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SHOULDER STRAP RETAINER

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Fig. 1.

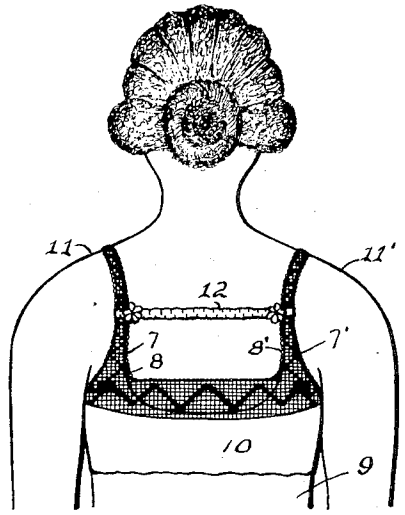


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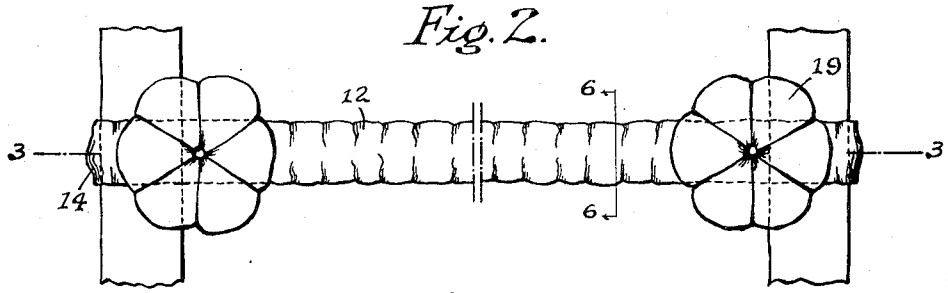


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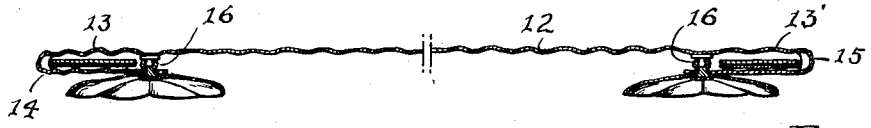


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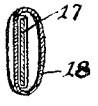


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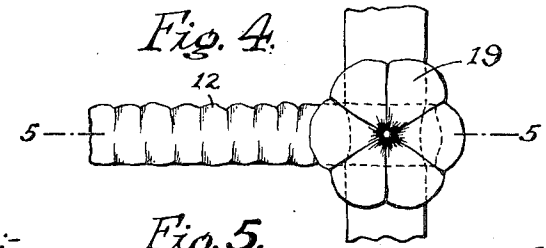


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CAROLYN W. STOCKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at 111 East Stewart Avenue, Lansdowne, in the county of Delaware and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Shoulder-Strap Retainers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is intended to be used with low cut underclothing for women having shoulder straps which are long enough to tend to slip down over the shoulders of the wearer.

The purpose of my invention is to retain the shoulder straps by a retaining tie or band which engages the strap or straps passing over both shoulders to hold them against separation and may surround the straps merely, or may be secured to the straps, if desired, to maintain the height of the tie. My construction is well adapted for decorative effects.

I have illustrated my invention by but one general form, which has proved to be practical, efficient and inexpensive and which at the same time well illustrates the principles of my invention.

Figure 1 is a rear elevation showing a woman having one of my ties in place upon her clothing.

Figure 2 is an enlarged broken elevation of a portion of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a section of Figure 2 taken upon line 3—3.

Figures 4 and 5 correspond in part to Figures 2 and 3 but show a slightly different tie or band.

Figure 6 is a cross section of Figure 2 upon line 6—6.

In Figure 1 two pairs of shoulder straps 7—7′, 8—8′ are shown retaining an undervest 9 and a corset cover 10 in position. These straps have a tendency to slide down over the shoulders 11—11′, as is well known and I have provided a retaining tie or band 12 to prevent this.

This tie may be fastened to the straps or about them in any suitable way and I have arranged in the form shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3 to have the ends 13—13′ of the band to surround the shoulder straps. For this purpose I have formed the ends as loops 14—15 and have secured the ends of each loop to the adjacent fabric of the tie by a resilient-head-and-socket fastener 16.

Where it is found that the retaining tie slips down on the shoulder straps, as may occur, this is readily corrected by fastening the ends of the tie to a particular part of the shoulder straps. I have shown in Figures 4 and 5 one of the many ways by which this can be done with the loop form of fastener for the tie. Here the loop 15′ is shorter than in the form shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3 and the resilient-head-and-socket fastener 16 is passed thru or, preferably, the parts are merely closed over the shoulder straps so as to include the fabric of these straps between the cooperating head-and-socket-members.

Whichever form be desired, whether merely to surround the shoulder strap or straps or to be fastened to them, various forms of carrying it out will occur to every seamstress in view of the disclosure which I have made.

In the construction shown the tie is made up of a central strip 17 (Figure 6) of preferably elastic material and a surrounding decorative fabric casing 18 longer than the strip with the result that the contraction of the elastic strip gives a shirred or gathered effect to the casing as best seen in Figures 2 and 4. The decoration is further carried out by rosettes 19 covering the fasteners.

In operation the garments are put on by the wearer and the tie is then applied to surround the shoulder straps of the garments or is secured to them. Where the straps of but a single garment are to be held, the tie can be partly or even wholly applied before the garment is put on.

It will be obvious that where the elasticity of the tie is not desired the same decorative effect may be obtained by making the strip shorter than the length of the casing 13 or a desirable decorative effect can be secured by other means.

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

1. A garment having shoulder straps in combination with a removable elastic tie adapted to retain the straps against lateral movement, and a cover for the tie.

2. A shoulder strap retainer comprising a casing, a resilient strip within the casing,

shorter than the casing and terminals upon the strip adapted to engage with the fabric of the shoulder strap, one located at each end of the strip, preventing separation of the straps and held against vertical movement by the straps.

3. A shoulder strap retainer, comprising a casing, a resilient strip within the casing and loop terminals upon the strip adapted to extend from one shoulder strap to the other to surround and frictionally engage the strap to prevent undue separation of the straps and to be removed from the straps.

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