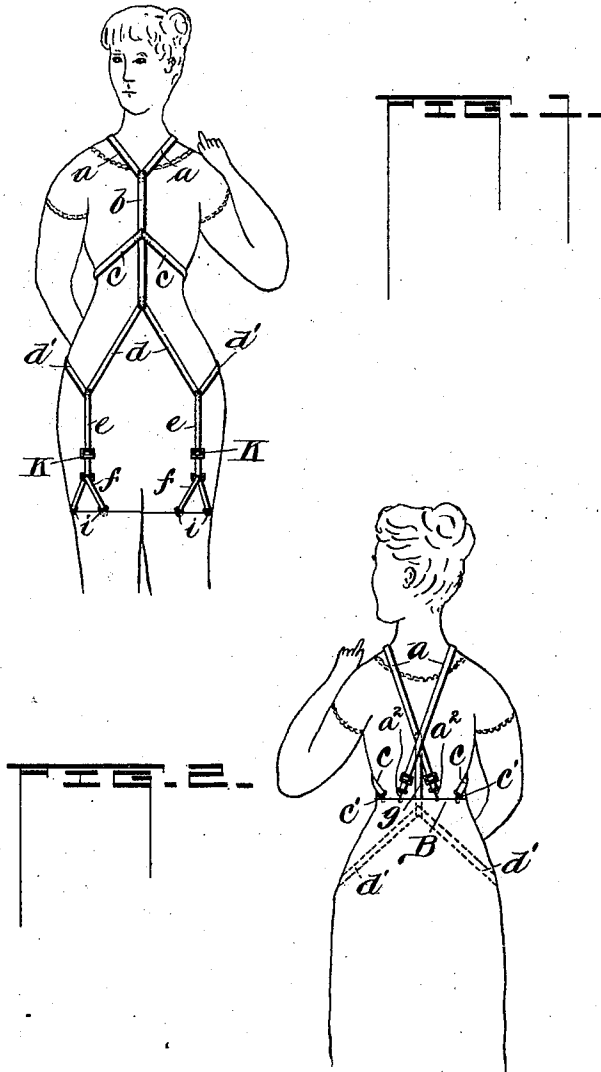


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAME BARBERO PARRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Galesburg, in the county of Knox and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wearing-Apparel Supports; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in wearing-apparel supports, by means of which a support is provided being simple and very efficient for the purpose designed.

More particularly my invention relates to a combined hose and dress-skirt supporter which consists, essentially, of bands properly arranged with relation to each other to facilitate the same for proper adjustment upon the person of the wearer to best accommodate them to throw the weight of the supported articles upon the shoulders.

That my invention may be more fully understood reference is had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows the support as viewed from the forward adjustment upon the person of the wearer. Fig. 2 shows the adjustment of the support and its appearance as viewed from the back of the person of the wearer.

In the figures, *a a* designate the main bands of the support, which are carried over the shoulders and part way down in front of the wearer.

b is a supplemental strap fastened to the bands *a a*, connecting the bands *a a* with strap *d*, to which the hose-elastics *e e* are fastened, they being fastened at any angle which is comfortable to the wearer. The elastics *e e* are provided with furcated straps *f*, having clasps *i i* thereon for connecting with the hose. I have also shown the elastics provided with clasps *K* to facilitate in the lengthening of the said elastics.

c c are straps fastened to the strap *b* near the center and are drawn under the bust and connected to the waistband *B* by means of the hooks *c' c'*. The bands *a a* are carried down over the back of the wearer and are connected with waistband *B* by means of the hooks

a' a', they being also provided with clasps *a² a²* to facilitate in the adjustment of the skirt.

d' d' are auxiliary bands connected with the straps *d d* and the elastics *e e*, and are carried over the front part of the person and fastened to the supplemental strap *g*, which said strap extends up and is connected with bands *a a* at their point of crossing.

The application and use of the support is described as follows: The device applied in the manner shown will insure the proper support of a dress-skirt at the proper place—that is, at the point in the back and around toward the side—and by means of the strap *b*, which connects bands *a a* to the straps *d d*, to which the hose-elastics *e e* are fastened, it will be seen that as the straps *c c* are connected with the strap *b* in the front, and the strap *g*, which is fastened to the bands *a a* at their point of crossing, and to which are fastened the auxiliary straps *d' d'*, which are carried around the front of the body and fastened to the straps *d d* and elastics *e e*, the weight will be balanced, so that there will be an equal drawing on both sides of the person, which accommodates comfortable bearing upon the shoulders.

The skirt is put on after the hose-supporters are fastened, and by so doing presses both the straps *b* and *g* against the wearer's body, so that there is no bungle. After the skirt-band is put on over the straps *b* and *g* the bands *a a* and the straps *c c* are fastened to the skirtband. This brings the hose-supporters next the body under the skirt.

The advantage of this combination of straps is that the weight of skirt and hose is equally divided between front and back, so that there is no pull either way, but is perfectly adjusted on that part of the shoulder which least feels its weight, as the weight on this part of the shoulder gives no tendency to stooping, as is characterized by the suspenders and supporters now in use, which come lower down on the shoulders. It will be also noticed that the weight of skirt and hose is entirely independent of each other and the pull of one does not in the least affect the other, though the weight of both is equally distributed between front and back on the bands *a a* on the shoulders.

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

In a skirt and hose supporter, consisting
5 of the bands *a, a*, forming a yoke and adapted to pass over the shoulders and down the back of the wearer and provided with clasps adapted to be secured to the waistband *B*, of the strap *b*, secured to the yoke just below the
10 neck of the wearer and extending down to a suitable point on the body, and having the straps *d, d*, fastened thereto, to which are secured the elastic tapes *e, e*, provided with clasps for supporting the hose, of the straps
15 *e, e*, in combination with strap *b*, which ex-

tend down and around to the side of the wearer and purposed to engage the skirt, of the supplemental strap *g*, fastened to the bands *a, a*, at their point of crossing in the rear and supporting the auxiliary straps *d', d'*, 20 which are connected with the straps *d, d*, and *e, e*, all substantially as described and shown.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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