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Dress Protector

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Fig. 3.

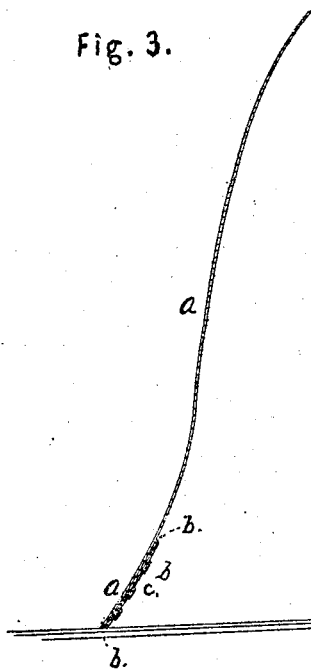


Fig. 4.

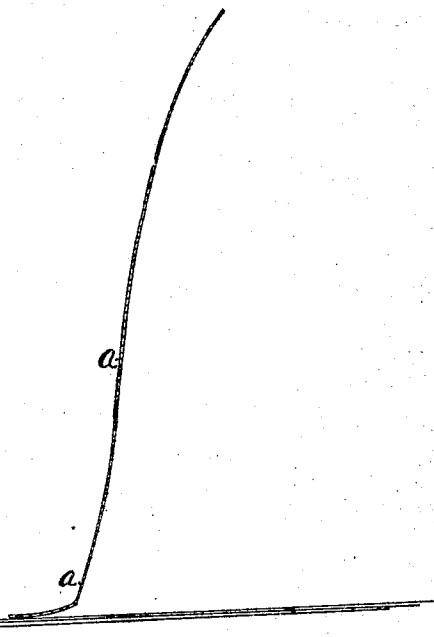


Fig 2.

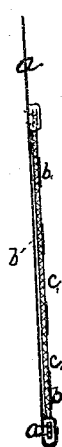
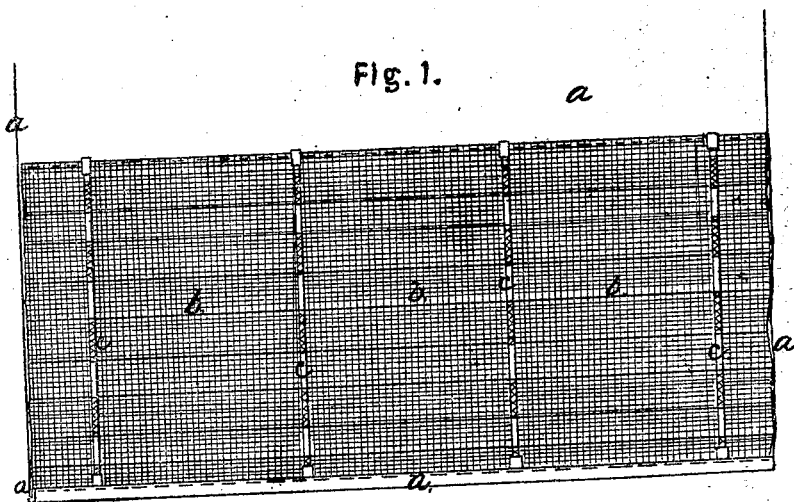


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN LADIES' DRESS-PROTECTORS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 46,218, dated February 7, 1865.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE D. DAY, of the city and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use a new and Improved Protector for the Bottoms of Ladies' Dresses, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of my said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is an elevation of said protector. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 represents the back portion of a dress with said protector applied; and Fig. 4 shows the back portion of a dress, representing the form in which it ordinarily trails upon the ground without my protector.

Similar letters denote the same parts.

Ladies' dresses usually touch upon the floor or ground, particularly at the back, when the person is walking, and as the dress trails it is almost sure to fall into a sharp bend or fold, as shown in Fig. 4, and a portion of the dress lays flat upon the floor or ground and becomes soled and speedily worn through, and irreparably injured. Linings of various material—such as enameled cloth, grass-cloth, &c.—have been employed; but they are only temporary expedients that are quickly worn out, and also are objectionable on account of the rustling noise.

The nature of my said invention consists in a series of springs secured vertically, or more or less obliquely into a suitable lining, such as grass cloth, so that said springs distend the lower portion of the dress or other garment, and take the wear resulting from the edge of the garment touching the ground,

thereby preventing the dress edge trailing flat on the ground, and giving a much more graceful appearance to the dress than heretofore usual, besides preserving it from dirt and wear.

In the drawing, *a* represents a portion of a dress or garment; *b*, a lining of grass-cloth or other suitable material, and *c c* a series of springs secured in said lining. These springs may be of cane, whalebone, or other suitable material. I, however, prefer and use the covered wire or skirt-springs, clasped at the ends of the springs to said lining or inside facing of the garment at its lower edge.

The spring should be inserted vertically or at right angles to the fabric composing said lining or facing, and the clasps at the ends of such springs should be turned back on themselves and clasped so as to detain and hold the edge of the lining or facing fabric.

I have represented the said springs as introduced in an open fabric—such as grass-cloth—and clasped to the same; but it will be evident that said springs may be secured in any desired manner and be composed of any suitable material.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An interior lining or facing for the lower edge of the skirt of ladies' dresses or other garments, formed with springs introduced in the manner and for the purposes specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my signature this 10th day of December, 1864.

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