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GARMENT HOLDER.

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NO MODEL.

Fig. I

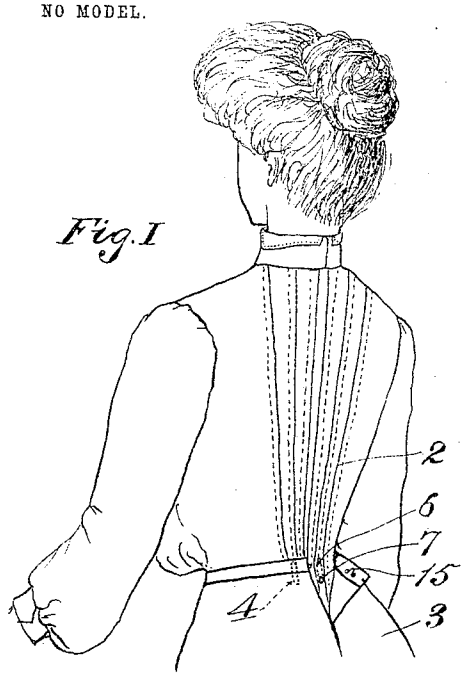


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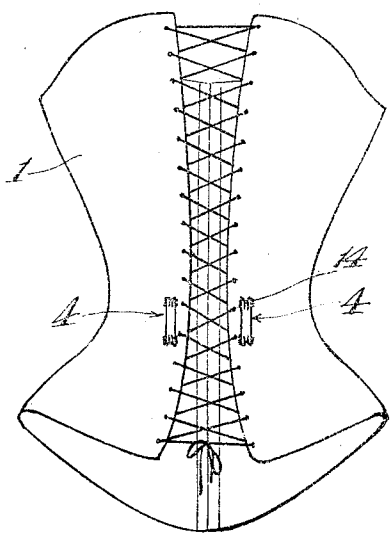


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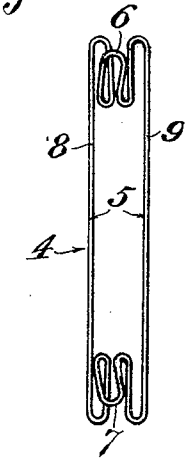


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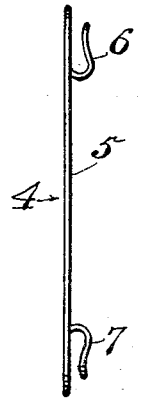


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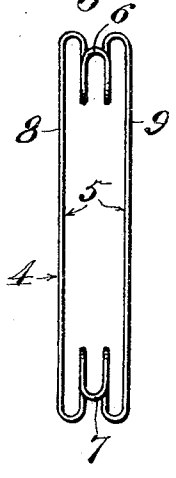


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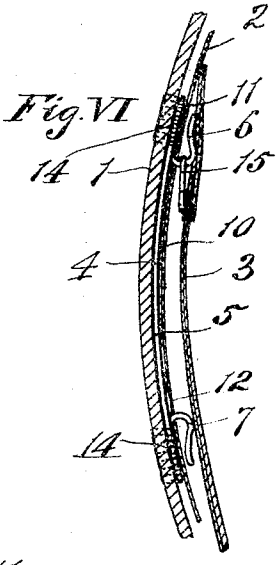
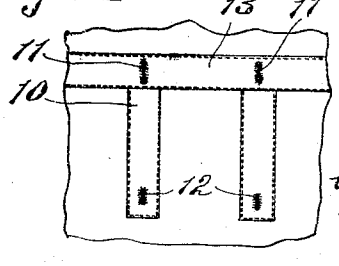


Fig. VII



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GARMENT-HOLDER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 764,751, dated July 12, 1904.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS JOHN MURPHY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Needles, in the county of San Bernardino and State of California, have invented a new and useful Garment-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

An object of this invention is to provide means for holding garments, as a shirt-waist and a skirt, in proper and comfortable position, preventing the upper garment or waist from being drawn down by the weight of the skirt and affording a support for the skirt, which, while being connected with the waist, does not draw the same out of shape or cause it to bind at the neck.

The invention may be embodied in a combination of a corset or other appropriate garment, which may afford a suitable sustaining device, with a garment, as a shirt-waist having eyelets therein, a skirt having an eye or eyelets, and a device comprising a body fastened to the corset or light garment and having two hooks, one of which extends in one direction for holding down the shirt-waist or like garment and the other extends in the opposite direction for holding up the skirt. Desirably the said bodies are formed of metal, preferably in the form of wire bent of a single piece to form both body and hooks, the body being adapted to be fastened to the corset or like garment. The wire is desirably resilient and capable of being bent to conform to the shape of the corset or garment to which the body is attached.

The accompanying drawings illustrate the invention.

Figure I is a view of the invention in use. Fig. II is a view of a corset provided with attachments for carrying out this invention. Fig. III is a perspective view of an improved form of the attachment. Fig. IV is a side view of the attachment. Fig. V is a plan view of the same. Fig. VI is a view of the invention in practial use, portions of the garments being broken away to contract the view. Fig. VII is a view of a fragment of a waist constructed for carrying out this invention.

1 is a corset.

2 is an upper garment in the form of a shirt-waist.

3 is a lower garment in the form of a skirt.

4 designates in a general way an attachment comprising a body 5 and two hooks 6 and 7, which are reversely arranged, each opening away from the other and toward that end of the body nearest it. The wire, as shown, is bent inwardly and backwardly at each end of the body to constitute two limbs 8 and 9 and loops which form the hooks 6 7. The limbs or members 8 and 9 extend parallel to one another substantially in the same plane, so that the body 5 is substantially flat and adapted to rest against a garment or supporting-surface to give a firm bearing or support for the attachment. Said hooks are both raised from the body, as clearly shown in Figs. III, IV, and VI.

10 is an eyeleted portion of a shirt-waist, which is preferably in the form of a strap having eyelets 11 and 12 therein, the eyelet 11 being of ample size to allow a hook 6 of the attachment to project therethrough and the eyelet 12 being of a size to allow the hook 7 to hook therein, as shown in Fig. VI. Said strap is fastened to the waistband 13 of the upper garment or shirt-waist. Said waist is provided with two such straps, one for each of the attachments 4.

In practical use the attachments are sewed onto the corset by stitches 14 or are otherwise suitably fastened to their support. These fastenings being made at different parts of the flat body of the attachment, the latter is held and firmly supported against lateral displacement or twisting or bending movements. An object in using a flat body is to provide two edge portions spaced apart and extending lengthwise of the body to hold it in true position and prevent it from twisting or turning over on the parts to which the holder is hooked.

15 is an eyelet or eye fastened to the waistband of the skirt 3 below the top of such waistband. Eyelets are fastened on the skirt, one for each of the attachments, and in practical use when the upper garment is adjusted the upper hook 6 will project therethrough to receive the eyelets 15 of the skirt, and the

lower hook 7 of the attachments will hook in the eyelets 12 of the strap 10. Hooks 6 and eyelets 15 hold the upper portion of the waistband of the skirt in position to conceal the means by which the skirt is supported at the back. The lower hooks 7 are concealed by the portion of the skirt which hangs below the waistband. By this arrangement the skirt is supported through the hook 6 and body 5 by the corset 1, and at the same time the shirt-waist or other upper garment is held down in place by the lower hook 7, caught in the eyelet 12 of the strap 10.

The invention may be carried out in various ways, provision being made for supporting the lower garment by a hook or hooks made fast to a corset or like garment.

I do not limit myself to the specific form shown, but may vary the same within the spirit of this invention.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A garment-holder comprising a wire bent to form a flat body having two edge portions spaced apart and extending lengthwise of the body, and oppositely-opening hooks projecting from one side of said body.

2. A garment-holder comprising wire members forming a flat body, and bent-wire portions forming hooks opening away from each other at the respective ends of said body.

3. A supporting-garment, an attachment fastened thereto and having a projecting upwardly-extending hook, and a downwardly-extending hook, an upper garment having an eyelet through which the upwardly-extending hook projects and an eyelet for the downwardly-extending hook, and a lower garment having an eyelet for the upper hook.

4. A garment-holder comprising a body formed of two parallel wire members, and wire portions connecting said members and bent outwardly therefrom forming hooks, said hooks opening away from each other at respective ends of the body.

5. A garment-holder comprising a flat, wire body, said wire being bent inwardly from each side of the body at each end of said body, backwardly toward the center of the body, and laterally outward from said body into hooks, each of said hooks opening toward the end of the body at which it is formed.

6. A garment-holder comprising a flat, wire body, said wire being bent inwardly from each side of the body at each end of said body, backwardly toward the center of the body, and laterally outward from said body into hooks, each of said hooks opening toward the end of the body at which it is formed, and both of said hooks rising from the same side of the body.

7. A garment-holder comprising a flat elongated body having two edge portions spaced apart and extending lengthwise of the body, said body furnished at each end with a hook, said hooks opening away from each other.

8. A garment-holder comprising a flat elongated body having two edge portions spaced apart and extending lengthwise of the body, said body furnished at each end with a hook, said hooks opening away from each other and both rising from one side of said body.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, this 8th day of April, 1903.

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