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*Fig. 1*

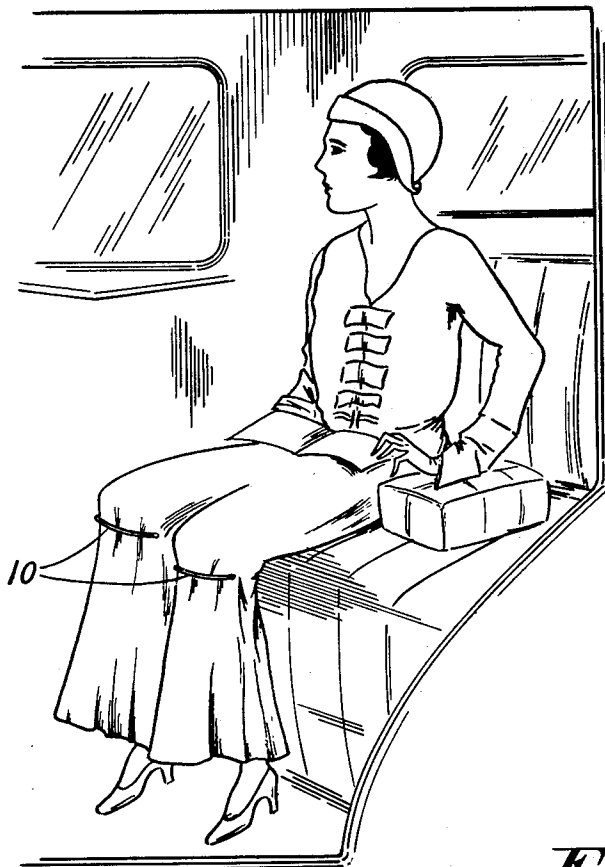


*Fig. 2*

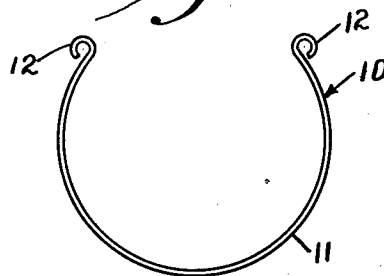
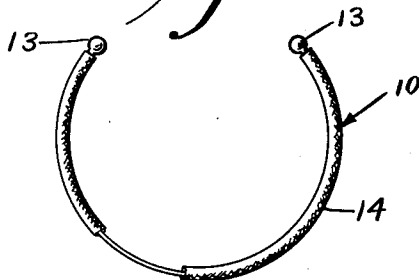


*Fig. 3*



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### 1 Claim. (Cl. 24—256)

This invention relates to a skirt holder for use in retaining women's skirts in place while riding or driving.

Much inconvenience is caused to women riding in vehicles or participating in sports due to the tendency of the wind to blow their skirts about and after a time their efforts to keep their skirts in place become a real burden.

The object of the present invention is to securely and unobtrusively retain a woman's skirt in place without necessitating the use of the hands.

The above and other objects may be accomplished by employing my invention which embodies among its features a pair of resilient brackets which are adapted to partially encircle the legs of the user to hold the skirt down in proper position.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a view showing my improved skirt holder in use;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of one of the leg embracing members of the skirt holder; and

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 showing a modified form of leg embracing member.

Referring to the drawing in detail, my improved skirt holder consists of a pair of resilient clips 10, each of which comprises a leg embracing portion 11 which is formed at opposite ends with bent back portions 12 for preventing injury to the material from which the skirt is made.

Each leg embracing portion 11 is made from a piece of spring wire which after formation is covered with a suitable enamel to match or harmonize with the color of the material from which the skirt with which it is used is made. I propose to make the skirt holders in a variety of colors so that they may be selected to match the majority of the colors from which skirts are made but it is obvious that in some instances, it may be desirable to employ a contrasting or harmonizing color which may lend to decorative effect to the gown with which it is employed.

In use upon seating herself in a car or other vehicle the woman arranges her skirt to suit her

convenience and then applies one leg embracing portion of the skirt holder around each leg at any suitable point which may be either above or below the knee according to the conditions. Thus safely clamped in place, it is obvious that the skirt will remain in the desired position regardless of wind conditions. It is obvious that these skirt holders may be also employed by women in the various sports such as golf or tennis and will effectively retain the skirts in place during such activities. By enameling the elements of the skirt holder in different colors, I am enabled to make them extremely unobtrusive or they may be used as a decorative embellishment where desired.

It is obvious that the leg embracing portions may be modified in form slightly for instance, instead of forming the ends with the bent back portions 12, they may be formed with spherical terminals 13 (Fig. 3) which will effectively guard against injuring the materials from which the skirts are made. Other modifications may embody covering the leg embracing portions 11 with a cloth sheath 14 (Fig. 3) which may be dyed any desired color before or after purchase by the user.

While in the foregoing I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that minor changes in the details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:

A skirt holder comprising a leg embracing member which partially embraces one leg of the user and clamps a skirt thereto, said member comprising a length of spring wire bent in the form of a U, spherical knobs formed on opposite ends of the wire to protect the skirt from injury and a fabric sheath encompassing that portion of the wire between the knobs and terminating at points on the wire slightly spaced from them.

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