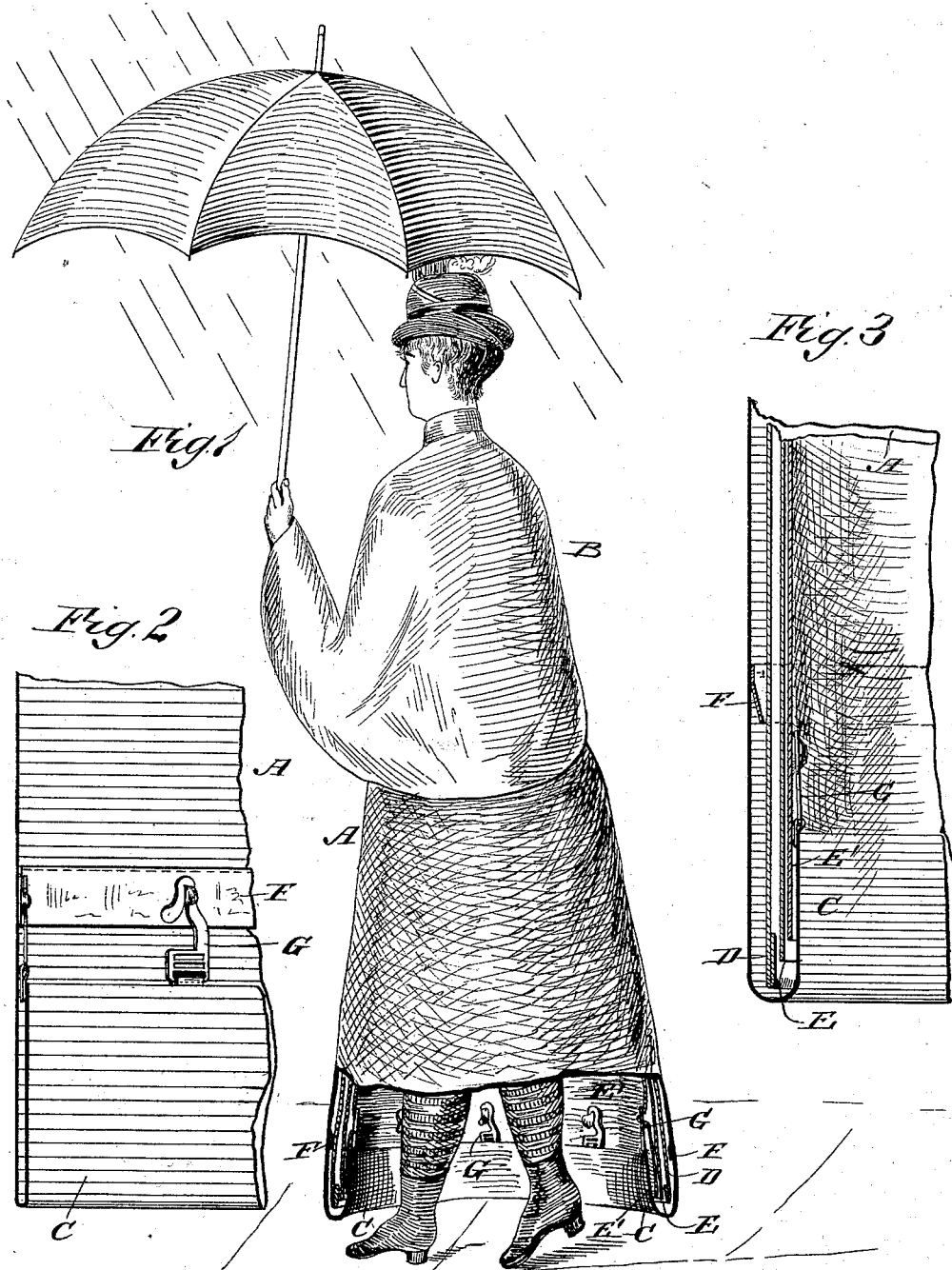


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MALCOLM H. SMITH, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Water-Proof Garment, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a skirt-protector or water-proof garment forming a skirt, with or without a waist, designed to inclose the bottom of the dress and the underskirt or skirts, so as to protect them from the pavement and keep them dry and clean, no matter what the condition of the streets may be. To provide a practical skirt of this class is the object of my invention; and it consists in the construction hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents my invention as worn by a lady as a protector, the lower part of the skirts being broken away. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the skirt arranged to be worn as an ordinary waterproof, and Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the skirt worn as a protector.

A represents a skirt of water-proof or other material appropriate to be worn as an outer garment in wet weather. This skirt is of the usual or of any approved form, with or without a waist or cape B. At its lower edge it is formed or provided with a wide hem or protecting-strip C, to inclose between it and the main body of the skirt the bottom of the dress D and the bottom of the underskirts E E'. The inner surface of the main part of the skirt A is provided with a holder F of tape stitched all around the skirt at its upper edge and free at its lower edge. This is to receive the clips G, secured to the edge of

the protector C, for holding the protector up the proper distance when the garment is to be worn as an ordinary water-proof, as shown in Fig. 2.

When the skirt is to be worn as a protector, the wearer simply puts the garment on, detaches the clips G from the holder and applies them to the underskirt E', as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, which can be quickly and very easily done without materially lifting the skirts. The protector is thus held up securely and incloses the bottoms of the dress and skirts and fully protects them from water and mud and from contact with the pavement and with the shoes of the wearer.

The clips G are metal clasps or hooks each formed with a slot to grasp by compression a portion of the skirt E' or a portion of the holder F, as the case may be; but other forms of clips or fastening devices which are capable of grasping or clamping the free portion of the tape or strip F and the material of the underskirt may be used without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

The skirt A, having a continuous tape or fabric strip secured at its upper longitudinal edge transversely therein and free at its lower edge, an extension C below the said tape or strip, and a series of fabric grasping or clamping clips on the said extension to grasp the free portion of said tape or the fabric of the underskirt, as may be desired, substantially as set forth.

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