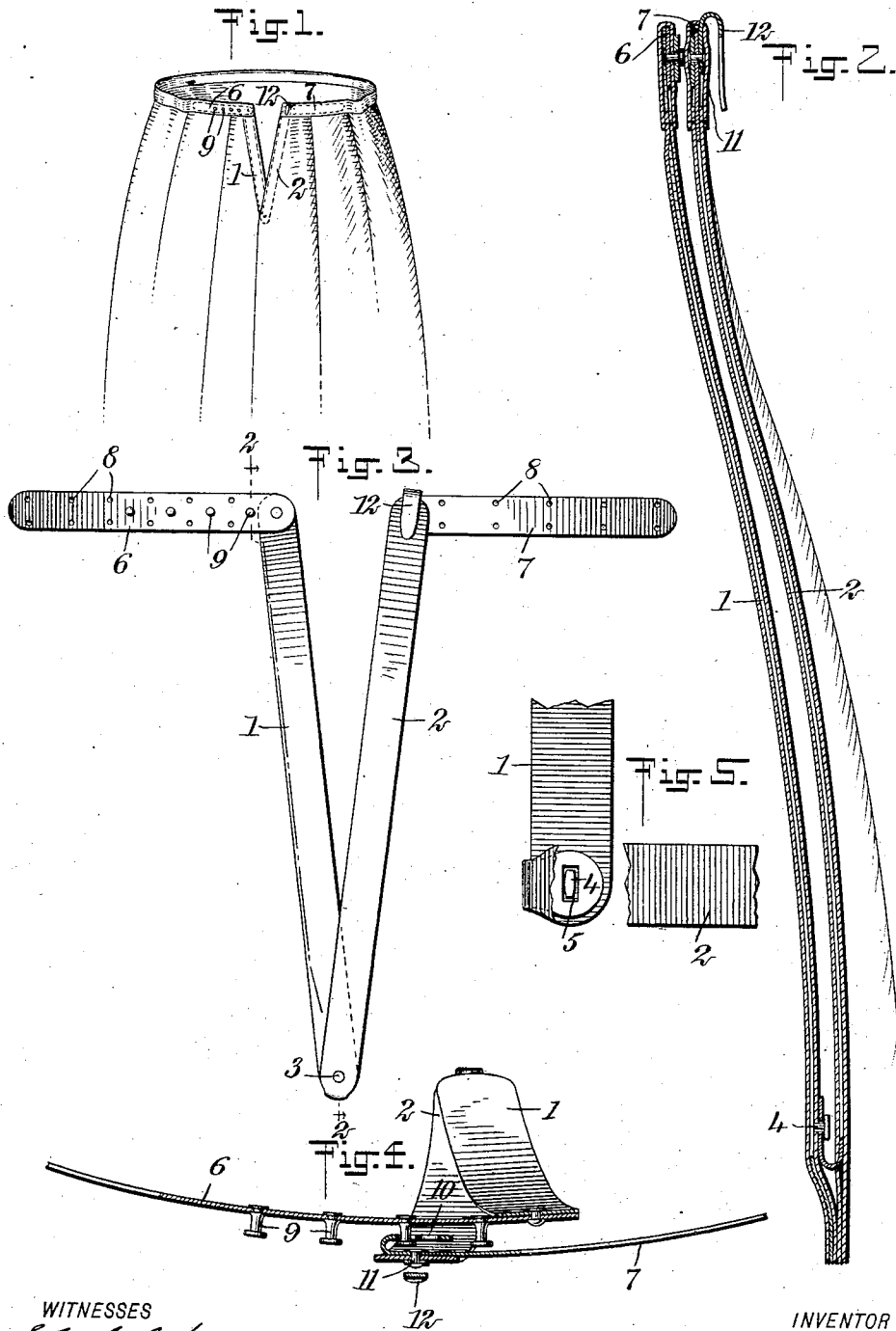


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILSON H. REGNER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of York, in the county of York and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and Improved Skirt Stay and Fastener, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is an improved stay and fastener for skirts, designed to be durable, strong, simple and adapted to fit any skirt or person, owing to its improved shape.

Among other objects of the invention is the production of a device of this character which will prevent the skirt from sagging down behind or becoming unfastened, and allowing of stooping, sitting or other bodily movements without discomfort, owing to its flexibility and lightness. The device can be used in connection with the lightest fabrics on account of dividing the strain on the goods and not confining it to any one point as in other fasteners hitherto devised. The fastener can also be adjusted to suit different sized persons, and taken apart to enable it to be conveniently sewed into the skirt or unhooked in case of a very large person, thus permitting the skirt to be easily applied.

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

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a skirt with the improved stay and fastener applied thereto; Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the fastener as applied to the skirt, said section being taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 3, viewed in the direction of the arrows; Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the stay and fastener removed from the skirt; Fig. 4 is a transverse, sectional view of the stay and fastener through the belt strips, and Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view of the stays at right angles to each other, partly broken away to show their pivotal connection.

The invention comprises two stays 1 and 2, of thin spring metal normally curved inwardly when not in use, as shown in Fig. 4 and pivotally connected together at their lower ends at 3. This pivotal connection is formed by providing the lower end of the stay 1 with a pin 4 projecting outwardly from it, having an

oblong head, as shown in Fig. 5. The lower end of the stay 2 is slightly reduced in width and bent upon itself, and has an oblong eye 5 designed to receive the head of the pin 4 when the stays are at right angles to each other, and become engaged therewith when the stays are turned toward each other in normal position.

Pivotal connection to the upper ends of the stay members 1 and 2 are respectively, belt strips 6 and 7, both of which are curved to conform to the waist, and carrying means for holding the stay members in closed relation, also means for connecting the stay and fastener to the waist-band. This comprises a series of perforations 8 arranged at the edges of both strips, through which threads or other means may be passed for positively holding the waist-band and strips together. The belt strip 6 is provided with a series of outwardly projecting headed pins 9 arranged on its longitudinal center and pivoted on it, designed to engage with the slotted turned end 10 of the belt strip 7. The slot in this turned end is enlarged at one side, as shown in Fig. 4, to admit of the heads of the pins 9 being passed through it. The pivotal connection between the stay 2 and belt strip 7 formed by a rivet 11, also passes through a downwardly turned hook member 12 at the outside of said stay, under which a belt strapped about the waist may be held.

When the skirt containing the fastener is applied to the body, the flexible inwardly curved stays will conform to the shape of the body and allow free bodily movement, preventing at all times the skirt from sagging or the placket from becoming unfastened. In applying the stays to the placket, they should be turned at right angles to disengage their pivotal connection 3, admitting of their being conveniently sewed in place. It will also be found desirable to unhook these stays in applying the skirt, especially in the case of very large persons. The reduced width of the stay 2 near its pivotal connection will be found of advantage in providing a firmer connection when sewed at this point to the skirt.

In practice, the stay members will be covered with a suitable cloth and also enameled to prevent rusting, the cloth enabling the stays to be readily sewed into the garment.

The belt pieces are preferably made from aluminium so as to be as light as possible, combined with a maximum strength.

Although I have described the invention in detail, it is to be understood that the scope thereof is limited by the annexed claims only.

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

10 1. In a device of the character described, two inwardly curved stay members constructed of spring steel, and a headed pin projecting from one of said stays, the other stay having an inwardly turned end provided
15 with an oblong eye through which the head of said pin is adapted to pass in pivotally connecting the stay members together.

2. In a device of the character described, spring steel stay members pivotally connected together, belt strips pivoted to the
20 opposite ends of the stays, one of said belt

strips being provided with a series of projecting headed pins, the other of said belt strips having its end bent upon itself adjacent to its pivotal connection, and a slot formed
25 therein for engaging any one of said pins.

3. In a device of the character described, two stay members pivoted together, belt strips attached to the opposite ends of the stay members, one of which is provided with
30 a slot having an enlargement, and a plurality of headed pins projecting from the other belt strip, each adapted to be engaged by said slot for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
35 name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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