

A Philadelphia lady has invented an adaptation of the skirt elastic. She turns up the hem of her cycling skirt nine inches inside, and at the top of this hem she attaches on each side of the frock an elastic an inch wide and between eight and nine inches long. This she fastens to the top button of her shoe. It holds the skirt down in a headwind; and when dismounted the length of elastic keeps the skirt from being pulled back and forward by the movement of the foot.

In answer to B.C.M. I can give her advice about using something much better than shot or weights for the hem of her skirt. Let her get either round brass stair-rods, or else half-inch gas tubing, hammered flat, and have it cut into two-inch lengths, then enclose each between two pieces of black tape, with a strip of wadding on the side nearest herself, to prevent the hard substance striking against her ankles. These may be sewed flat to the inside hem of the foundation, arranged vertically; about eleven round the front, two inches apart. Their total weight is not much more than three ounces, and they do not interfere with the set of the skirt. A correspondent who has tried this plan recommends it most warmly as being very successful.—*Violet Lorne, in Bi. News.*

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