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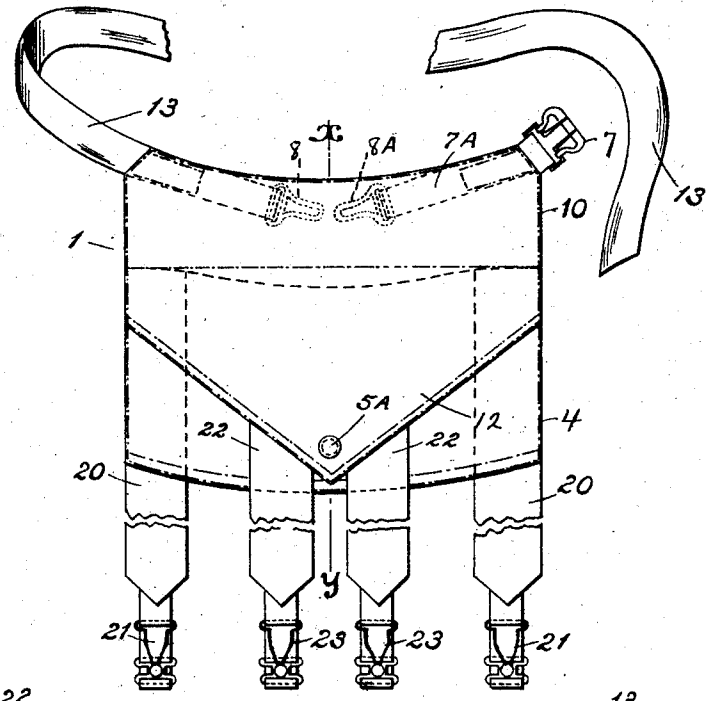


Fig 1

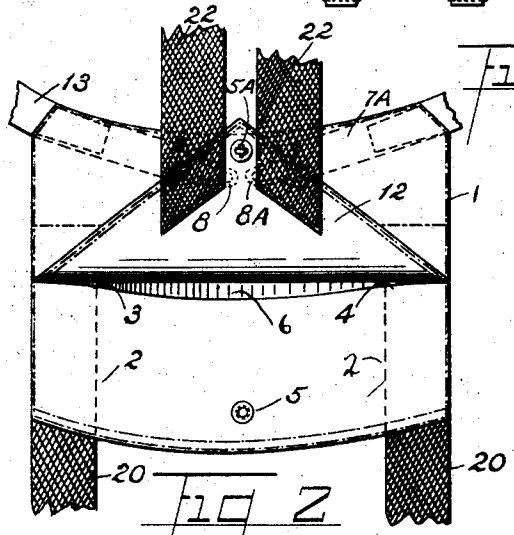


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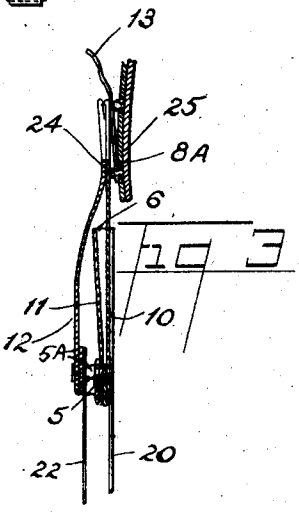


Fig 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERTHA ORTELL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, United States of America, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Pocket and Garment Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in the novel combination of parts described in the following specification and specifically set forth in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a front view of a portion of the article shown in Fig. 1, some of the parts being shown in different positions. Fig. 3 is a sectional side elevation through the line *x*—*y* of Fig. 1. This figure also shows a portion of a corset and illustrates the manner in which my improved article may be attached thereto.

Like characters of reference designate corresponding parts in all of the figures and the specification.

1 designates a flat pocket which comprises a back portion 10 and a front portion 11. These two portions may be formed of one piece, or the pocket may be made of two pieces sewed together. This pocket 1 also comprises a flap 12 which is preferably attached to the back portion 10 along its upper edge. It may also be sewed to the sides of the back portion through a portion of its width. 13 designates a waist-band or strap which is arranged to pass around the body of the wearer and fastened to a buckle 7. One end of this strap is securely attached to one of the upper corners of the pocket and is extended inwardly somewhat, a short distance, and has attached to this extended portion a metallic fastener 8. A similar metallic fastener 8^A is connected with the buckle 7 by a short strap or band 7^A.

Near the lower part of the front portion 11 one part 5 of a glove-fastener is secured and upon a corresponding portion of the flap 12 another part 5^A of this glove-fastener is attached. It may be clearly seen that these two parts coöperate to hold the flap down over the pocket and to thereby close the slit 6 of the pocket.

20, 20 designate straps which are securely attached to the lower corners of the pocket on which extend downwardly and are adapted to support the hosiery of the wearer. They are provided at their lower end with metallic fasteners 21, 21 which are adapted to take into the stockings and which may be adjusted upon the straps 20, 20 for the purpose of adjusting their length. 22, 22 designate similar straps which are attached to the flap 12 near its lower portion and inside of the straps 20, 20. These straps 22, 22 are also provided with metallic fasteners 23, 23, similar to those previously described and also movable so as to adjust the length of these straps 22, 22. The straps 20 and 22 are preferably made of elastic material. The metallic fasteners 8 and 8^A are adapted to slip over the lower stud 24 of a corset 25 in a manner shown in Fig. 3.

The mode of using this article is apparent. It may be secured to the body of a person by passing the waist-band 13 around the body and securing it by means of a buckle 7. The metallic fasteners 8 and 8^A may be secured to the corset-stud in a manner previously described. The strain of the waist-band 13 will thereby be directly applied to the corset-stud and not to the body of the pocket portion itself. The stocking fasteners 21, 21 may then be secured to the stockings after which the stocking supporters 23, 23 may be secured. These support the hosiery in a well-known manner, and the strains and counterstrains are distributed in the most advantageous manner.

The pocket portion itself maintains the abdominal viscera in proper position. This article may be worn with great comfort and the pocket portion, the action of which has just been described, has no downward strains upon the body of the wearer and the manner of its attachment causes it to produce inward pressure upon the body of the wearer. Strains do not come upon the back of the wearer but are equally distributed by means of the arrangement of the waist-band and the corset-attaching means.

The pocket itself is adapted to contain money, jewels, or other valuables. The side compartments 3 and 4 are especially useful for the purpose of holding precious stones, finger rings, or other small articles. When the flap is closed and the inner straps 22, 22 are connected with the stockings, these straps perform a double function, for they not only hold the flap in its closed position and thereby insure the safety of the pocket itself, but they also produce an inward pressure upon the body of the wearer and causes

the pocket to be held closely against the body so that it cannot in any way be detected.

What I claim is—

1. An abdominal pocket comprising a main portion and a flap, said flap being adapted to cover the pocket, means for securing the pocket to the body, hose supporters attached to the main portion of the pocket, and other hose supporters attached to the flap.

2. An abdominal pocket comprising a main portion and a flap, a waist-band secured to the main portion, metallic fasteners adapted to engage with the stud of a corset, hose supporters attached to the main portion of the pocket, and other hose supporters attached to the flap.

3. An abdominal pocket comprising a main portion and a flap, the flap being arranged to cover the pocket, means for securing the flap in closed position, a waist-band secured to the main portion of the pocket, means for adjustably securing said band about the body, metallic fasteners secured to said band, said fasteners being adapted to engage with the stud of a corset, elastic hose supporters attached to the main portion of the pocket, other elastic hose supporters attached to the flap, and means for adjusting the length of said hose supporters.

4. An abdominal pocket, a flap covering said pocket, means for holding the flap in closed position, a waist-band for securing the pocket to a body, hose supporters attached to said pocket, and other hose supporters attached to the flap.

5. An abdominal pocket comprising a main portion and a flap, said flap being adapted to cover the pocket, a waist-band secured to the main portion of the pocket, means for adjustably securing said band about the body, means for connecting the pocket with the stud of a corset, hose supporters attached to the main portion of the pocket, and other hose supporters attached to the flap.

6. A safety pocket comprising a pocket, a cover flap for the mouth of the pocket, a belt secured to its back at its upper edge, means upon the belt for adjusting it around the body, and means secured to the bottom of the pocket adapted to be secured to the garments to prevent the displacement of the pocket.

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