

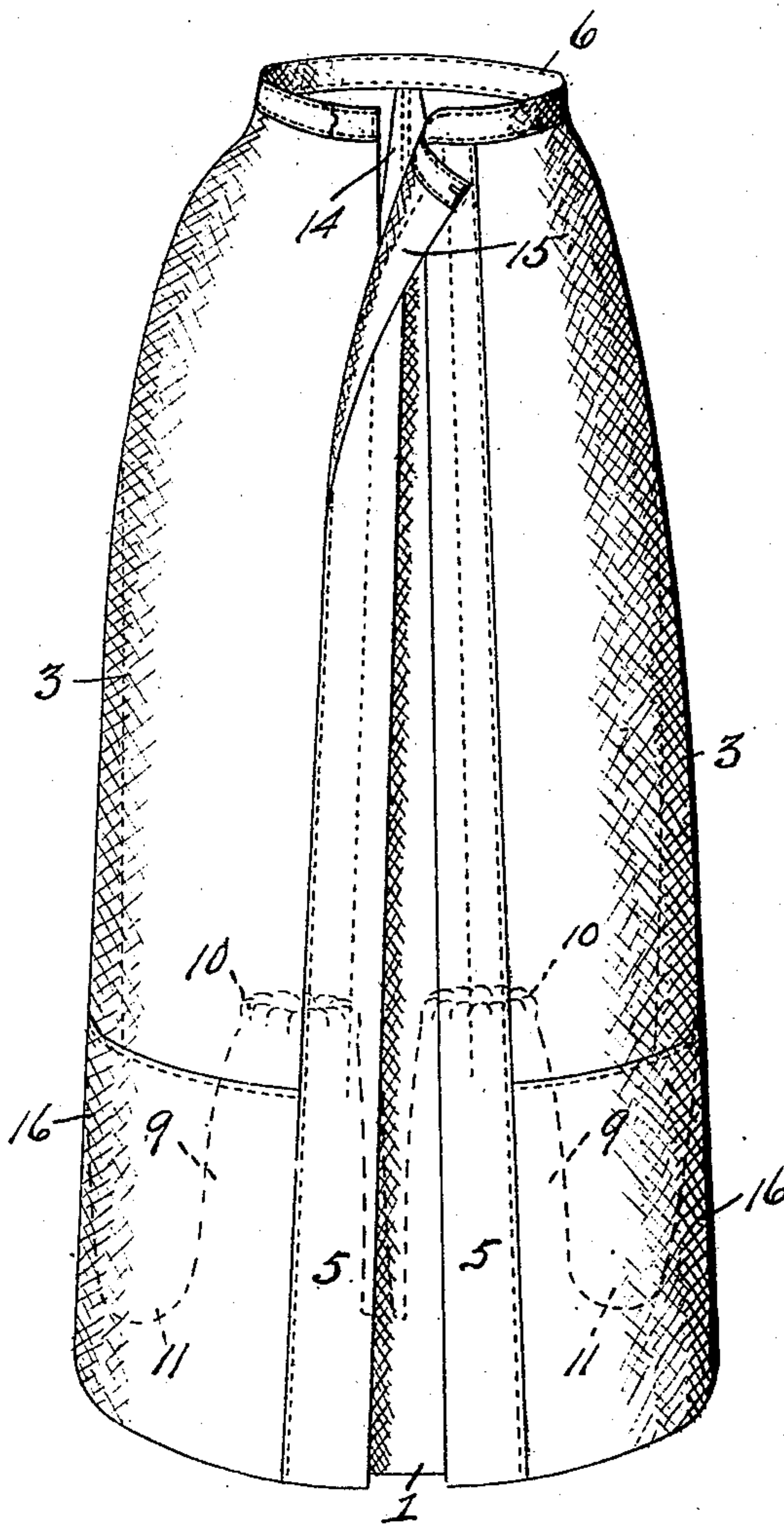
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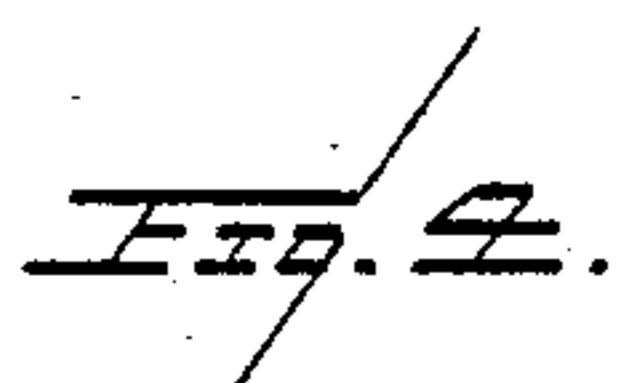
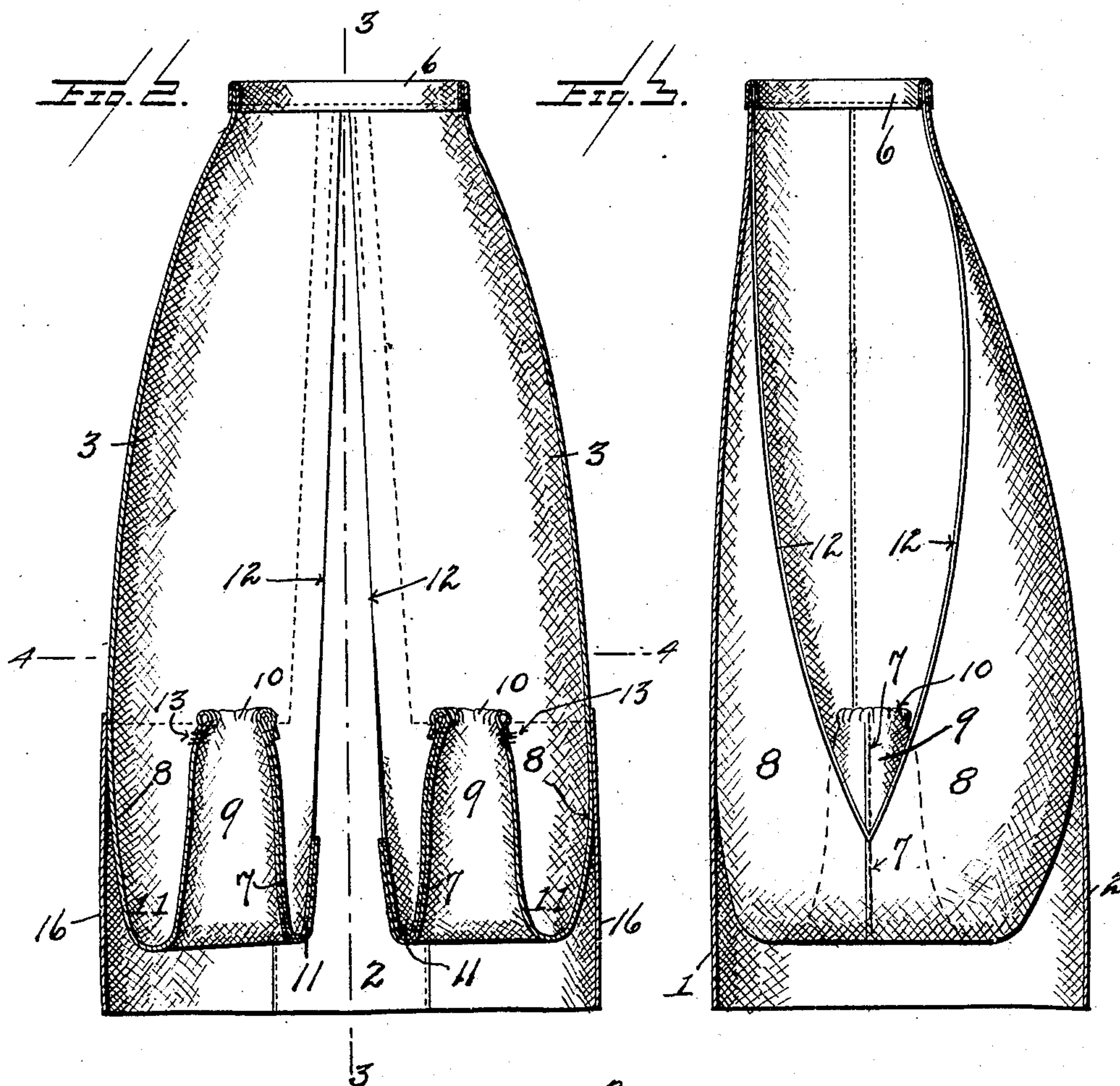
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## SKIRT-PROTECTING GARMENT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FLORENCE N. CARTWRIGHT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Payne, in the county of Paulding and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Protecting Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wearing apparel for women, and has special reference to an outer garment designed to be worn over the other skirts and dress as a protection therefor against water and mud.

To this end the invention contemplates a simple, practical, and easily adjusted garment possessing special utility as a work skirt to protect the regular skirts and dress of a woman while engaged in work in a garden or other dirty places, and also adapted as an outer protective garment for pedestrians in wet weather. In this connection the invention has in view a garment, which, while serving the functions indicated for the protection of the other clothes, at the same time is designed along artistic lines so as to have the appearance of a stylish street garment.

Furthermore, the invention provides a novel and practical construction of outer protecting skirt or garment designed with special regard to facility in application and providing for a free stride and motion for the limbs while at the same time effectually housing and protecting the bottom edges of the main skirts and dress from the splashings of mud and water.

With these and many other objects in view, which will more readily appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, illustrated, and claimed.

The essential features of the invention involved in carrying out the objects above indicated are necessarily susceptible to a wide range of structural modification without departing from the scope of the invention, but a preferred embodiment thereof is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of a skirt protecting garment constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the garment. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Like references designate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawing.

In carrying out the present invention, the garment is designed along the lines of an outer skirt, so that the same may be given the stylish finish and appearance of a dress skirt and may therefore be worn as such by pedestrians when so desired, but irrespective of the material from which the garment is made, and the

finish thereof, the essential features of the same always remain the same. That is, the improved garment or protective skirt is cut from a pattern embodying in its general organization, as the principal parts thereof, a front piece 1, a back piece or section 2, and the opposite side gore sections 3 inserted between and secured to said front and back pieces 1 and 2, as plainly shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings.

As is customary in ordinary dress skirts, the garment contemplated by the present invention is preferably cut so that the back piece or section 2 is of greater length than the front piece 1, thereby permitting the garment to be fitted to the form in the same manner as an ordinary dress skirt, and also the front, as well as the back, of the skirt may be provided with plaits 5 or other suitable dress makers' expedients which may be utilized to give finish and effect to the garment without in any way affecting the functions performed thereby.

As plainly shown in the drawings, the front and back pieces 1 and 2 of the garment are full length sections extending from the waist band 6 to the bottom edge of the garment body, and a distinctive feature of the invention resides in the employment of the side gore sections 3. These side gore sections, designated in their entirety by the numeral 3, may be made of one or more gores or pieces, but whether one or a plurality of pieces constitute the side-sections of the skirt body, they extend the full length thereof from the waist band 6 to the bottom of the garment. However, it will be observed that each of the side gore sections 3 is cut in lengths greater than the lengths of the front and back pieces, and the bottom portion thereof is sewed together at 7 to form a pantalet 8, and an upturned legging 9 folded upwardly within the pantalet and provided at its top edge with a terminal holding band 10 fitted with an elastic or draw-string fastening for engaging the limb below the knee. The pantalet 8, which forms an integral bottom extension of each side gore section 3, is of materially greater diameter than the inside upturned legging 9, forming the inner upstanding extension of the pantalet, so as to form inside of the latter about the legging 9, a skirt receiving and protecting pocket 11. The pantalets 8 and leggings 9 of the opposite side gore sections 3 are located at opposite sides of the garment within the bottom portion thereof, and being duplicates in construction, the pockets 11 provided thereby form within the bottom of the skirt a practically continuous, well defined, and ample space within which the regular skirts of the wearer may be placed and held thoroughly protected against the splashings of mud and water while the improved protecting garment is worn.

It is to be further observed that the side gore sections 3, provided with the bottom pantalets 8 and leggings 9, are of greater width than the distance between the seams connecting the same with the front and back pieces so



that each side gore section is provided within the garment body with the inner surplus edges 12 which are continued directly into the closed pantalet portion 8, and are disposed above the ending of the seams 7 forming said pantalets, whereby the said inner surplus edges provide a bifurcated or open drawers effect for the leg inclosing portions of the garment or skirt. Hence, this construction permits of a perfectly free stride and motion for the limbs without disturbing the set of the garment on the form.

In order to maintain the upstanding position of the leggings 9 within the pantalets 8, each legging has a fast connection at its top edge, as at 13, with the body of the pantalet, and inasmuch as it is preferable to enter the improved garment from the front, the same is preferably provided at the front thereof, contiguous to the waist band 6, with a front placket opening 14. This front placket opening is preferably located at one side of the longitudinal center of the front piece, so that when the placket flap 15 is closed, the entire finish and appearance of the front of the garment is preserved.

While the side gore sections 3 constitute portions of the body or the garment or skirt itself, the bottom pantalets 8 are located within the bottom portion of the skirt and are entirely concealed and covered by bottom edge strips or trimmings 16 secured upon the outside of the pantalets and connecting with the front and back pieces of the garment.

From the foregoing, it is thought that the construction and many advantages of the herein described garment will be readily apparent to those familiar with the art, and it will be understood that changes in the form, proportion and minor details of construction may be re-

sorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages of the invention.

I claim—

1. A garment of the class described consisting of a skirt having front and back pieces and side pieces the latter pieces being longer than the other pieces and each side piece being provided with portions formed into pantalets the lower portions of which are provided with upturned legging extensions.

2. A garment of the class described consisting of a skirt having side pieces longer than the other pieces of the skirt and each of which side pieces is sewed together and folded at its lower end to form a pantalet and an upturned legging extension within the pantalet.

3. A garment of the class described consisting of a skirt having body pieces arranged to form within the skirt body pantalets having longitudinal inner side openings for the legs and at their lower ends turned upwardly to form inside legging extensions.

4. A garment of the class described consisting of a skirt comprising front and back pieces, and side gore sections interposed between such pieces, each side gore section being of greater length than the front and back pieces and formed at its lower end, within the garment body, into a pantalet having an upturned inside legging extension provided with a terminal holding band.

5. A garment of the class described consisting of a skirt having side gore sections longer than the other portions of the skirt and each provided with inner surplus edges and at their lower ends formed into pantalets, each of the latter having upturned inside legging extensions provided at their upper ends with fast terminal holding bands.

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

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