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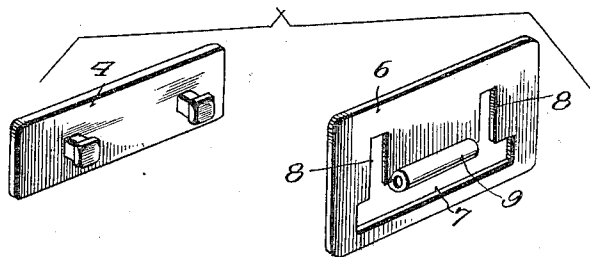
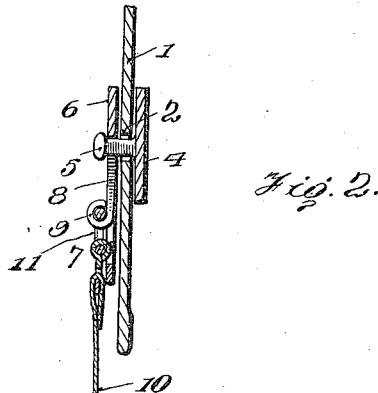
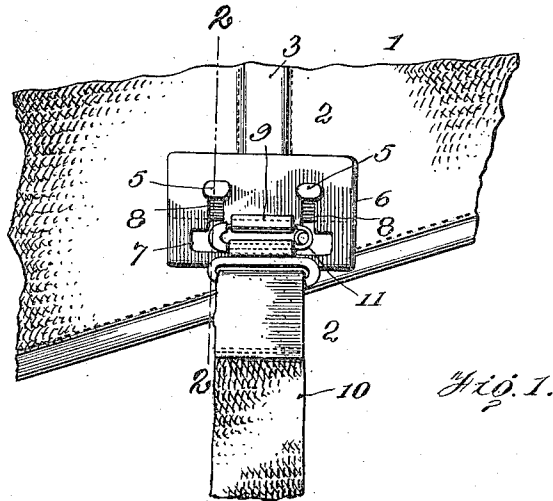


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. CLARK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jackson, in the county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hose-Supporters and Fasteners for Corsets, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be 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.

The present invention has relation to a novel and improved device adapted to be applied to a corset or other article of apparel for the purpose of supporting the hose or undergarments.

One of the objects of the invention is the provision of a device of this character which is simple and inexpensive in its construction, which can be easily and quickly applied to or removed from a corset or similar article of apparel, and which will provide a convenient and effective means for supporting hose or undergarments.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain combinations and arrangements of the parts as will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the novel features thereof being pointed out in the appended claim.

For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the improved garment supporter, the said garment supporter being shown as applied to the lower edge of a corset; Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view showing the two plates detached.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawing by the same reference characters.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates the lower portion of a corset or similar article of apparel, a pair of openings 2 being formed in the fabric of which the corset is formed. In the present instance, these openings are located upon opposite sides of a stiffening member 3, and have the edges thereof suitably stitched to prevent

tearing of the fabric. A base plate 4 is designed to be applied to one side of the corset 1 and is provided with a pair of headed studs 5 adapted to be inserted through the openings 2. A second plate 6 is applied to the opposite side of the corset and is constructed to have an interlocking connection with the headed studs 5. As indicated upon the drawings, the lower portion of this second plate 6 is formed with a longitudinal slot 7 of such a width that the headed studs 5 pass freely therethrough. Extending upwardly from this slot 7 at points toward the opposite ends thereof and communicating therewith are vertical slots 8 which are narrower than the longitudinal slot 7, being of such a width as to receive the shanks of the studs 5, but to prevent the heads of the said studs from pulling through the same. A tube 9 is formed at the upper edge of the slot 7 preferably by curling or rolling a portion of the material which formerly filled the slot 7. This tube 9 is adapted to receive the pin 11 of a safety pin, the shank of which is secured to the strap 10 of the hose supporter. The ends of the pin 11, after it has been inserted in tube 9, extend across the lower ends of the slots 8 and hold the heads of the studs against removal.

When applying the device to the corset, the base plate 4 is fitted against one side thereof so that the headed studs 5 project through the openings 2. The second plate 6 is then fitted against the opposite side of the corset with the headed studs received within the longitudinal slots 7. By grasping the tube 9, the plate 6 can then be moved downwardly so that the shanks of the headed studs 5 enter the lateral slots 7. An interlocking connection is thereby produced between the two plates 4 and 6 whereby they are held securely in engagement with the corset or other article of apparel to which they may be applied. After the two plates have been thus applied to the corset, the downward pull upon the supporting tape or strap 10 will serve to hold them securely against becoming disengaged from each other, the upper end of the tape 10 being secured to the shank of the safety pin as above described, the pin 11 being inserted in the tube 9 and manifestly prevent the upward movement of the plates 6 by its contact with the headed stud 5, consequently preventing

- the disconnection of the plates 4 and 6. The lower end of the said tape may be provided with clasps or fastening members of any suitable type for engaging the hose or under-garments. By reversing the operation above described for applying the device to a corset, the two plates can be readily disengaged from each other and removed from the corset.
- 10 It will thus be obvious that I have provided a garment supporter which is very simple in its construction, and which can be easily and quickly placed in position or removed therefrom.
- 15 The strap 10 will usually remain attached to the plate 6 but may readily be detached at any time by releasing the pin 11 from its catch and withdrawing it from the tube 9. Having thus described the invention, what

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

In a device such as described, the combination of a pair of detachable plates, headed studs formed upon one plate, the opposite plate being provided with a main slot having lateral offsets entering therein, a tube formed on the upper edge of the main slot, a pin adapted to be inserted through said tube and extending across the offset slots for the purpose of retaining headed studs in the said offset slots.

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

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