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Fig 1.

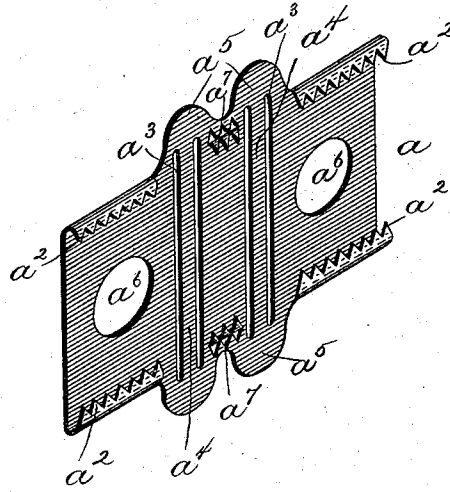
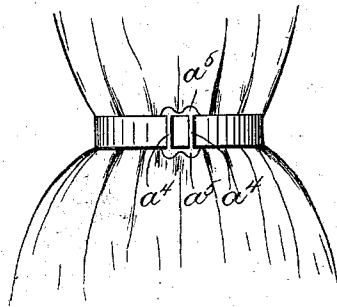


Fig 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK O. BROWN, of Beverly, county of Essex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Belt and Garment Holders, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

The present invention relates to a belt and garment holder and is embodied in a holder adapted to retain the back of the belt in place over the meeting-line of the skirt and waist, the object being to prevent the belt from slipping and exposing the skirt-binding, and also to prevent the skirt from sagging or drawing apart from the waist.

The holder embodying the invention has a flat or thin body of metal or other suitable material, the main portion of which is preferably equal to or slightly less in width than the width of the belt with which it is to be used, and has a pair or pairs of transverse slots extending from one side to the other thereof, the bar or bars of material between the said slots thus covering and confining the outer surface of the belt, when the said belt is passed in and out through the said slots, the belt when in use overlying the main portion of the holder, which is between the belt and the dress of the wearer, while the bars traverse the outer or exposed surface of the belt.

Along the inner surface of the holder, at or near the upper and lower edges thereof, are rows of teeth or spurs projecting inward and downward from the upper edge and inward and upward from the lower edge, and thus being adapted to engage the waist and skirt, respectively, so that the holder fastens together the waist and skirt and is itself prevented from slipping, while the belt is retained therein by the metal straps.

The terms "inner" and "outer" and "upper" and "lower" designate the relation of the device to the person of the wearer.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the inner surface of the holder, and Fig. 2 is a view of the belt and holder when applied for use.

The holder *a* consists of an elongated piece of sheet metal or other suitable material provided at or near its upper and lower edges with teeth *a*², projecting downward and upward, respectively, or toward the middle of the holder, which is sufficiently wide to span the meeting-line of the waist and skirt, but

preferably somewhat less in width than a belt of ordinary size, so as to be mainly hidden thereby when in use, as shown in Fig. 2. To secure the belt to the holder, the latter is provided with transverse slots *a*³, there being, preferably, as shown, two pairs of such slots, so that when the belt is passed into one slot and out through the other it will be retained in place by the bars *a*⁴, as indicated in Fig. 2. In order that the slots may be sufficiently long to allow the belt to pass readily through them under the bars, that portion of the holder in which the slots are cut is somewhat enlarged, as shown as *a*⁵, and the edge of the enlarged portion is preferably curved, as shown, so as to present a pleasing appearance.

When the belt-holder is in use, therefore, the teeth *a*² on the upper and lower edges thereof engage the garments and fasten them in proper relation to one another, and at the same time prevent the said holder from slipping out of position, so that the belt cannot work up or down, while the only part of the holder which is visible is the small portion of the edges where the slots are cut and the two bars formed by said slots, the device thus being inconspicuous but ornamental in appearance. The holder may be made from sheet metal by the usual process of cutting and bending, a portion of the main part of the blank also being preferably cut out, as shown at *a*⁶, to lighten the holder and improve the appearance thereof. In line with the edges and in that portion of the blank between the two pairs of slots when the device is constructed in the form shown in the accompanying drawings angular incisions are formed, as shown at *a*⁷, the metal points thus formed afterward being turned over to form additional teeth.

I claim—

As an article of manufacture a belt and garment holder composed of a flat body adapted to extend along the inner surface of the belt and having inwardly-projecting teeth on opposite edges thereof and transverse slots through which the belt is adapted to be passed, substantially as described.

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

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