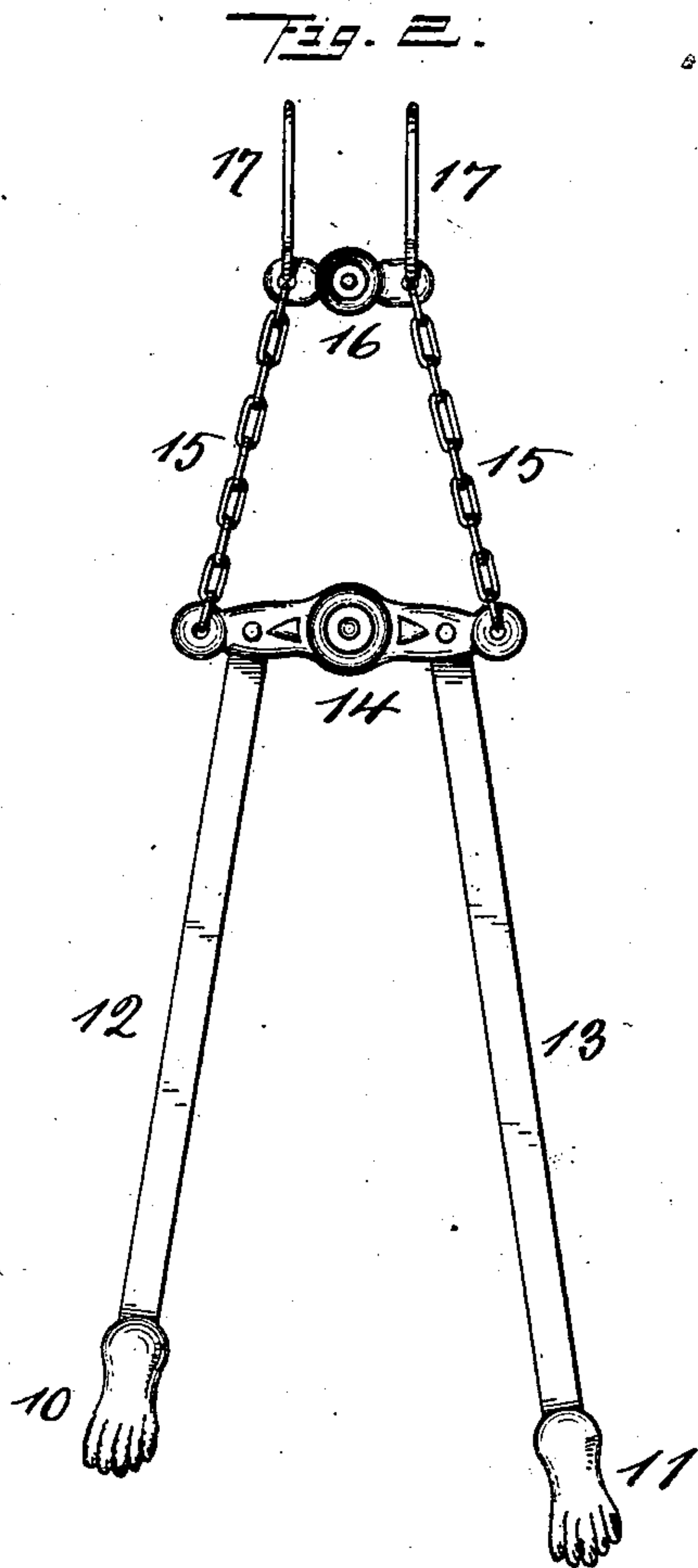
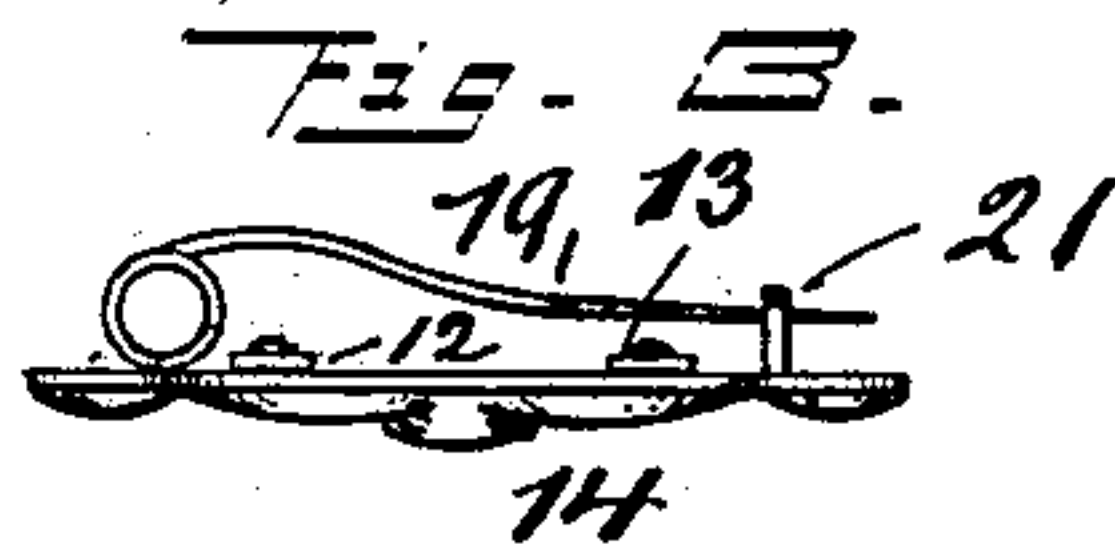
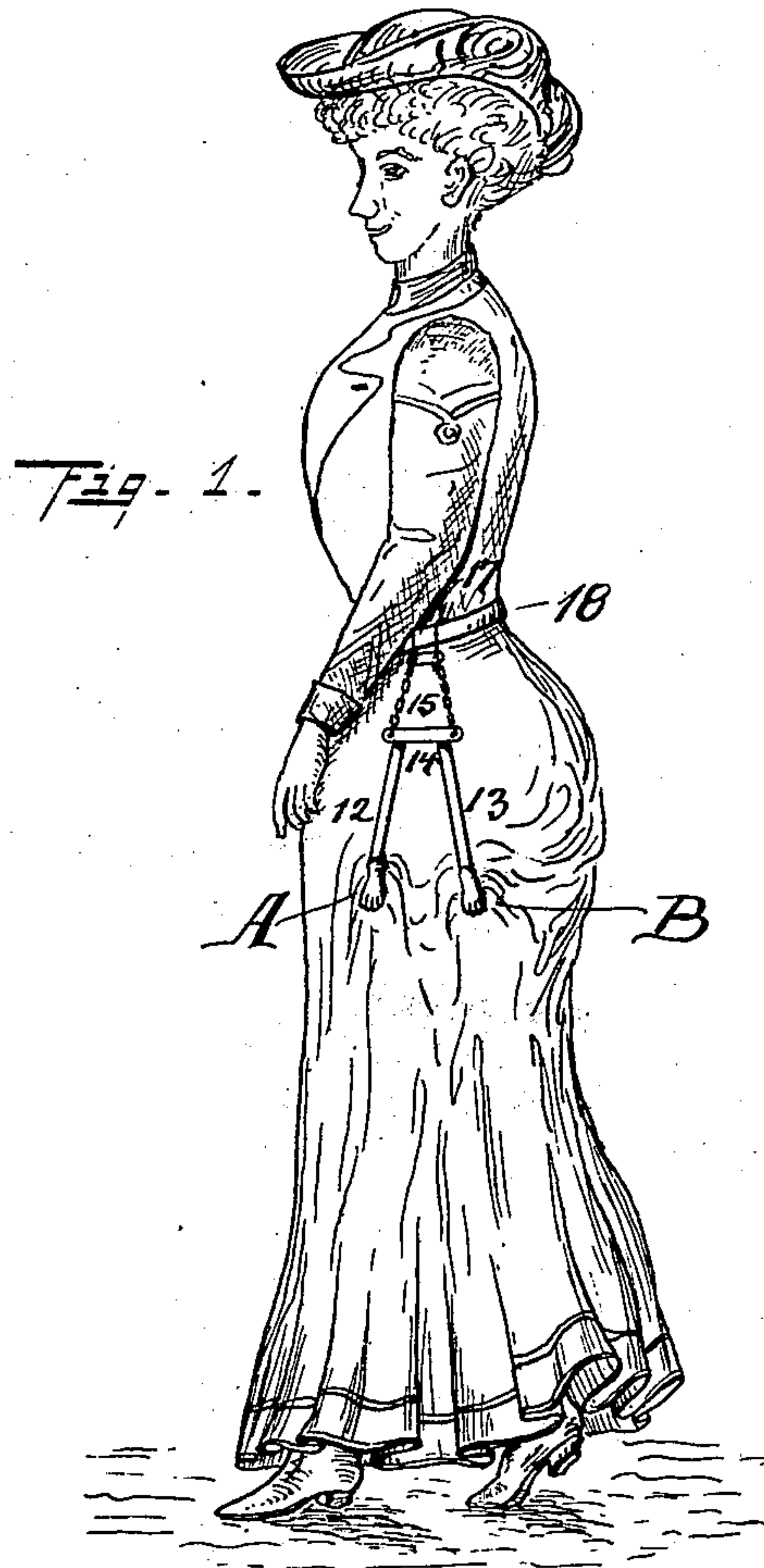
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES P. SUTTON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and Improved Skirt-Elevator; and I do declare the following to be a clear, full, and exact description thereof, attention being called to the accompanying drawings, with the reference characters marked thereon, which form also a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and improved skirt-elevator for use in connection with ladies' dressing outfits, the function of the device being to support the skirt of the dress so as to more or less elevate the lower edge thereof for the purpose of holding the same above the ground to prevent or limit contact therewith.

The object of this invention is to provide a new device for executing a function for which at present the hand is used in most cases, and which object is attained by a device constructed and arranged as the same, with its parts and manner of use, is described and claimed hereinafter and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows manner of using my device. Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the device detached. Fig. 3 is a top view of a certain part thereof. Fig. 4 is an edge view of one of the clamping members whereby parts of the skirt are engaged to hold up its lower edge.

For the purpose of raising the lower edge of the skirt parts of the same are engaged at two points A and B below the waist, and the engagement at one point—viz., A—is up a little higher than at the other. The engagement is by any suitable clamping device preferably operating so as to be held closed by spring-pressure—as, for instance, is the case in the spring-clamps 10 and 11 shown. These spring-clamps are secured to the lower ends of the elevating-straps 12 and 13, one of which—the one toward the front—is somewhat shorter than the other one to bring the attaching-point A a little higher up, as before stated. These straps 12 and 13 are secured to a bar 14, the face of which may be more or less ornamental and the back of which is provided with

an attaching device, preferably in form of a pivotally-attached or spring-actuated pin 19, the point of which after having been passed through the cloth of the skirt is secured with- in an open eye-catch 21. Bar 14 is supported by two suspenders 15 15, which may be chains, and the upper ends of which are attached to the suspender-bar 16. This latter is provided with two hooks 17, which hook over the upper edge of belt or waistband 18.

The real and larger part of the work for suspending and carrying the elevated skirt is done by suspenders 15 and hooks 17, while bar 14 is intended to fix the position of the elevated part of the skirt laterally—that is, at a certain point of the side of the person—and to prevent thereby excessive swinging of the attached part of the skirt. This position may be readily changed and adjusted to a different one to suit requirements, permitting also various arrangements to obtain desired effects.

It will be noted that in these latter the effect as attained by the use of the hands may be closely imitated. Notwithstanding the attachment of bar 14 to the material of the skirt, no excessive strain is exerted upon the same, since such is taken up by the suspenders and transferred onto the belt.

While members 12 13 are shown as flat straps, which may be fabric, and members 15 15 appear as chains, it is clear, as far as their function as suspending members is concerned, that they may all be of the same material, either straps, as shown at 12 13, or chains, as shown at 15 15, or the arrangement shown may be reversed.

Having described my invention, I claim as new—

1. In a skirt-elevating device, the combination of two elevating-straps having clamping devices at their lower ends, an attaching-bar 14 to which they are secured at their upper ends, means at the rear of this bar whereby the same is detachably held to the skirt to confine the same laterally in position, a suspender-bar 16, hooks on it whereby it is attached to the belt and suspenders 15 connecting bar 14 and the elevating-straps thereon to the suspender-bar 16 for supporting the former.

2. In a skirt-elevating device, the combination of two suspenders 15, a bar 16 from which they depend, hooks on this bar, whereby it is supported on the belt of a dress, an
5 attaching-bar 14 at the lower ends of these suspenders, elevating-straps depending from this bar and clamping devices on the lower end of each of these straps adapted to engage the skirt, one of these straps being shorter to

raise the particular point of engagement correspondingly higher.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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