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GARMENT SUPPORTER.

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Fig: 1.

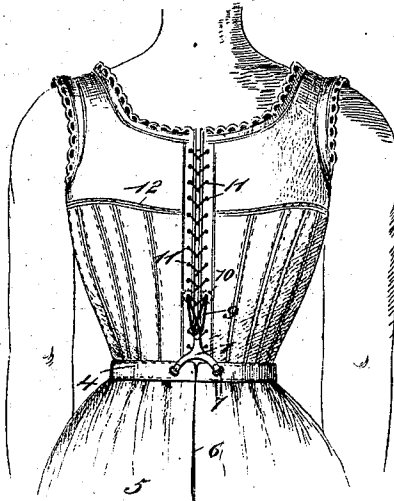


Fig: 2.

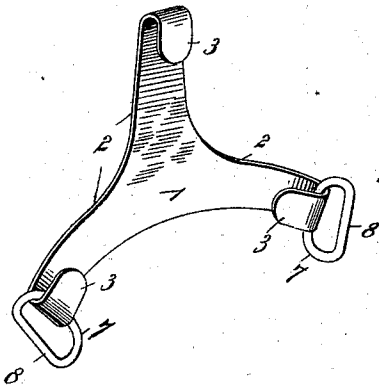
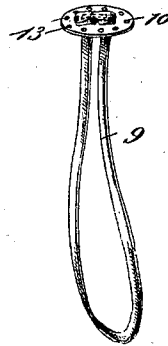


Fig: 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. NICHOLS, of Little Rock, in the county of Pulaski and State of Arkansas, have invented a new and Improved Garment-Supporter, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain improvements in garment-supporters, and especially to devices of this nature adapted for use as skirt-supporters; and the object of the invention is to provide a supporting device of this character adapted for use by ladies as a skirt-supporter, the device being of such a construction as to hold the rear part of the skirt in place to prevent the same from slipping down, so as to expose the waistband below the basque, and to remove the weight of the skirt from the hips of the wearer.

The invention consists of a triangular or three-armed frame provided with hooks at the ends of its arms, two of which are adapted for attachment to the waistband of the skirt on opposite sides of the placket and the other hook being adapted for attachment to tapes secured to the rear of the corsets.

The invention also contemplates certain novel features of construction and arrangements and combinations of parts, whereby certain important advantages are attained and the device is made better adapted for use, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

The novel features of the invention will be carefully defined in the claims.

In order that my invention may be the better understood, I have illustrated the same in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a view drawn to a small scale and showing my improved supporting device in position for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective detail view showing the triangular frame of the device detached and on an enlarged scale, and Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail view showing one of the tapes and its attaching device.

Similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

In the views, 1 represents the frame, which may be composed of any material of suitable strength, preferably spring metal, and said frame is provided with three projecting arms 2, suitably located about its edge, each arm 2 being provided at its extremity with a bent

portion forming a hook 3, as clearly seen in Fig. 2.

The waistband 4 of the skirt 5 or other garment to be supported is provided at opposite sides of its placket-hole 6 with rings or eyes 7, sewed or otherwise secured thereto, and these rings 7 may also be conveniently formed of spring metal bent to the form seen in Fig. 2, being provided with flattened sides 8 to prevent them from turning when sewed in place, whereby wear on their attaching devices will be reduced. The eyes 7 are adapted to be engaged with the hooks 3 on the ends of the lower arms 2 of the triangular frame of the supporting device when the skirt is in place, and the hook 3 on the third or upper arm 2 of said frame is arranged in position to be engaged by loops 9, formed of tapes, the ends of which are passed through perforations formed in buttons 10, composed of sheet metal of general circular form, as seen in Fig. 3, the said ends of the tape being afterward knotted together or otherwise secured against removal from the button 10. The loops 9 are by preference passed through the eyelets or string-holes 11 at the rear edges of the corsets 12, the buttons 10 remaining inside the corsets and being of greater diameter than said eyelets 11, being arranged one on each side of the corsets, and the end portions of the loops are brought toward one another and engaged with the hook 3 on the upper arm 2 of the triangular frame of the supporting device. By this arrangement it will be seen that the rear part of the skirt is supported from the corsets at about the waist thereof, so that the weight of the skirt is taken off the hips of the wearer and transferred to the waist or shoulders, and also the rear part of the skirt is held up, so that the waistband may not slip down below the basque, so as to become exposed. Moreover, the passing of the tapes through the eyelets 11 of the corsets forms a convenient and simple means for adjusting the supporting device up and down, and also permits said device to be readily removed and replaced.

The device as above described is of an extremely simple and inexpensive construction and is adapted to be conveniently and readily applied for use. It will be obvious that some modification may be made in the construction

and arrangement herein shown without material departure from the spirit of the invention, and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise construction shown. For example, if desired, the buttons 10 may be provided with perforations 13, as indicated in Fig. 3, to permit them to be sewed to the corsets when in place.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, the herein-described device for supporting a skirt or the like, the same having diverging arms disposed in triangular relation and formed each at the outer end with a return-bend forming an integral hook at the extreme end of each arm, a suspending device engaging one of said hooks, and the two lower integral hooks

being spaced sufficient to span a placket-opening for engagement with the skirt or the like, said two hooks carrying eyes directly embracing the hooks, substantially as described. 20

2. In a garment-supporter, the combination of two eyes adapted for attachment to a skirt at opposite sides of the placket-hole, a frame having two hooks at its lower part to engage said eyes, and provided at its upper part with a hook, and loops formed of tapes having buttons secured at their ends, said loops being adapted to be passed through the eyelets of the corsets in position to engage said upper hook in the frame, substantially as set forth. 25 30

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