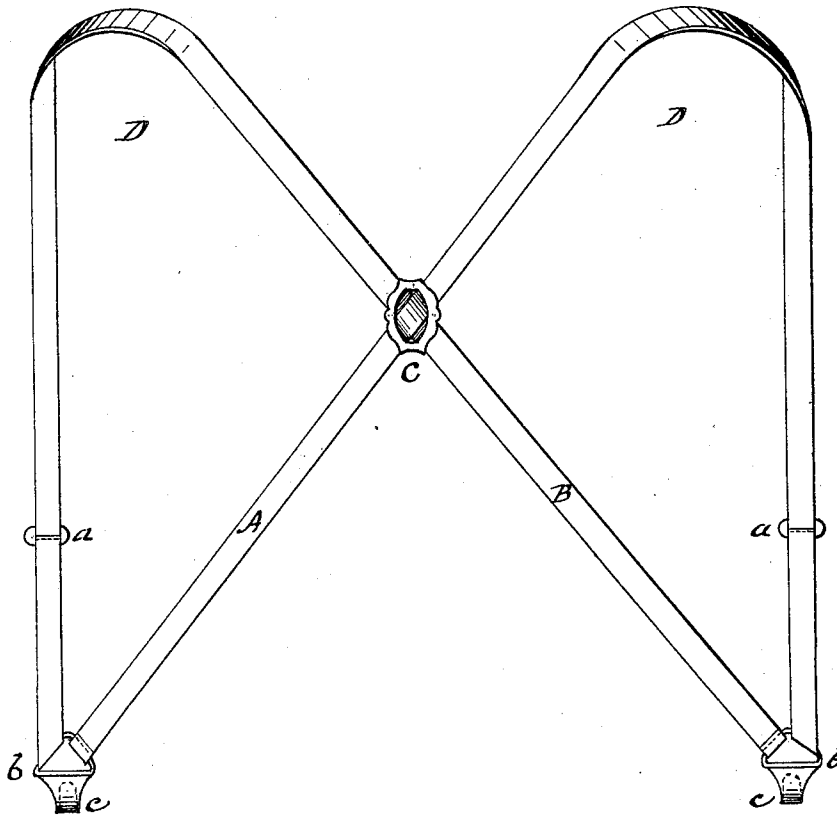


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IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT-SUPPORTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. McMILLAN, of Toledo, Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Skirt-Supporters, of which the following is a clear, full, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings making a part of this specification, in which the figure represents the form of the device when in use.

My invention relates to that form of skirt-supporters which causes the weight of the skirts to rest upon the wearer's shoulders; and it consists in the combination and arrangement of the parts as hereinafter described.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention I will proceed to describe the exact manner in which I have carried it out.

In the drawings, A B represent two elastic straps crossing each other as they pass through the adjusting slide C, and having one end of each fastened to the rings or triangular plates *b b*, while the opposite end of each is provided with the adjusting slides *a*, after passing through the said plates *b*, the slide *a* inclosing and moving along the straps A B for the purpose of adjusting the

size of the supporter to the wearer. Attached to the plates *b* are the hooks *c c* for the purpose of catching and holding the skirts to be supported.

The application of my invention is as follows: The arms of the wearer are passed through the upper curves of the straps at D, the slide C coming on the back of the person. The hooks *c c* are then attached to the skirt, and by means of the slides *a a* the skirt is readily adjusted to its proper position, while by means of the slide C the supporter is adjusted to the shoulders of the wearer.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture a skirt-supporter, as described, and consisting of the elastic straps A B and slide C, in combination with the slides *a a*, plates *b b*, and hooks *c c*, when arranged to operate substantially as set forth.

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