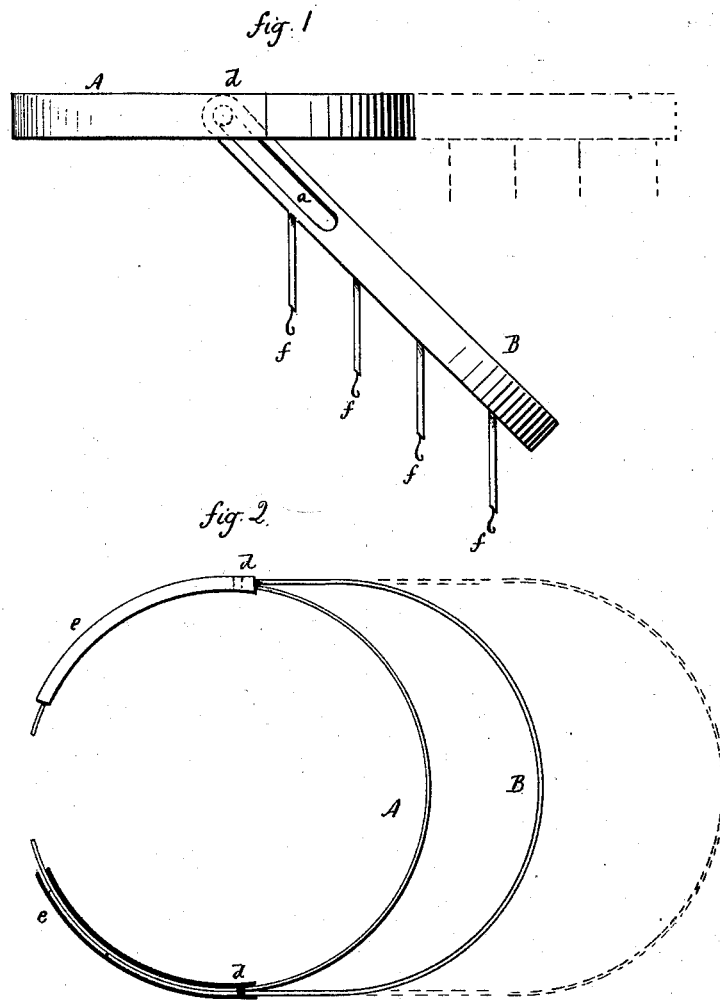


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IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT-ELEVATORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEO. W. DENNY, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Skirt-Elevator; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, side view; Fig. 2, sectional plan.

This invention relates to an improvement in the device known as skirt elevators or lifters—that is, a device by which the rear of a skirt may be drawn up or let down to trail, according to the taste of the wearer; and the invention consists in a metallic waist-band, combined with a hoop jointed to the waist-band by slots in the hoop, and the band constructed with pockets or loops into which the ends of the hoop may be set to secure it in its elevated position; or when thrown back out from the control of the pockets the hoop will drop to the rear, and the dress-skirt attached to the hoop will be elevated or dropped accordingly, as more fully hereinafter described.

A is the waist-band, made from a strip of any suitable metal, and provided with means for uniting the two ends around the waist of the wearer; B, the hoop, formed from similar material, and with a slot, *a*, in each end. The two ends of the hoop are attached to the band A, upon opposite sides, by a stud, *d*, through

the slots, and forward of the studs. The band is provided with a pocket, *e*, or loops, into which the ends of the hoop may be passed to the extent of the slot *a*. These pockets hold the hoop elevated into the plane of the band, as seen in broken lines, Fig. 1; but when the hoop is drawn from the pockets it will fall to the rear, as seen in Fig. 1. The hoop is provided with hooks *f*, or other devices, as a convenient means for attaching the skirt to the hoop. The band is secured around the waist and the skirt to the hoop.

If the wearer desires the rear of the skirt to be drawn up she takes hold of the hoop upon opposite sides and raises it into the plane of the fixed band, and forces the ends into the pockets in the band. If, then, she desires the skirt to trail, in like manner takes hold of the hoop and draw the two ends from the pockets, and allow the hoop to fall, as seen in Fig. 1.

The pockets are best formed by a sheet-metal case around each end of the band, leaving a space outside for the hoop to enter.

I claim—

A skirt-elevator composed of the band A, provided with pockets *e* on opposite sides, combined with the hoop B, the ends of which are slotted and jointed to the band A, so as to pass into or out of said pockets, substantially as described.

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