

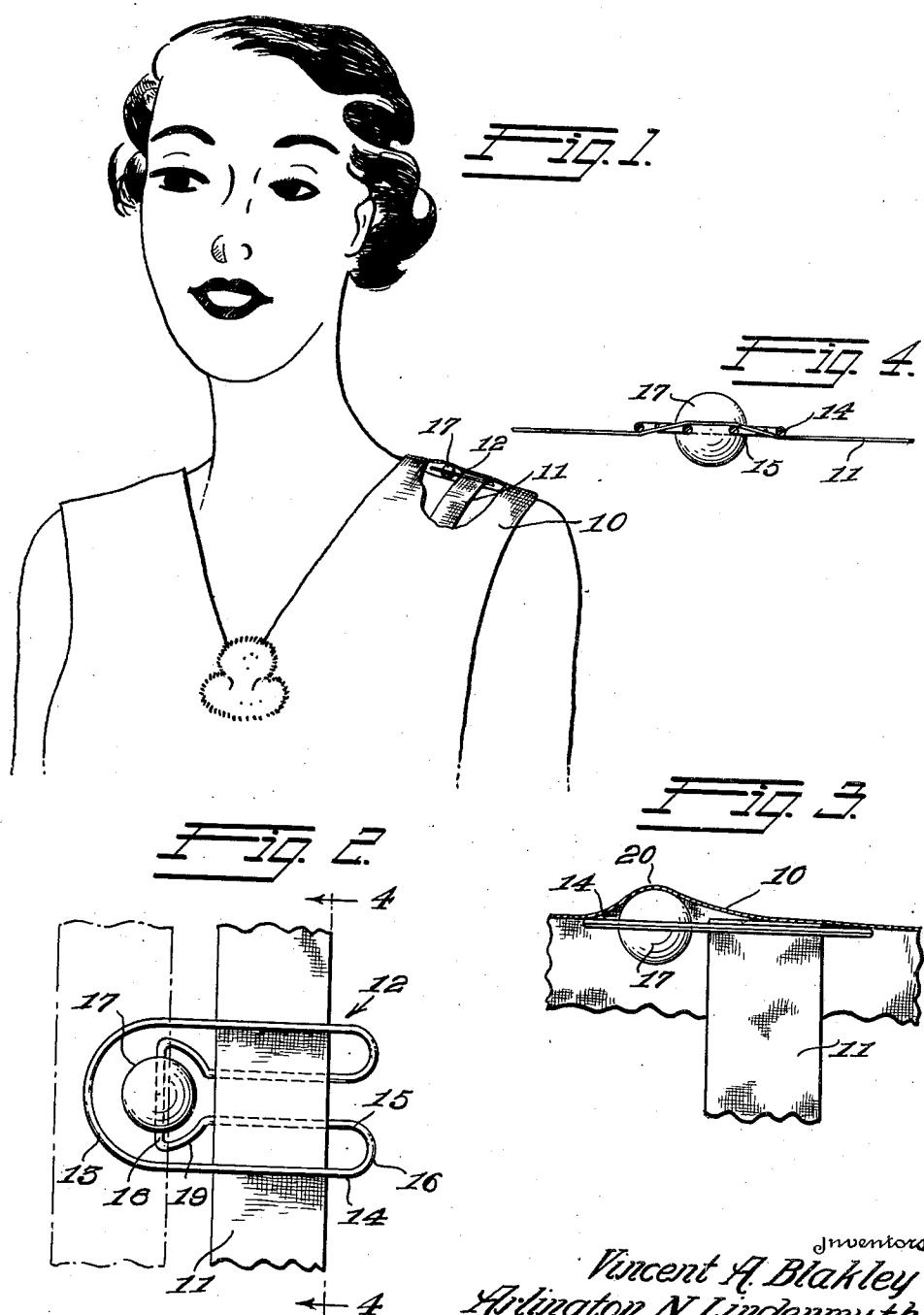
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1 Claim. (Cl. 24—261)

This invention relates to a holding device for use in holding the shoulder straps of garments from sliding off of the shoulders.

An object of this invention is to provide an improved holding device which is adapted to clamp a plurality of shoulder straps together so that they will not separate and may be disposed in overlapping relation and tightly maintained under the shoulder portions of the outer garment against sliding movement along the shoulders of the wearer.

Another object of this invention is to provide an improved holding means for shoulder straps which can be easily applied by the wearer and which is so constructed that any desired number of straps may be engaged therewith and easily applied to the holder by the wearer.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention will be more fully described hereinafter, and will be more particularly pointed out in the claims appended thereto.

In the drawing, wherein like symbols refer to like or corresponding parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation partly broken away of the device in applied position.

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary top plan of the device.

Figure 3 is a detailed side elevation of the device in applied position.

Figure 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Referring to the drawing the numeral 10 designates generally the shoulder portion of an outer garment and the numeral 11 designates the shoulder strap on one side of an undergarment. At the present time these shoulder straps 11 frequently slide downwardly and outwardly along the shoulder of the wearer and it is in order to prevent sliding movement of the strap 11 that the hereinafter described clasp has been provided.

A strap holding clasp generally designated as 12 is engaged with the strap 11 at the top of the shoulder, and where a number of straps are passed over the shoulder of the wearer, these straps may be engaged with the clasp or holding member 12. The holding member 12 comprises a substantially U-shaped wire or frame member 14, the bight 13 of which is of rounded configuration so as to present a pleasing appearance. The free ends of the U-shaped member 14 are connected to a pair of parallel wire members 15 disposed between the parallel legs of the U-shaped member 14 being connected thereto by curved extensions 16. A substantially spherical member 17 is rotatably mounted on a shaft 18 which is connected by curved extensions 19 to the parallel members 15. This bead or spherical mem-

ber 17 acts as a holding means to prevent lateral movement of the clasp 12 when beneath the shoulder portion 10 of the garment. The bead 17 provides a bulge 20 in the shoulder portion 10 of the garment shown more clearly in Figure 3 and thus the strap 11, is held against lateral movement outwardly along the shoulder of the wearer.

In the use of this clasp the device is applied after the manner disclosed in Figure 2 with the bead or rotatable member 17 disposed adjacent the neck of the wearer. The strap 11 is then moved outwardly as shown from the dotted line position in Figure 2 beneath the bead 17 moving over this bead 17, and on the upper sides of the parallel arms 15 and beneath the parallel legs of the U-shaped member 14 as more clearly shown in Figures 2 and 4. The weight of the outer garment at the shoulders 10 thereof will form the bulge 20 in the shoulder portion thereof by engaging over the bead 17 so that the clasp 12 will not only hold a plurality of shoulder straps 11 against movement relative to each other, but this clasp 12 will in itself be held against movement relative to the shoulder of the wearer by reason of the bead 17 being interposed between the shoulder of the wearer and the shoulder portion of the outer garment.

The bead 17 may be constructed of any suitable material such as an imitation of pearl or the like and the frame or supporting means for the bead 17 may be constructed of a single piece of wire bent in the configuration hereinbefore described. This clasp 12 is entirely free from the shoulder portions 10 of the outer garment so that it is not necessary for the wearer to have more than one pair of these clasps 12 as they may be engaged beneath various outer garments of the wearer.

It is, of course, understood that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of construction and design of the above specifically described embodiment of this invention without departing from the spirit thereof, such changes and modifications being restricted only by the scope of the following claim.

We claim:

A clasp for shoulder straps comprising an outer U-shaped member, an inner U-shaped member disposed between the parallel legs of said outer member with the bight of said inner member disposed adjacent the bight of said outer member, means connecting the legs of the outer member with the legs of the inner member, and a bead rotatably mounted on the bight of said inner member.

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