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SKIRT PROTECTOR.

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Fig. 1.

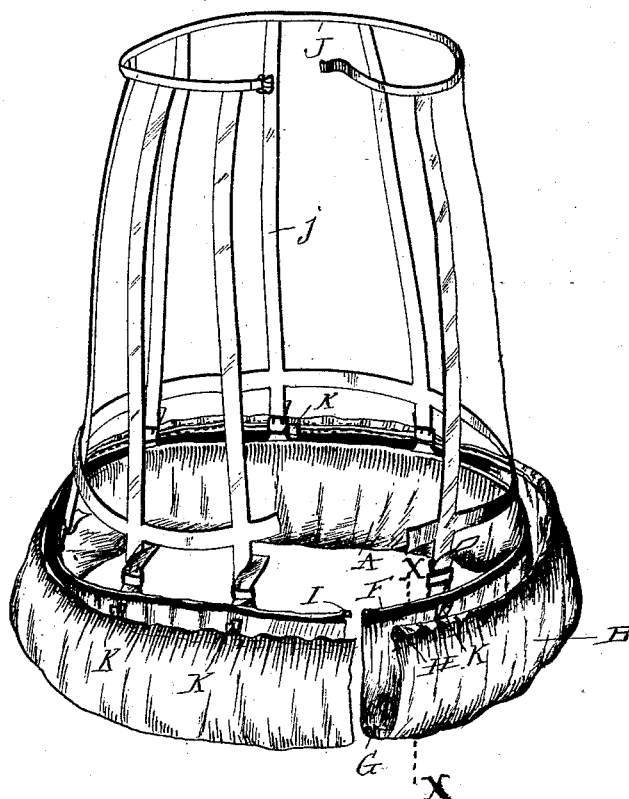
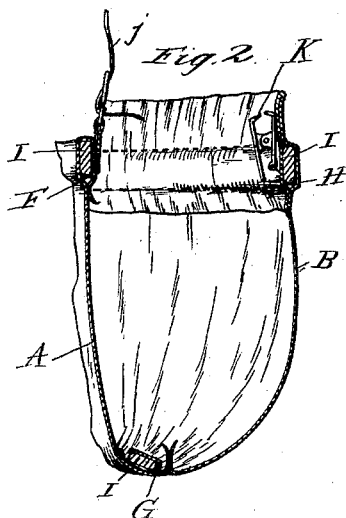


Fig. 2. K



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNA E. McQUISTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oskaloosa, in the county of Mahaska and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Protectors; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to skirt-protectors which are designed to envelop the lower portion of the skirts and ulster and shield them from wet and mud, and may be of any quality gossamer cloth or water-proof material.

The object of the invention is to simplify and render practicable this class of devices and provide an article that can be readily and conveniently adjusted on the wearer when required, and which will be light, comfortable, and graceful, conforming to the circular outline of the skirts, and not crowding the same against the body of the wearer.

The improvement consists in the novel construction and combination of the parts, which will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view, parts being broken away, of a skirt-protector embodying my invention; Fig. 2, a cross-section about on the line *x x* of Fig. 1, on an enlarged scale.

The protector comprises an inner encircling apron A and an outer encircling apron B, the two aprons being united at their lower edges, preferably by being sewed together. The inner apron A flares at its lower edge to conform to the set of the skirts. The outer apron B is shirred at its upper and lower edges, being considerably larger than apron A, to obtain the required fullness to receive the skirts and ulster between the two aprons. Suitable casings F, G, and H are formed at the top edge of the apron A, about midway between

the two edges of the aprons, and along the top edge of apron B, respectively, to receive the stiffening I, which may be of any desired material, feather-bone being preferable, owing to its lightness and great flexibility, enabling the protector to be folded into a small compass without doing injury to the said stiffening.

The harness for supporting the protector or the inner apron A is composed of the waist-strap J and the connecting-straps *j*, which are buckled to the apron A so as to adapt the protector for tall or short persons. The outer portion or apron B of the protector is provided with hooks, pins, or clasps K, which are engaged with the outer garment and support the exterior portion of the protector.

The protector is applied as follows: The strap J is buckled around the waist beneath the garments, and the apron B is turned up about the lower portion of the skirts and ulster, and supported by the clasps K, which may be substituted by pins which are engaged with the outer garment.

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

The hereinbefore-specified skirt and ulster protector, composed of the inner flaring apron A and the outer apron B, the two aprons being united at their lower edges, and provided with casings F and H at their top edges, respectively, and with casings G between the said edges, the outer apron being shirred at its top and bottom edges, and having stiffening, as feather-bone, inserted in the said casings F, G, and H, the clasps or pins along the edges of the outer apron, and the harness, composed of a waist and connecting straps, buckled to the inner apron, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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

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