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SHIRT WAIST AND SKIRT ADJUSTER.

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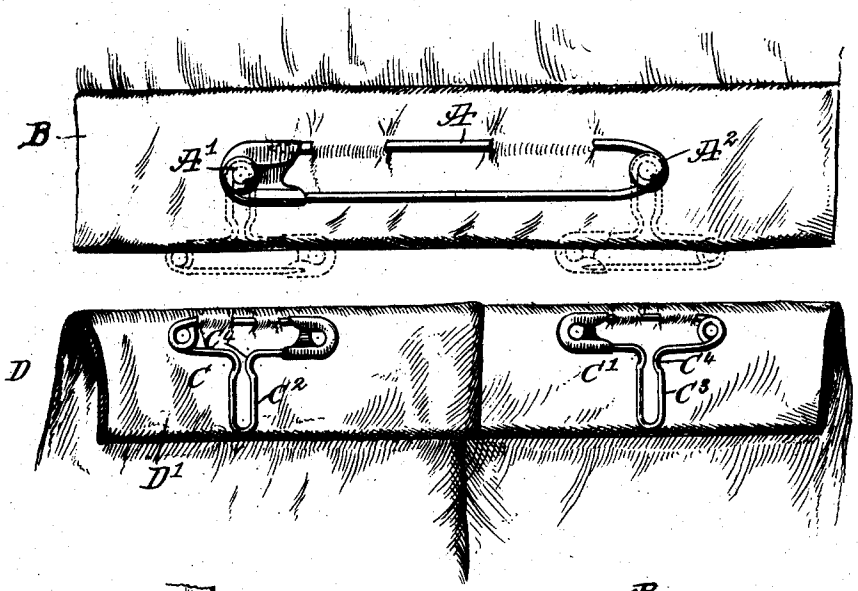
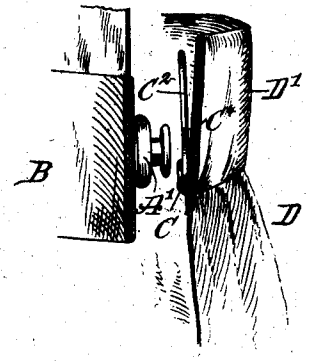
Fig. 1.





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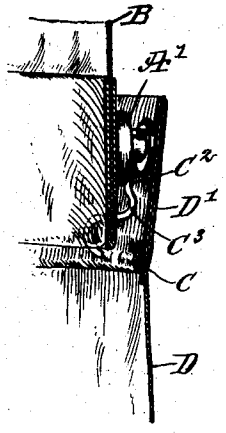

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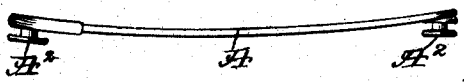

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SHIRT-WAIST AND SKIRT ADJUSTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS BARNETT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Millville, in the county of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Shirt-Waist and Skirt Adjuster, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to wearing apparel, and its object is to provide a new and improved shirt waist and skirt adjuster, arranged for convenient attachment to the shirt waist and skirt, to allow of readily connecting and disconnecting the same at the back, to hold the skirt up and the shirt waist down, and to keep the slit of the skirt securely closed.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, which will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a face view of the improvement as applied, the parts being disconnected, and the upper end of the skirt being shown turned over; Fig. 2 is a cross section of the same, showing the parts in position for engagement; Fig. 3 is a like view, showing the parts engaged, and Fig. 4 is a plan view of the shirt waist safety pin.

A long safety pin A is adapted to be fastened to a shirt waist B at the back thereof, and, preferably, into a number of doubled up portions of the lower edge of the shirt waist, as plainly indicated in the drawings. Two small safety pins C, C′ are secured to the inside of the waist band D′ of the skirt D on opposite sides of the slit thereof. On the ends of the shirt waist safety pins A are formed or secured studs A′ and A^2, adapted to be engaged by elongated loops C^2, C^3 formed integrally on the fixed members of the safety pins C, C′, the said safety pins C, C′ being spaced a distance apart, to bring the loops C^2, C^3 into register with the studs A′, A^2, to allow of conveniently hooking the loops C^2, C^3 onto the said studs A′, A^2, as indicated in Fig. 3.

By reference to Fig. 1 it will be seen that the entrance ends C^4 of the loops C^2, C^3 are somewhat contracted and open into the space formed between the shanks of the safety pins C, C′, and when it is desired to connect the safety pins C, C′ with the studs A′, A^2, then the waist band D′ is raised sufficiently (see Fig. 2) to permit of entering the heads of the studs A′, A^2, first into the space between the members of the safety pins C, C′, and then the skirt D is pulled downward so as to cause the shanks of the studs A′, A^2 to pass through the contracted entrance ends C^4 into the elongated loops C^2, C^3. The entrance ends C^4 are contracted to reduce the entrance opening to a width somewhat less than the diameter of the shanks of the studs A′, A^2, so that it requires a downward pull on the skirt D to pass the studs through the contracted entrance ends, to finally reach the elongated loops C^2, C^3. Now after the loops C^2, C^3 are engaged with the studs A′, A^2, it is evident that the skirt D is securely suspended from the shirt waist, and the latter is consequently held down, and both the shirt waist and the skirt are in the proper position relative one to the other. It will also be noticed that by arranging the safety pins C, C′ on opposite sides of the slit of the skirt, it is evident that the skirt is held closed at the slit, as the safety pins C, C′ are held against movement after their loops C^2, C^3 are engaged with the studs A′, A^2. As the safety pins C, C′ are on the inside of the skirt waist band D′, it is evident that the entire device is completely covered up when in use, and hence is not visible from the outside.

The device is very simple and durable in construction and the safety pins A, C and C′ can be readily placed in position by the wearer of the garments or removed therefrom whenever it is desired to do so. It will also be noticed that by having the contracted entrance ends C^4 on the safety pins C, C′, accidental disengagement of the safety pins C, C′ from the studs A′, A^2 is prevented. The large safety pin A is, preferably, slightly curved, as indicated in Fig. 4, so as to readily conform to the shape of the wearer's body.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A shirt waist and skirt adjuster comprising a shirt waist safety pin for engagement with the shirt waist and provided at its ends with studs, and a pair of skirt safety pins for attachment to the skirt at the inside of the waist band and on opposite sides of the back slit, the stationary shank of each skirt safety pin having a loop for engagement with the corresponding stud on the said shirt waist safety pin.

2. A shirt waist and skirt adjuster comprising a shirt waist safety pin for engagement with the shirt waist and provided at its ends with studs, and a pair of skirt safety pins for attachment to the skirt at the inside of the waist band and on opposite sides of the back slit, the stationary shank of each skirt safety pin having its middle portion formed into an upwardly extending loop for engagement with the corresponding stud on the said shirt waist safety pin, the entrance end of each loop being contracted.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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