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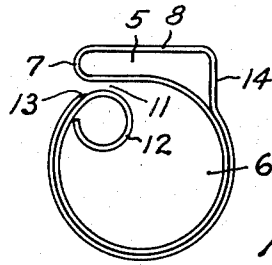


Fig. 1

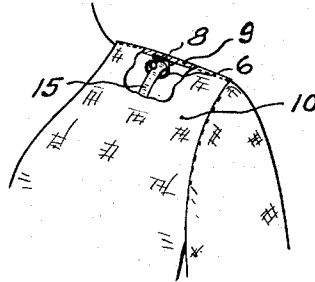


Fig. 2

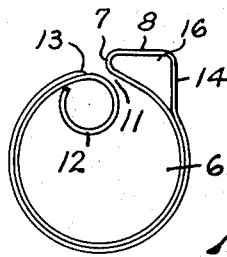


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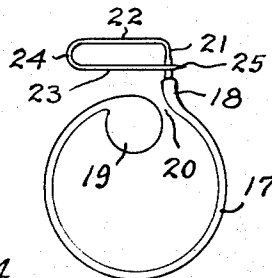


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to a lingerie strap holder for holding the shoulder straps of women's garments.

An object of this invention is to provide a simple and efficient shoulder strap holder in the form of a small clip which can be readily attached to the shoulder portions of women's outer garments, such as waists, and used to prevent shoulder straps of undergarments from slipping down on the shoulders.

Another object of the invention is to provide a lingerie strap holder in the form of a clip which is small in size, compact in construction, neat in appearance and which will lie close to the shoulder of the user when in use and is easy to attach to and detach from the shoulder portion of an outer garment, such as a waist.

Another object is to provide a lingerie strap holder in the form of a small clip which can be depended on to hold the shoulder straps of undergarments and not to release said shoulder straps accidentally and, at the same time, to provide a shoulder strap holder with which shoulder straps can be quickly and easily engaged and from which they can be quickly and easily disengaged manually by the user.

Another object is to provide a lingerie shoulder strap holder in the form of a clip made from a single piece of wire bent double and shaped to provide a garment engaging loop and a shoulder strap receiving loop, the shoulder strap receiving loop being formed of two curved wire parts disposed one within the other in reinforcing engagement with each other and in a common plane which coincides with the plane of the garment engaging loop, the said loops being formed without crossing the wire.

Another object is to provide a lingerie shoulder strap holder in which a strap receiving loop portion thereof can be made of plastic material and a garment engaging clip of wire can be made a permanent part of said plastic strap receiving loop.

Other objects of the invention will be apparent from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is an elevation, on an enlarged scale, of a preferred form of lingerie strap holder constructed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is a somewhat diagrammatic front view, with parts broken away and on a smaller scale than Fig. 1, illustrating the manner of using this invention.

Fig. 3 is an elevation, on an enlarged scale, of a modified form of this lingerie strap holder.

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Fig. 4 is an elevation, on an enlarged scale, of another modified form of this lingerie shoulder strap holder.

Like reference numerals designate like parts throughout the several views.

The lingerie shoulder strap holder shown in Fig. 1 is formed by a single piece of fairly stiff but resilient wire of small diameter bent double and shaped to provide a garment engaging loop 5 and a shoulder strap receiving loop 6. The garment engaging loop 5 serves as a hanger or anchor loop for the holder. This loop 5 has an end 7, herein referred to as a bight portion because this end part 7 is formed at the location where the wire is doubled. The two parts of the wire are spaced apart for a substantial distance outwardly from the bight portion 7 and these two spaced apart portions form two sides of the garment engaging loop 5. This loop 5 is of substantial length to prevent turning over or twisting of the holder. The top or outermost member of the loop 5 is in the form of a straight bar 8 which is adapted to be engaged within a seam portion 9 of an outer garment 10, Fig. 2, when the holder clip is in use, and because said bar 8 is relatively long it will resist turning or twisting of the clip.

The two wire parts which form the loop 5 converge together at the end 14 of said loop opposite to the bight portion 7 and for the remainder of their length the two parts of the wire are substantially in engagement with each other and reinforce each other and said two wires are bent to form the strap receiving loop 6.

The ends of the wire parts which form the strap receiving loop 6 are positioned close to the bight end 7 of the garment engaging loop 5 but are spaced therefrom to leave an opening 11 through which shoulder straps can be passed into and out of said loop 6.

The end portion of the innermost wire of the strap receiving loop 6 is bent inwardly to form a strap retaining member 12 of substantial size which extends toward the center of the loop 6 and which helps to prevent accidental displacement of the shoulder straps from the loop 6.

The end of the outermost wire of the strap receiving loop 6 has a sharp point 13 which preferably lies against the innermost wire to minimize the danger of injury to the hands but which can be sprung outwardly to insert it into the cloth of an outer garment.

The shoulder strap holding member can be easily attached to the shoulder portion, preferably the seam 9, of an outer garment 10 by threading the point 13 through a substantial

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length of the seam portion 9 and rotatively moving the strap holding member until the portion of the garment seam through which the point 13 has been inserted has passed between the two members forming the loop 6 and is engaged with the bar member 8. The strap holding member is thus securely fastened to the outer garment and the bar member 8 is long enough and is engaged with a sufficient length of the garment seam 9 so that the strap holding member can not readily twist or turn over.

When the strap holding member is attached to an outer garment it is positioned so that the opening 11 which receives the shoulder straps is toward the neck of the wearer. This positions the shoulder strap holder so that it is easy to engage the shoulder straps in or disengage them from the strap receiving loop 6 and so that, when the shoulder straps are engaged within the loop 6 they can not accidentally get out of this loop.

These shoulder strap holding clips are small in size, are light in weight, are made of non-corrosive material and preferably are light in color and are not easily visible through thin outer garments. These clips are readily detachable from the outer garments but can be left on these outer garments while the garments are being laundered if desired.

The lingerie strap holding clip shown in Fig. 3 is similar to the clip shown in Figs. 1 and 2 except that the garment engaging loop 16 thereof is of shorter length than the loop 5 of the clip shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The parts in Fig. 3 numbered 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 and 14 are similar to correspondingly numbered parts in Fig. 1 and function in a similar manner.

Fig. 4 shows a lingerie strap holding clip comprising a strap receiving loop 17, which may be circular in shape and may be formed of plastic material. The loop 7 has a boss 18 formed on one end thereof and has an inwardly directed disc shaped strap retaining member 19 formed on its other end. The member 19 has the same purpose and function as the strap retaining member 12 of Fig. 1. Also the member 19 is positioned adjacent to but spaced a short distance from the boss 18 to provide an opening 20 for the insertion and removal of shoulder straps. The boss 18 has a garment engaging clip secured thereto preferably by embedding an end portion 21 of said clip in said boss 18 at the time the loop 17 is molded. Two bar portions 22 and 23 and a bight end portion 24 make up the remainder of the garment

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engaging clip. An end 25 of the bar 23 extends across the end member 21 and is sharpened so that it can be engaged within the seam portion of a garment and the clip can be moved until the bar portion 22 thereof is engaged with the garment.

The strap holding clip shown in Fig. 4 functions in a manner similar to the clip shown in Fig. 1.

Obviously changes in this clip can be made within the scope and spirit of the following claim.

I claim:

A lingerie shoulder strap holder comprising a wire-like member bent substantially double and having two parts thereof adjacent the bight portion spaced from each other to provide a garment engaging loop adapted to support the strap holder when it is engaged with the shoulder portion of an outer garment, the two parts of said wire-like member outwardly from said garment engaging loop converging into reinforcing engagement with each other with one part thereof inside of the other part and extending in a curve away from said garment engaging loop and thence back toward said garment engaging loop to thereby provide a two part strap receiving loop in which the two parts thereof have their ends positioned adjacent to but spaced a short distance from the bight end portion of said garment engaging loop to leave an opening through which shoulder straps can be passed into and out of said strap receiving loop, the end of the outermost wire-like part of said strap receiving loop being pointed whereby it can be deflected away from the adjacent wire like part and inserted through the cloth of an outer garment and the shoulder strap holder rotatively moved relative to the portion of cloth engaged by the outermost wire like part to connect the garment engaging loop with the outer garment; and an inwardly extending strap retaining member provided on the end of the innermost wire-like part of said strap retaining loop.

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