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Fig. 1.

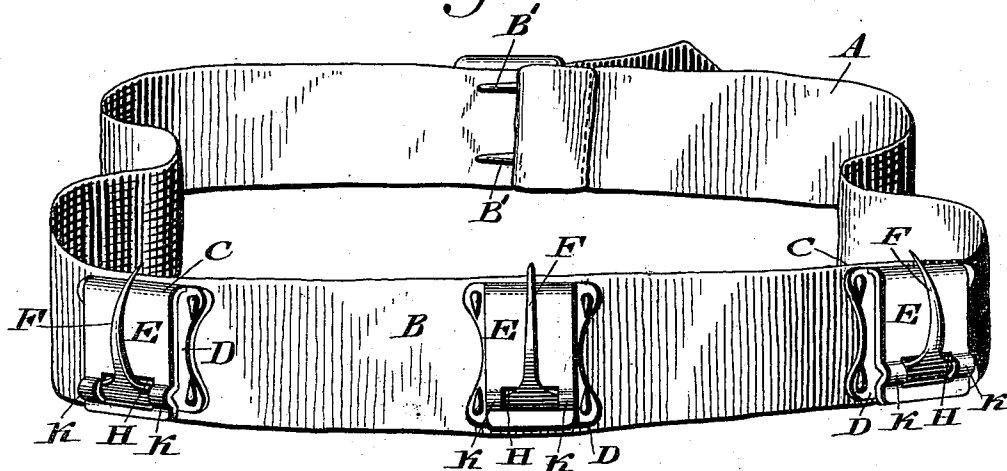


Fig. 2.

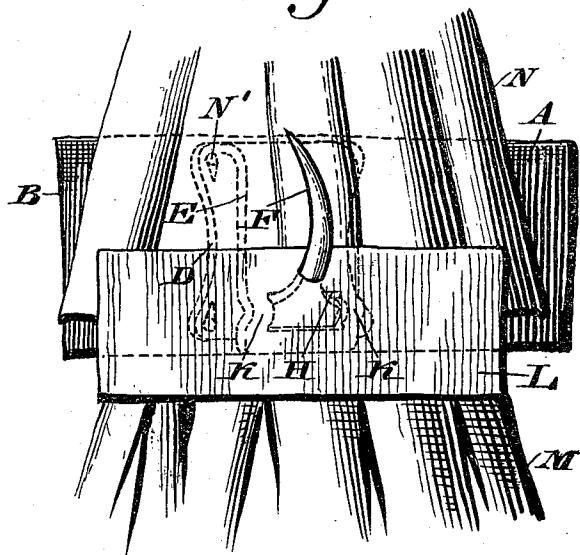
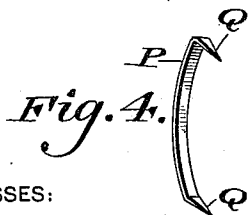
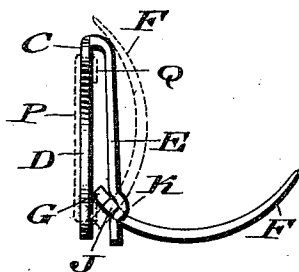


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN M. ANCK, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Waist and Skirt Supporters, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a novel construction of skirt-supporter, which is also adapted to be employed in connection with a shirt-waist and similar garment, whereby the skirt and waist can be readily held in proper position on the body of the wearer.

It also consists of means for adapting the hook of the device to be readily applied in position, and to retain its place, whether open or closed, by pressure on the face of the hook.

It further consists of novel details of construction, all as will be hereinafter set forth, and specifically pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a skirt-supporter embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a detached view of the same, showing the lower portion of a shirt-waist, the upper portion of a skirt, and the skirt-supporter applied thereto, the parts being shown in the act of being assembled. Fig. 3 represents a side elevation of the supporting device employed detached. Fig. 4 represents a perspective view of an attaching device.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

Referring to the drawings, A B designate a belt or band which is provided with a buckle B' of any suitable or convenient description and has secured to it the supporting devices C, which are preferably three in number, although a greater or less number may be employed according to requirements, as is evident.

The supporting device consists of the back attaching-plate D, the elastic limb E, and the hook F, the latter having journals J whose bearings K are on the limb E, the latter being provided with a recess H, through which projects the heel G of the hook, said heel bearing against the back plate D and being subjected to pressure owing to the elastic nature of the limb E, whereby the hook will be held firmly, especially when in closed position, in

which case its point portion rests against the top of the limb E.

L designates the waistband of the skirt M, and N the lower portion of the shirt-waist.

The operation is as follows: The belt B is applied to the person and secured by the buckle B'. The hooks F are opened and inserted first through the portion N of the shirt-waist and afterward into the waistband L of the skirt, after which said hooks are turned into the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the elastic limb bearing against the heel G, as has been stated, and thereby locking said hook, preventing disengagement of the waistband or shirt-waist therefrom. The limb E is integral with the back plate D, and joins the same by the bend at the top thereof, said bend providing a rounded surface which prevents wearing of the garment at the place of contact with said bend. The hook F curves or is deflected outwardly, so as to provide space for the two or more thicknesses of the garment, which are pierced by said hook, and the front portion of said hook rests on the top or bend, as has been stated, as most clearly shown in Fig. 3, and its point is intumed so as to avoid the projection of the same upwardly and outwardly through the garment and the liability of the hands of the wearer being stuck by the same. The journals J of the hook rest freely in the bearings K, being adapted to be inserted therein from the rear of the limb E, when the hook F is passed through the recess or slot H in said limb, and to be retained in position by the pressure exerted on the rearwardly-projecting heel G of said hook. When the back plate and limb are sufficiently separated, the hook may be withdrawn and reapplied, it being noticed that the backs of the bearings K are open, but displacement of the journals rearward through said open bearings is prevented, owing to the constant pressure exerted on the heel G by its contact with the back plate and its mounting on the elastic limb E.

In order to secure the device to the belt, I employ the staple or bar P, with bent ends or lips Q, the latter passing through openings in the belt and back plate D, and clenched on the latter, but if desired said plate may be secured to the belt by stitches or other suitable means.

Having thus described my invention, what

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

5 A garment-supporter, consisting of a belt having secured thereto, a series of supporting devices C, each of said devices being composed of a plate, provided with an elastic limb, integral with the upper end of said plate; and depending therefrom across the face thereof, the lower end of said limb having journal-  
10 bearings thereon, and an opening therein, between the said bearings and a hook with jour-

nals mounted in said bearings and having a heel passing through said opening and in contact with said plate, the said hook being adapted to bear backwardly against the said limb, said parts being combined substantially as described. 15

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