To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR WOLFF, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rear Clasps for Catamenial Napkins, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to means for sustaining catamenial napkins in position upon the person of the user, and especially to the rear support for same, the object being to afford a simple but effective suspender clasp hook that may be readily attached to or removed from a corset lace without injury to the latter, and which at the same time will prevent the accidental displacement of the clasp hook from the corset cord when positioned thereon—the invention consisting in the specific construction and arrangement of parts herein described and claimed, and a distinctive feature being the elastic resilient hook formed with a lace straddle having a concavo-convex cord retaining tongue which normally closes the entrance to said loop, all as hereinafter more fully set forth.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of what may be designated as the front of my rear suspender clasp;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same taken from the other side thereof;

Fig. 3 is a central vertical section of my rear suspender clasp hook;

Fig. 4 is a view illustrating the practical application of my rear suspender clasp hook.

The shanks of the twin suspender loops a, a, are particularly connected, as by the tubular bight c, with the shank c', of the clasp C, so that they may be manipulated to admit of the folding in and over of an end a, of a napkin, as illustrated in dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 3, and in solid lines in Fig. 4.

The clasp C, is preferably made of metal, the upper part of the shank c', being bent over to form the tubular lace straddle, c', with the elastic resilient tongue c', extending downward therefrom and forming a closure thereto. This elastic resilient tongue c', is concavo-convex in central longitudinal section, the incurved medial portion c', resting normally against the opposed surface of the shank c', as shown more particularly in Fig. 3, and thereby guarding the entrance to the lace straddle c', but at the same time admitting of the insertion of the lace strands L, into, or their removal from said straddle c', by suitable manipulation. Such manipulation is facilitated by the outward flare of the free end of the tongue c'; and for a like reason the shank c', may be inversely curved inward as at c', adjacent to its area of contractual engagement with the tongue c', thus creating a relatively wide and accessible mouth or entrance c', for the lace L, as shown in Fig. 3.

The lace straddle thus formed affords a substantial means of attachment to a corset lace without possibility of injury to the latter and may be conveniently and quickly positioned on the lace or removed therefrom, while proof against accidental displacement.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,

A rear suspender clasp of the character designated, comprising an elastic resilient hook formed with a concavo-convex shank and with a tubular lace straddle having a concavo-convex tongue inverted as related to the curved shank, said tongue normally closing the entrance to said straddle tube, together with twin loops particularly connected with the shank of said hook, for the purpose described.

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