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Fig. 1.

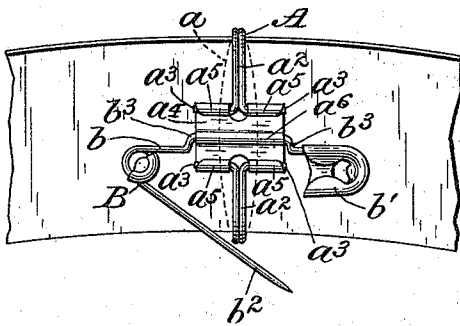


Fig. 2.

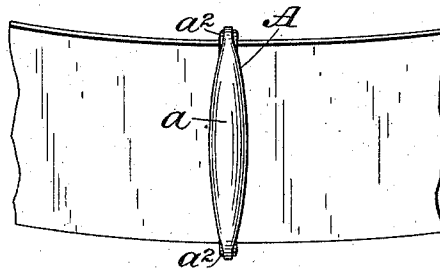


Fig. 4.

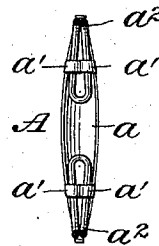
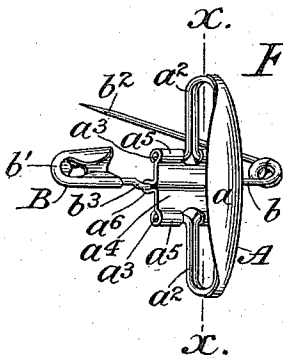


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE P. FARMER, a citizen of the United States, residing in Montclair, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belt and Skirt Fasteners, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

This invention relates to means for securing together the belt and skirt of a lady's attire or for other like purposes.

The object is to produce a device of this general character which can be manipulated by the user without difficulty and shall be of small cost and shall be thoroughly effective for the desired purposes.

I have illustrated a convenient and practical form of the improved device in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an inside view of a portion of a waist-belt with the improved fastener applied thereto. Fig. 2 is an outside view of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the fastener by itself; and Fig. 4 is a section on the plane indicated by the line *xx* of Fig. 3, illustrating a detail of construction of the loop for the belt.

The improved device comprises, in general, a closed loop A to receive the belt, as indicated clearly in Figs. 1 and 2, and a device B of the general character of a safety-pin to engage the skirt or other garment.

The loop A may be variously constructed, according to the requirements of its use or the tastes of the wearer, but is preferably constructed in the manner represented in the drawings. As there shown it comprises a face or front plate *a*, of sheet metal, which is provided with lugs or ears *a'* *a'* on the opposite edges thereof and doubled wire members *a²* *a²*, which are bent to form the end of the loop and are secured to the face or front plate *a* by the bending over them of the lugs or ears *a'* *a'*. The end portions *a³* *a³* of each wire member *a²* are bent outwardly in opposite directions and form points of attachment for a plate *a⁴*. The latter may be formed with eyes *a⁵* to receive the said end portions *a³* and is also formed with an eye *a⁶*, disposed transversely with respect to the longitudinal axis of the loop.

The device B, which is adapted for engagement with the skirt or other garment, is preferably formed substantially as an ordinary safety-pin, having a member *b*, which carries a hood or shield *b'*, and a pin member *b²*, which is adapted to enter the fabric and to have its point engaged with the hood or shield *b'*. The member *b* of the safety-pin is received in the eye *a⁶* of the plate *a⁴* with freedom to turn therein, so that the safety-pin is secured to the back of the loop A with a hinge-like joint and is free to swing thereon. In order to prevent the safety-pin from slipping too much to one side or the other, I prefer to provide the member *b* with shoulders or offsets *b³* to engage the plate *a⁴*.

The mode of use of the improved device will now be readily understood.

The belt is slipped through the loop A, and the pin B is engaged with the skirt or other garment at the desired point. The belt is then slipped to the proper position and its ends united. By reason of the fact that the safety-pin is hinged to swing it will be obvious that it can be manipulated without difficulty either for engaging it with or disengaging it from the skirt or other garment.

It will also be evident that the whole device can be cheaply and easily constructed, although it is thoroughly effective for the desired purpose.

It will be understood that I do not intend to limit myself to the precise form and arrangement of the parts shown in the drawings, as they may be varied more or less, as may be desired, without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim as my invention—

In a device of the character described, the combination of a loop having doubled wire members, the end portions of said doubled wire members being bent outwardly in opposite directions, a plate secured to said end portions, and a safety-pin hinged to said plate, substantially as shown and described.

This specification signed and witnessed this 10th day of June, A. D. 1896.

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