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Fig. 1.

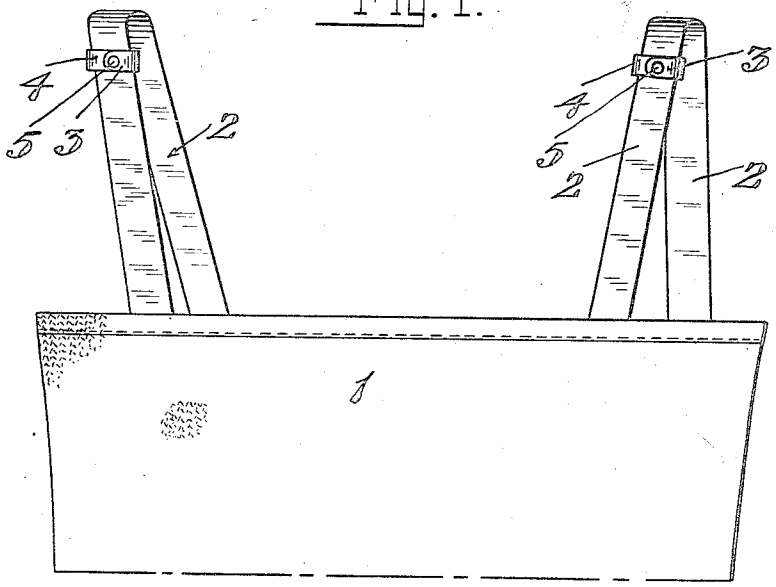


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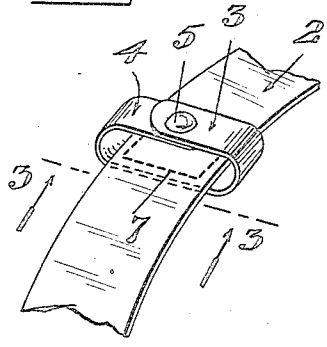


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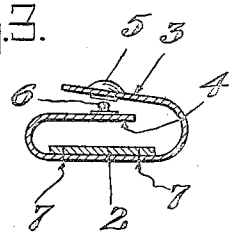


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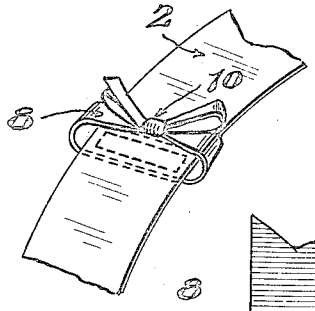
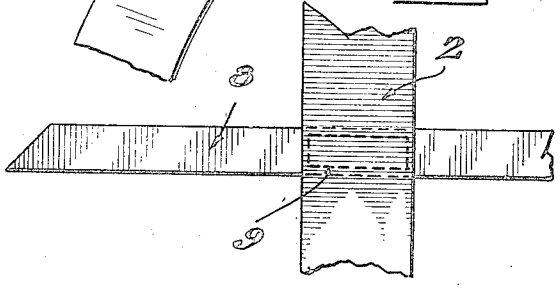


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UNDERGARMENT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN VAN RAALTE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Undergarments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an undergarment for women, particularly an undershirt or undervest and has for its object to provide a means on the shoulder straps of such a garment for engaging and holding together said shoulder straps and the shoulder straps of such other garments as may be worn at the same time.

A further object of this invention is to provide on the shoulder straps of an undergarment, a fabric loop intended to confine the shoulder straps of the various garments worn at the same time and hold the same together substantially as a unit.

With these objects and such other objects as may hereinafter appear, in view, I have devised the particular arrangement of parts, hereinafter set forth and more particularly pointed out in the claims appended hereto.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part hereof in which

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the upper portion of an undergarment provided with my improvement;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of one of the shoulder straps showing one of the shoulder strap holding loops;

Figure 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 2 looking in the direction of the arrows;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of loop whose ends are united by tying the same together, and

Figure 5 is a plan view of a section of the shoulder strap shown in Figure 4 with the loop in its open position.

Throughout the various views of the drawings, similar reference characters designate similar parts.

In the preferred embodiment of my invention as disclosed in Figures 1, 2 and 3, I have shown the upper portion of an undergarment consisting of an undervest 1 and the same is provided with the conventional shoulder straps 2 which extend over the shoulders of the wearer and thus support the garment on the wearer. It is understood that several other garments having shoulder straps are worn by the wearer at the same time which consist of a brassière and a camisole. In order to keep the shoulder straps of these three garments together, the shoulder straps 2 on the vest 1 are provided with laterally extending tabs 3 and 4, the ends of which are detachably secured together by interengaging snap fastener members 5 and 6. When so engaged, the tabs form a loop on the front face of each of the straps 2 which confines the shoulder straps on the other garments and holds said straps together with the strap 2 as a unit and keeps the same from separating and slipping from the shoulders of the wearer.

The tabs 3 and 4 consist of the ends of a continuous section of ribbon or tape which extends in back of each of the straps 2 and is secured thereto by the stitches 7.

In the modified form of construction shown in Figures 4 and 5, a section of ribbon or tape 8 is secured to the back of the shoulder strap 2 by means of stitches 9 and the ends of said ribbon or tape are brought to the front of the strap 2 and tied together in a bow as at 10 to form the confining loop.

It will be understood that these loops may be positioned at any point on each of the straps 2 to suit various requirements or if desired, several of such loops may be placed on each strap 2.

From the foregoing, it is obvious that my invention is not to be restricted to the exact embodiment shown but is broad enough to cover all structures coming within the scope of the annexed claims.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

1. An article of the class described comprising a garment having a shoulder strap, a ribbon secured behind said strap and having its ends brought forward across the front of said strap and detachably united together to form a loop.

2. An article of the class described comprising a garment having a shoulder strap, fabric strips projecting laterally from the

opposite longitudinal edges and adapted to be detachably united across the front face of said strip.

3. An article of the class described comprising a garment having a shoulder strap, a fabric strip secured to said strap and having its ends extending laterally from the longitudinal edges of the strap, said ends being adapted to be detachably united to form the same into a loop across the front of the strap.

Signed at the city, county and State of New York, this 27 day of August, 1923.

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