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Fig. 1.

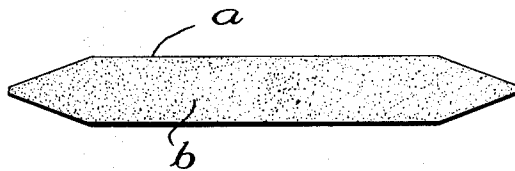


Fig. 2.

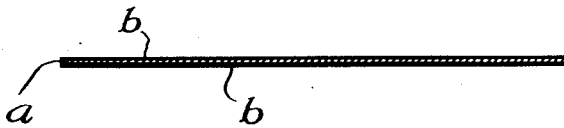
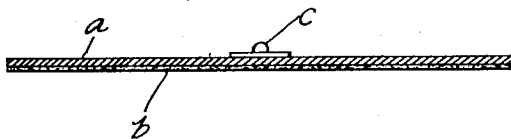


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HELENE ALBERT KENNERLY, a citizen of the United States, residing at No. 127 West 88th Street, borough of Manhattan, city and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Device for Holding in Place on the Shoulders of the Wearer, Shoulder Straps of Ladies' Evening and Similar Gowns; and I hereby declare the following to be a specification thereof.

The object of my invention is to provide a means for holding comfortably and securely to the shoulders of the wearer shoulder straps of ladies' evening and similar gowns and thus prevent said straps from moving out of place or slipping off the wearer's shoulders.

It may be observed that it is not an uncommon occurrence for the thin and light supporting strap or straps of such gowns to slip from the shoulders of the wearer, in many cases causing much discomfort and subjecting the wearer to the annoyance and burden of replacing the strap or straps to normal position on the shoulder.

To protect the wearer against occurrences of such character I have provided a device that is simple and inexpensive, that can be applied to any gown of the above description without any, or at least with a negligible amount of alteration in the supporting straps of gowns of the above described character.

The invention consists simply of a small piece of tape or ribbon made of a width slightly less than the straps of evening gowns with means hereinafter described for securing the strap to the shoulder.

In the accompanying drawing Figure 1 is a top plan view of the device. Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of an alternative form.

To accomplish my desired object I thus provide as aforesaid a small piece of ribbon or other suitable material *a*, approximately from one to three inches in length, and about a half inch or less in width. The

dimensions of the device may vary according to the dimensions of the strap it is intended to be applied to.

To each side of said ribbon is applied a thin coating of adhesive substance represented by the letter *b* in the accompanying drawings, or the adhesive coating may be applied to the end portions of said device and on each side. The device is then ready for use. To apply it, it is first fastened to the under side of the shoulder strap by pressing it against same. In turn the strap is secured to the shoulder by pressing the strap and device against it, or the reverse procedure may be employed by first applying the device to the shoulder and then to the strap of the gown.

Another form of my invention as illustrated in Fig. 3 consists in employing what is commonly called an invisible fastener as a means for connecting the device to the shoulder strap instead of by the use of adhesive substance. In the accompanying drawings this fastener is represented by the letter *c*. In this form the device need merely be coated on one side with adhesive substance *b* and to the other side one member of the invisible fastener is securely attached. The counter part of said fastener is sewed or inserted on the under side of the shoulder strap. Thus by pressing both members of the fastener together the device becomes securely connected with the shoulder strap.

More than one fastener may be employed, but experiments have shown that one such catch is sufficient. The advantage of this form of connection over the other lies in the fact that the device may be changed from time to time from one gown to another without soiling in any manner the shoulder strap.

Experiments have been made with the above described device and have proven the value of the invention. It is particularly useful for people of the stage whose constant wear of such gowns is a necessity and who are constantly appearing before the critical gaze of large audiences.

Having thus described my invention what I now claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is as follows:

A means of holding in place shoulder straps of ladies' gowns comprising a flexible strip of material adapted to lay between the shoulder strap of the gown and the shoulder of the wearer, said material having a coating of adhesive on both sides to secure it to the shoulder of the wearer and the shoulder strap of the gown. 10

This specification dated the 14th day of November, 1922.

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