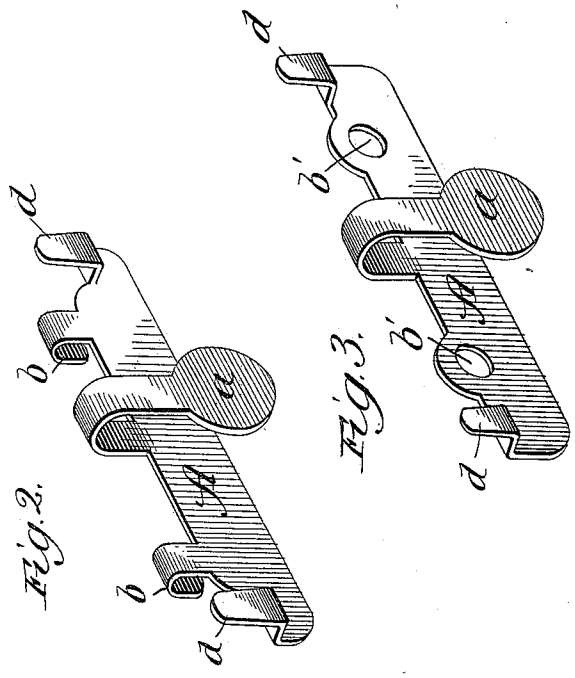
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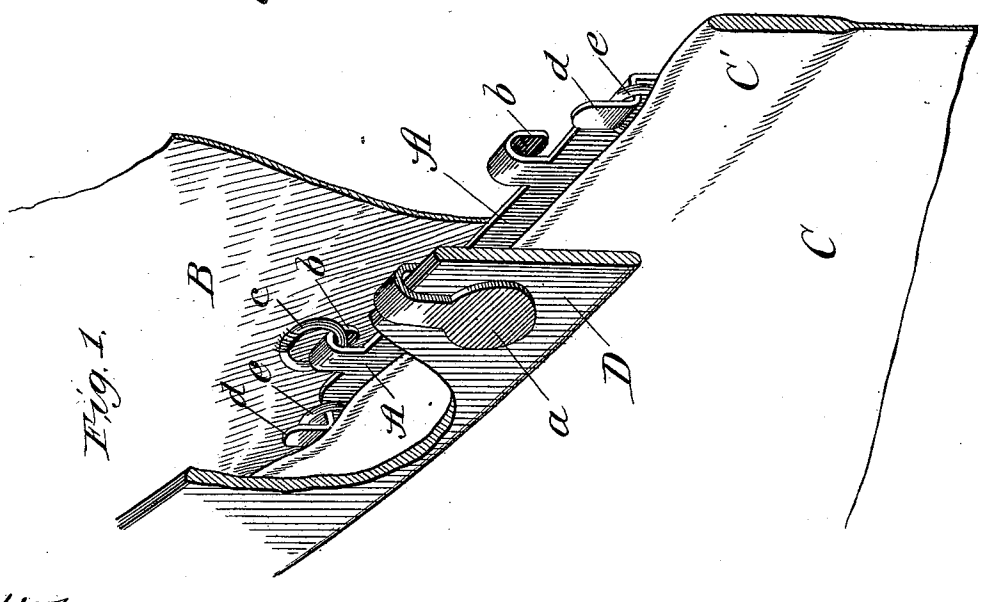
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. CREVELING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Combined Skirt and Waist Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a supporter to be hooked over the belt encircling the waist of the user for holding up the skirt and holding down the shirt-waist which shall be devoid of any pins for fastening the garments, convenient of adjustment for its twofold purpose, and effective without injury to the garments supported, such as is liable to result where the supporter involves the use of a safety-pin.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a broken sectional perspective view showing my improved device operatively applied; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the device in the form thereof shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a similar view of a modified form of the device.

A is a strip of sheet metal provided between its ends with a belt-hook *a*, extending backward and downward from the edge of the strip forming its upper edge in the operative position of the device. As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, waist-hooks *b b* project inward from the upper edge of the strip to be engaged by eyes or loops *c*, provided in suitable position on a shirt-waist, (indicated at B,) and offset hooks *d d* project outward and upward from the strip near its outer ends to engage with eyes or loops *e*, provided in suitable position on the waistband C′ of a skirt, (indicated at C.)

To apply my improved device, the shirt-waist may be first hooked at the eyes *c* over the hooks *b*. Then the eyes *e* on the skirt-band C′ may be hooked over the hooks *d* and the belt D adjusted under the hook *a* to encircle the waist of the user and cover the connected parts of the garments, leaving only the belt-hook exposed. If the hooks *b d* are pointed, as they may be in the manner shown of the hooks *d* in Fig. 3, the eyes *c e* may be dispensed with and the hooks caused to penetrate the material of the garments B C instead.

Eyes *b′ b′* may be provided in place of the hooks *b b*, as shown in Fig. 3, when hooks will be required in proper position on the shirt-waist to engage with the eyes.

Either of the described constructions provides suitable fastenings for the two garments to be held.

The entire device may be stamped as a whole out of suitable sheet metal, thus affording an article cheaply manufactured, and the flexibility of the strip A adapts it to conform to the curve of the surface to which it is applied in use, thereby enabling it to be worn without discomfort.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A combined skirt and waist supporter formed of a single piece of metal or other suitable material consisting of a strip provided at its upper edge at or near each end with a skirt-engaging hook, and adjacent to said ends with waist-engaging devices, and provided intermediate of its ends with a hook for engaging an exterior belt.

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