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GARMENT RETAINER

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Fig. 1.

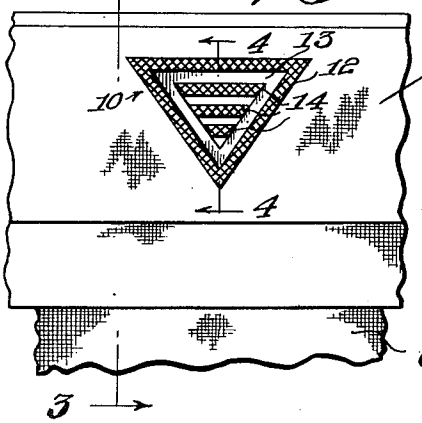
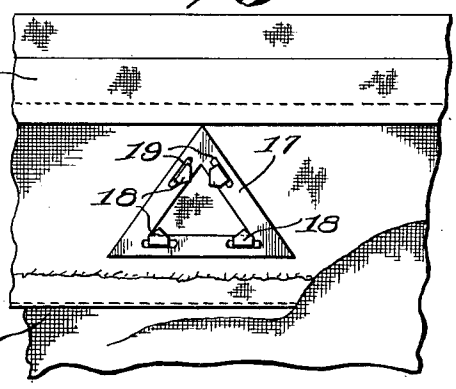


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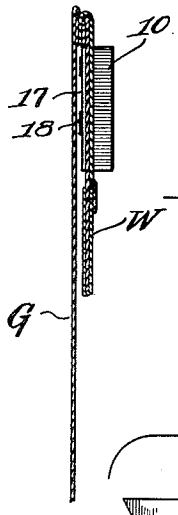


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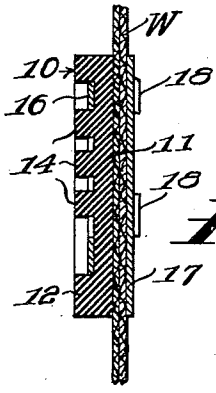
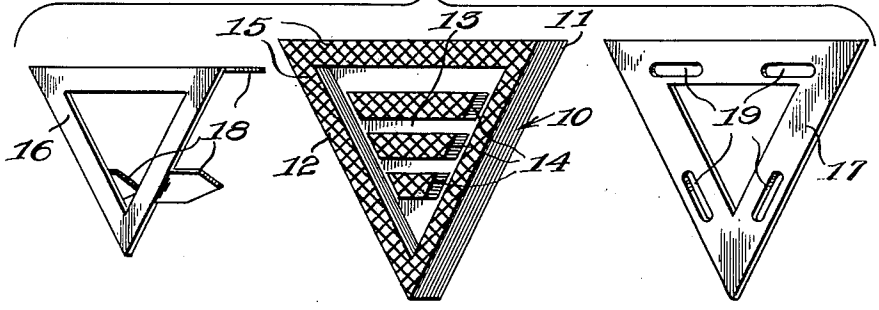


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This invention relates to improvements in garment retainers.

The invention is more particularly concerned with a retainer adapted for removable connection with a waistband of a nether garment for exposure on the inner face thereof and for gripping action on the tail portion of a shirt or blouse for retaining same in a neat wearing position.

A primary object of the invention is to provide a garment retainer embodying in its construction a yieldable garment gripping body member and means engageable with opposite sides of the body member operative for releasably securing the body member in selective operative positions on a waistband

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment retainer which is simple in construction, durable, efficient in use, and which is capable of manufacture at relatively low cost.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent in the course of the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a fragmental elevational view of the waist-portion of a nether garment and disclosing the application of one of the improved shirt or blouse retainers to the waistband thereof.

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but showing the waistband swung upwardly about its connection with the upper edge of the nether garment and showing the connection of the retainer from the inside of the waistband.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view in the plane of line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view in the plane of line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a view showing the three cooperating elements in the retainer in separated relation and with such elements being observed in a tilted position.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, **10** designates the main body of the garment retainer which is constructed from natural or synthetic rubber. The body **10** is shown of triangular form in plan as a preference but same may, within the scope of the invention, be of various other forms.

The body **10** is of unitary construction and includes a flat triangular base portion **11**, a triangular flange portion **12** projecting from one side of the base portion at the margin thereof and with the laterally outer walls of the triangular flange portion being flush with the edge walls of the triangular base portion, thereby providing a triangular recess **13** of a depth equal to the depth of the said flange portion. Unitary with the base portion and disposed within the recess **13** are a plurality of rib portions **14** whose outer walls are flush with the outer walls of the triangular flange portion.

The rib portions **14** are disposed in spaced parallel relation and in parallel relation to one of the legs of the triangular flange portion and the opposed lateral walls of the outermost of the rib portions are respectively in spaced relation to said one leg and the corresponding vertex of the triangular flange portion. Furthermore, the opposite ends of the rib portion are in spaced relation to the two opposite legs of the said triangular flange portion.

The outer surfaces of the triangular flange portion and the rib portions are substantially in a common plane and these surfaces are adapted to engage a garment, such as

a shirt or blouse, for retaining same in neat wearing position within the nether garment.

In order to provide an effective gripping action of the said surfaces, same are roughened as by means of two series of intersecting narrow and shallow grooves thereby providing serrated garment gripping surfaces, as indicated at **15**.

The body portion **10** as above described is the sole means functioning to grip the garment to be retained in position.

The improved garment retainer as a unit, however, includes simple means for effecting releasable connection of the garment gripping body member with the waistband W of a nether garment G.

Such connecting means includes a pair of open triangular thin, metallic plates **16** and **17**. The plate **16** is removably disposed within the body member recess **13** between the flange portion **12** and the rib portions **14** as indicated in Figs. 1 and 4 and such plate is provided with a plurality of bendable prongs **18** which are capable of being readily pushed through the body member base **11** and the waistband W.

The plate **17** is provided with a plurality of slots **19** in registering position with the prongs **18**. The plate **17** is positioned on the inside of the waistband, the prongs **18** extended through the slots **19** and then bent over as indicated in Figs. 2, 3 and 4.

It will be appreciated from the above description that a garment retainer is provided which is simple in construction, durable, and efficient in operation and whose construction renders it capable as a unit for being readily positioned at any desired points circumferentially of a waistband. For effective operation it has been found that two of the retainers at each side of the hip is sufficient.

While I have disclosed my invention in accordance with a single specific structural embodiment thereof, such is to be considered as illustrative only, and not restrictive, the scope of the invention being defined in the subjoined claims.

What I claim and desire to secure by U. S. Letters Patent is:

1. A friction tab for use with garments comprising a homogeneous yieldable body member including a flat base and a flange projecting outwardly from said base in flush relation to the margin thereof and defining with said base a recess in the body member, a plate disposed within said recess in engagement with one side of said base with its marginal edge adjacent said flange and having a central opening therein, a plurality of bendable prongs on said plate extending through said base and a second plate on the opposite side of said base having a plurality of slots receiving said prongs, and garment engageable friction means on the outer face of said flange.

2. The structure according to claim 1 together with a plurality of spaced parallel ribs projecting from said base within said recess and through said central opening in said first plate, the outer walls of said ribs and the outer wall of said flange lying in a common plane, and said surfaces being roughened.

3. A garment retainer adapted for removable connection to the waistband of a nether garment and operative to grip an upper garment extending within the waistband, comprising a yieldable body member engageable with the inner face of the waistband and having an upper garment gripping surface, said body member being provided with a recess opening through its gripping surface, a plate removably disposed within said recess and having a plurality of bendable prongs extendable through said body member at the base of said recess and adapted to extend through said waistband when said body member is disposed against the inner face of said waistband, and a second plate adapted to be engaged with the outer face of said waistband and provided with slots receiving said bendable prongs for releasably securing the body member to the waistband.

4. The structure according to claim 3 wherein said garment gripping surface comprises a first gripping surface extending around said first plate, and a plurality of second gripping surface areas within and spaced from said first gripping surface.

5. A garment retainer adapted for removable connection with the waistband of a nether garment and being operative to frictionally grip an upper garment extending within the waistband; comprising a homogeneous resilient body member of polygonal form in plan, said body member including a base portion and a flange portion circumscribing the base portion and projecting from one side thereof and the inner wall of said flange and an exposed wall of said base portion defining a recess, a garment gripping projection within said recess upstanding from said base portion with its free end substantially in the plane of the outer face of said flange portion, said face of said flange portion being roughened to facilitate

frictional grip thereof with said nether garment, and a plurality of bendable attaching prongs supported by said body member and projecting from the other side of said base portion.

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