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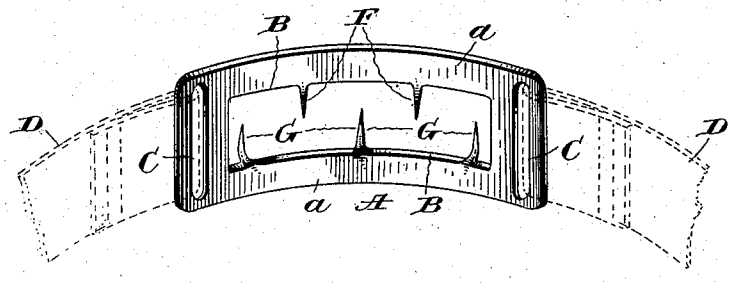


Fig. 1.

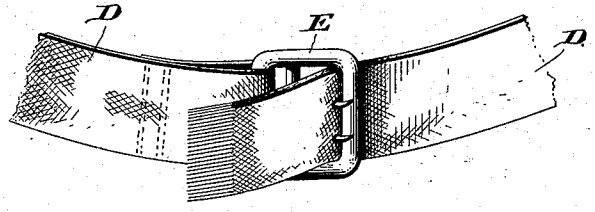


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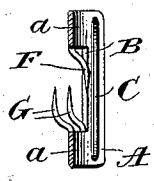
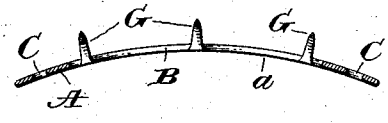


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH MARION ROSSI, a citizen of the United States, residing at 645 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, New York city, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Skirt and Shirt-Waist Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in skirt and shirt-waist holders, and has for its object the provision of a device of this character the characteristics of which are simplicity, strength, and minimum width, the latter being particularly desirable.

A convenient embodiment of the invention comprises a plate or frame having an open central portion and curved transversely to conform to the back of the person, provision for securing the device in place, and upper and lower series of teeth arranged in staggered fashion, whereby the teeth of one series alternate with the teeth of the opposite series, whereby the frame may be of very narrow width, thereby overcoming the serious objections incident to a relatively wide frame necessitated where the teeth of the two series occupy the same planes longitudinally of the teeth. It is also to be noted that the upper series of teeth project inwardly to engage the shirt-waist, while the lower series project outwardly for engagement with the band of the skirt.

The novel details in the construction and arrangement of the several features of the device will be apparent from the detailed description hereinafter given when read in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, and wherein the before-referred-to embodiment of the invention is illustrated.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device attached to a belt, the latter being partly shown in full and partly in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view, and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view.

Referring more specifically to the drawings, wherein like reference characters refer to corresponding parts in the several views, A designates an elongated narrow substantially rectangular frame curved transversely, Fig. 3, to conform to the curvature of the back of the person, said frame having an open unobstructed central portion B and vertically-disposed slots C, one near each end of the same, for the attachment of tape or webbing D, adapted to surround the waist of the user and be secured together at the front through the medium of an ordinary buckle E.

From the top and bottom bars *a* of the frame A two series of inwardly-directed teeth project, the upper series F being offset in an inward direction relative to the inner face of the frame and the lower series G being offset outwardly relative to the outer face of said frame. The teeth of both of the series above defined are long and substantially straight at their pointed ends to lessen the danger of their catching upon objects other than the garments for the retention of which these teeth are designed. Notwithstanding this elongation of the teeth, the width of the frame A is comparatively narrow, thereby lending comfort to the wearer, owing to the peculiar arrangement of the teeth. The arrangement is obvious from the drawings; but it may be here added that the teeth of one of the series are staggered relative to the teeth of the other series, whereby each tooth faces and preferably projects into the space bordered by a pair of the teeth or by the outermost teeth and ends of the frame.

I believe I am the first in the art to employ in a device of the character defined herein an open narrow frame having the elongated teeth.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

A skirt and shirt-waist holder comprising an elongated narrow frame having a central open portion, and two series of widely-separated elongated teeth adapted to engage a shirt-waist and skirt respectively, one series projecting inwardly from the top bar of the frame and the other series projecting inwardly from the bottom bar thereof, the teeth of one series being disposed in alternate arrangement with the teeth of the opposite series and also offset with respect thereto, whereby an enlarged space opposite the point of each tooth and also in rear thereof remains within the frame for the reception of the bulged portions of the garments when secured.

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

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