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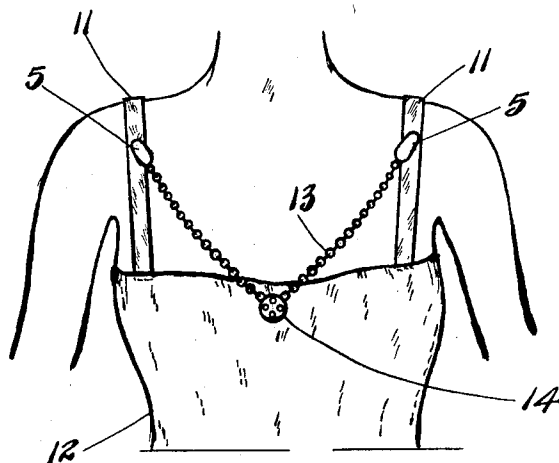


Fig. 2

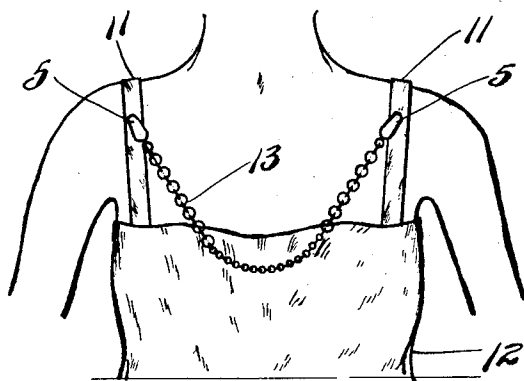
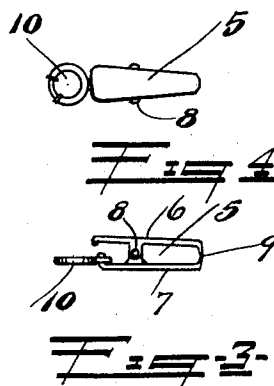


Fig. 1



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This invention relates to a shoulder strap holder for garments such as lingerie, and more particularly to a means to prevent the straps from slipping off the shoulder of the
5 wearer.

The prime object of the invention is to design a simple, inexpensive, and efficient means for holding the shoulder straps of an undergarment in proper position, so that a
10 constant gentle pull, (tending to draw the two straps together) is provided at all times.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device which conforms to the movements of the wearer, which will not bind or
15 tighten, and which is constantly tending to pull the straps towards each other regardless of the position of the wearer.

A further object is to provide an adjustable device so designed that it hangs loosely
20 on the wearer, which will not tear or strain the fabric, and which is secured to the shoulder straps only.

A still further object is to design a device which hangs loosely so that it is concealed
25 from view, and which need not be removed when the garment to which it is attached is removed.

The above and other objects will appear as the specification progresses, reference being
30 had to the accompanying drawings, in which I have shown several embodiments of my invention, and in which like reference numerals indicate like parts throughout the several views thereof.

35 In the drawings.

Fig. 1 is a view showing my invention applied to an undergarment.

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a slightly modified design.

40 Fig. 3 is a side view of the clasp.

Fig. 4 is a top plan view.

I am of course aware that chains of a similar nature are at present on the market, these however are not entirely satisfactory,
45 as the center section fastens to the front of the undergarment, and strains and tears the fabric, it also must be removed prior to the removal of the garment, and I have therefore perfected a device which overcomes the
50 aforementioned objections.

Referring to the drawings, the device comprises a pair of clasps 5 formed as clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 4 of the drawings, these clasps being formed in two sections 6 and 7 respectively, hingedly connected together at
5 8 and provided with a conventional coiled spring, (not shown) for tensioning said clasp, the front end of each section being provided with teeth 9 as usual, and a catch 10 is formed integral with, or can be secured to the lower
8 member in any approved manner, so that the links of a chain may be readily locked therein. These clasps are secured to the shoulder
11 straps 11 of the garment 12, and the ends of a chain member 13 are detachably secured
65 thereto, the central section of the chain being of a heavier material, so that an inward and a downward pull is provided when the chain is in position.

In Fig. 2 of the drawings, I have shown a
70 slightly different arrangement, in this construction the center section of the chain has a relatively heavy pendant 14 secured thereto, or it can be mounted to slide on the chain. The object of the catch is to permit the loop
75 ing of the ends of the chain, so that it can be adjusted as to length, inasmuch as the proper and correct length would vary to suit the size and shape of the wearer.

There are of course other modifications
80 which can be made, and I do not wish to be limited to any specific design. I wish to direct particular attention to the fact that the ends of the chain only are fastened, and that the chain must be of a length to form
85 a loop in order to be concealed from view and secure the proper results.

From the foregoing description it will be obvious that I have perfected a very simple, economical, and attractive device for holding
90 the straps of undergarments in proper position.

What I claim is:—

1. In a device of the class described, including a pair of side clasps adapted to be detachably secured to the shoulder straps of an undergarment, a loop catch on each clasp, and a longitudinally disposed chain of sufficient length to form a pronounced V-shaped loop when in position on a garment having its ends
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detachably secured to said loop catches, the center section of said chain being heavier than the end sections.

2. In a device of the character described,
5 including a pair of side clasps adapted to be secured to the shoulder straps of an undergarment, and a longitudinally disposed chain looped from one clasp to the other, and having its ends secured to said clasps, said chain
10 of sufficient length to form a pronounced V-shaped loop and being weighted sufficiently to continuously exert a gentle pull, tending to pull said shoulder straps towards each other.

3. In a device of the character described,
15 including a pair of side clasps adapted to be secured to the shoulder straps of an undergarment, and a longitudinally disposed chain of a length sufficient to form a pronounced loop when in position on a garment and
20 looped from one clasp to the other, and a centrally disposed heavier section adapted to move with the movement of the wearer of the garment, so that a continuous gentle, inward pull is exerted at all times.

25 4. In a device of the character described, including detachable means adapted to be secured to the shoulder straps of an undergarment, and a longitudinally disposed semiflexible chain of sufficient length to form a
30 pronounced loop normally concealed from view when in position on a garment and looped from one shoulder strap to the other, so that a continuous, gentle, inward pull is exerted at all times.

35 In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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