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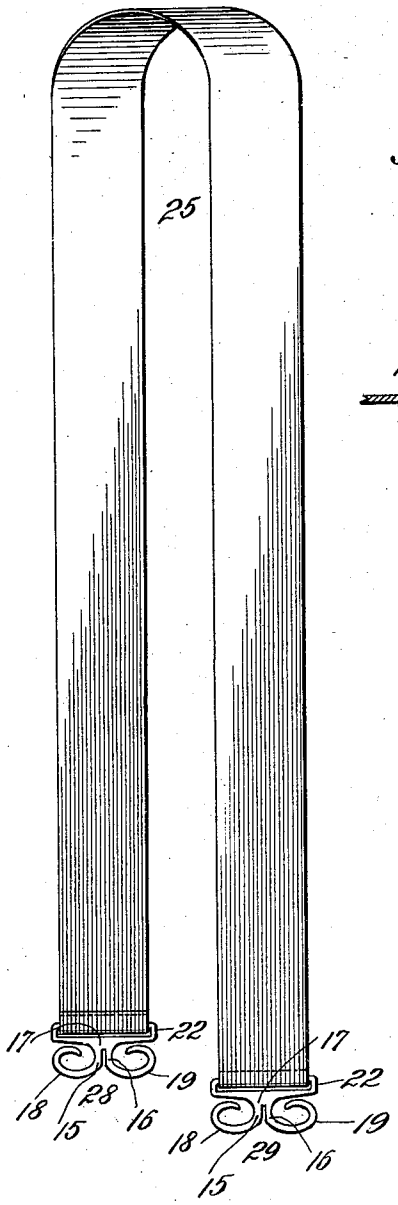


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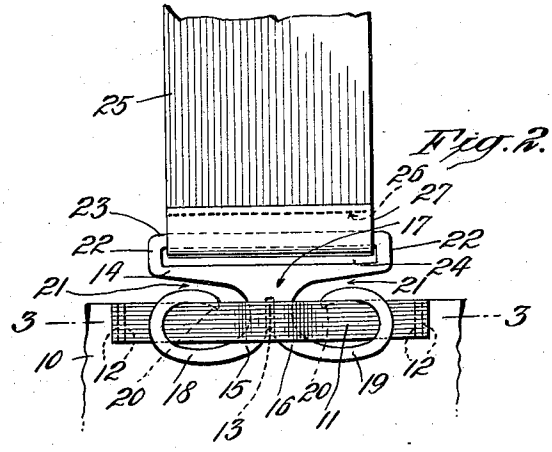


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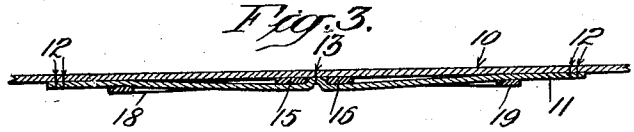


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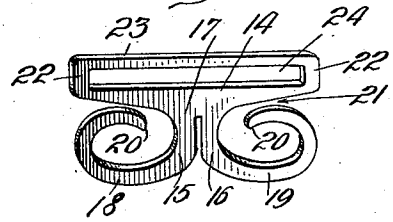
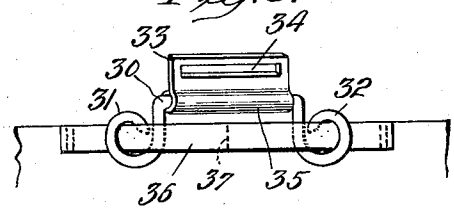


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This invention relates to lingerie fasteners of the type including a garment and a suspending means. The main fastener portion of the device is in the form of a double hook, which together with its associated, preferably metal, parts are of the small dimensions necessary for such fasteners, so as to occupy a relatively small space adjacent the body of the wearer, whereby a fastener of unobtrusive practically jewelry size is provided for use with lingerie. Double hooks are known in the art to which this invention relates but they are usually in the form of the well known hook and eye and do not have the facility for attaching and detaching nor the adaptability for garments which are to be suspended from the shoulders as does the present invention. The present application is a partial continuation of application Serial No. 107,558.

An object of the invention is to provide narrow ribbons, for suspending light weight garments, with fastenings which may be freely secured to and removed from the garments so that any pair of a number of different ribbons may be quickly applied to a single garment to suit the fancy of the wearer or to correspond with a dress which is to be worn; and of course the ribbons may be readily detached and cleaned or washed when desired. Another object of the invention is to provide suitable fastening means for suspending, for example, a brassière from shoulder ribbons in such way that they may be detached, so that the said garment may be conveniently washed without any interference by such fastening means.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a special form of preferably metallic lingerie fastening with two outwardly extending hooks which are rigidly and integrally connected together, and which are so formed and so proportioned that portions of a tape, which is secured to the upper edge of the garment, may be readily engaged and positioned wholly therein, a suitable number of the tapes being preferably so secured onto the garment as to provide loops with which the hooks may be engaged and disengaged with facility, while at the same time a reliable securement of the fasteners to the loops is afforded when the garment is worn.

These being among the objects of the present invention, the same consists of certain features of construction and combinations of parts to be hereinafter described and then claimed with reference to the accompanying drawings illustrating the preferred embodiments of the invention, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a shoulder ribbon, showing two fasteners of the present invention, applied to the ends thereof, the parts being about normal size;

Fig. 2 is an elevation showing the fastener in use in connection with a portion of a garment and a portion of a ribbon;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged section on the line 3—3, Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a detail view of the fastener, and

Fig. 5 is an elevation of a modified form of fastener showing it in using position.

Referring to Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, a portion of a garment 10, such as a brassière for example, is illustrated, to the upper edge of which there is secured a tape 11 extending along said edge. Said tape 11 is preferably sewed to the garment 10 by transverse lines of stitching 12, 12 at the ends and at 13 in the middle of the tape, whereby flexible loops are provided.

The preferred form of improved fastener may be formed of a single piece of superior metal, non-oxidizable, and having a supporting member 14 from which extends a pair of arms 15, 16. Preferably the arms 15, 16 are connected with the supporting member or bar 14 by a neck or connecting member 17. The arms 15, 16 are respectively formed as hooks 18, 19, constituting a pair of hooks, arranged side by side and extending outwardly, and preferably each then extending inwardly in the form of an eye, and the extremity of each hook being formed with a barb 20 which points away from the bar 14. Hooks 18, 19 are rigidly and integrally connected together by the bar 14. The extremities of the hooks are at 21 slightly spaced away from the adjoining parts of the fastener so as to provide contracted gaps or throats leading to the eyes. The closed por-

tions of the eyes are preferably at the outer ends of the fastener and the gaps 21 are at the neighboring portions of the eyes. Preferably the connecting bar 14 directly connects and is juxtaposed to the hooks, whereby the hooks are held substantially in their original location and plane.

By means of short connecting portions 22, a ribbon securing member 23 is mounted on the connecting bar 14 over the hooks 18, 19, the same being preferably formed in one with the bar 14, and hence would be composed of superior sheet metal which is non-oxidizable. Within the members 14, 22, 23 a slot 24 is provided.

When the fastening device is to be used as for supporting a brassière, two shoulder straps of narrow ribbon 25 are provided. One end of the ribbon is sewed against the body thereof at 26 so as to provide a loop 27, the end of the ribbon being first passed through the slot 24 of the fastener, and the loop 27 then formed by stitching the ribbon at 26. Each ribbon is preferably of the narrow type usually employed for such purposes, as the whole fastening is of a comparatively short length transversely of the ribbon. As shown in Fig. 1, the ends of the ribbon would preferably be provided with two fastening devices 28, 29 such as described.

In applying the ribbon 25 and the improved fastening to a garment having loops 11, the loops are passed through the narrow gaps 21 and into the eyes formed by the hooks 18, 19, and the adjoining parts of the fastener, so that when the garment is being worn the loops will neatly and snugly pass through the eyes of the hooks without rumpling, as shown in Fig. 2, the extremities of the hooks lying between the tape 11 and the upper edge of the garment 10 so as to be hidden from view and to protect the wearer. It is obvious that the detachment of the fastener from the garment can as easily be accomplished. The barbs 20 are intended to prevent the accidental disengagement of the hooks from the tape 11, if there be such a tendency. However, the tension between the garment and the ribbon 25 will probably suffice to hold the tape 11 within the eyes of the hooks. Preferably the tape 11 would be sewed to the inner surface of the garment so as not to be visible.

A modification of the improved fastener is illustrated in Fig. 5. In this form of the invention the fastener is preferably composed of two pieces of metal. Each fastener comprises a connecting bar or member 30 from which there extends from opposite ends a pair of hooks 31, 32, the bar 30 and the hooks 31, 32 being preferably formed in one piece of wire. These hooks are substantially the same as the hooks previously described, so far as their functions are concerned. A ribbon securing member 33 is provided with a ribbon slot 34 and is formed into a tube 35 through which the connecting bar 30 passes. The tape 36 is here secured at an intermediate point 37.

It is clear from the drawings and from the description that the invention herein is inherent in fastening devices which are quite small and which are comparable in size with articles of jewelry. The size of each fastener is such as to occupy but an extremely small space relatively to the body of the wearer when in use, and each fastener is so constructed as to lie unobtrusively against the body of the wearer, so that when in use the fasteners are practically unnoticeable, and if noticeable at all, they appear only the size of small articles of jewelry or of small buckles, which are applied to narrow shoulder ribbons of the usual width commonly employed, the fasteners being so proportioned relatively to the width of the ribbon that the end of each ribbon where it is attached to each fastener will practically stay put and will not slide transversely of the fastener, nor will the fastener move to any appreciable extent transversely of the ribbon.

Many advantages of the present invention will occur to those in the lingerie business and to users, and it is obvious that the fastener may be formed and ornamented in any manner which would make it more desirable to be worn. It is clear that by the improved fastener the attached edge of the garment will be held neatly more or less at a right angle to the line of the shoulder ribbon 25, and that altogether the combination may be rendered quite attractive.

It is obvious that the invention is susceptible of more or less modification, as will be clear to those skilled in the art, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

What I claim as new is:

1. A lingerie fastener, comprising a pair of hooks connected together side by side, and each in the form of a substantially closed eye, the extremity of each hook being directed into the eye and located sufficiently close to the adjacent portion of the fastener to provide a throat which is greatly contracted relatively to the width of the opening of the eye, across from the extremity of the hook, whereby the threading of a garment loop through the throat for engaging it in the eye is permitted with difficulty, and the accidental disengagement of the loop from the eye is precluded.

2. A lingerie fastener, comprising a connecting member and a pair of hooks each extending outwardly from each other and then extending inwardly in the form of an eye, and each hook having its extremity directed into the eye and spaced slightly away from the adjacent portion of the fastener, and a ribbon engaging bar secured to the connecting mem-

ber and providing a slot between the bar and said member for connecting a ribbon.

3. In lingerie, the combination with a garment having a loop, said loop formed by a tape secured to the upper edge of the garment, of means for supporting the garment, comprising a fastener member provided with a pair of oppositely extending hooks, each extending outwardly and then inwardly in the form of an eye and having the extremity directed into the eye and spaced slightly away from the adjacent portion of the fastener member, and a shoulder ribbon secured to said member.

4. In lingerie, the combination with a garment and two spaced loops, said loops formed by a tape sewed at three points to the upper edge of the garment, of means for supporting the garment, comprising a fastener member provided with a pair of oppositely extending hooks, each extending outwardly and then inwardly in the form of an eye and having the extremity directed into the eye and spaced slightly away from the adjacent portion of the fastener member, and a shoulder ribbon secured to said member.

5. A lingerie fastener, composed of metal and comprising a pair of hooks rigidly and integrally connected together side by side, the connection residing in a bar directly connecting and juxtaposed to the hooks, whereby the hooks are held in their original locations, and each hook being in the form of a substantially closed eye, the extremity of each hook being directed into the eye, and the width of the fastener between the outermost edges of the combined eyes closely approximating the width of a narrow shoulder ribbon, whereby a fastener of small and unobtrusive size is provided for use with lingerie.

6. A lingerie fastener, comprising a pair of hooks, a connecting member therefor, each of the hooks extending outwardly from each other and then extending inwardly in the form of a substantially closed eye, and having the extremity directed into the eye, and a ribbon member for a narrow ribbon and attached to the connecting member, such ribbon member being substantially rigid with the hooks and of approximately the thickness of the remainder of the fastener, and the parts of the fastener being all formed from a single piece of metal.

7. Lingerie fastening means, including a narrow shoulder ribbon and lingerie fasteners at both ends thereof, the ribbon being of short length to terminate at the upper part of the bust, and each fastener comprising a pair of hooks connected together side by side, and each in the form of a substantially closed eye, the extremity of each hook being directed into the eye and located sufficiently close to the adjacent portion of the fastener to provide a throat which is greatly contracted relatively to the width of the opening of the eye, across from the extremity of the hook, whereby the threading of a garment loop through the throat for engaging it in the eye is permitted with difficulty, and the accidental disengagement of the loop from the eye is precluded.

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