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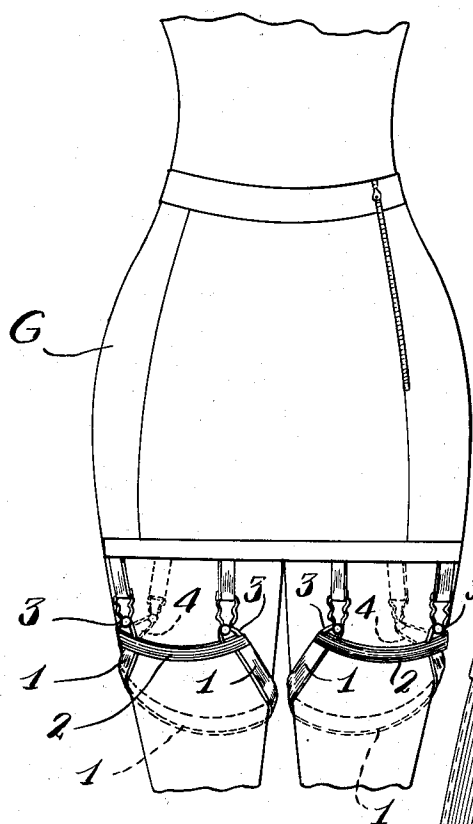


FIG. 1

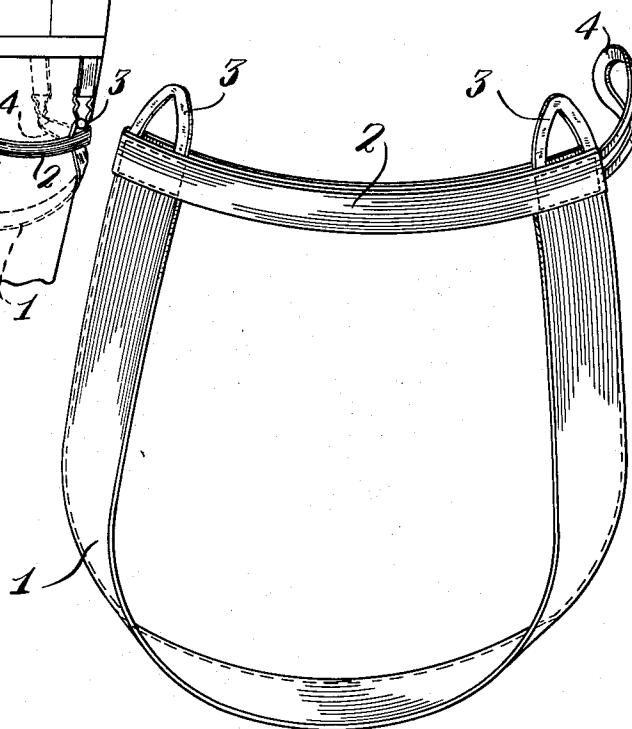


FIG. 2

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The present invention relates to the general art of wearing apparel and, more specifically, is for an improved girdle anchor that may be worn for the purpose of yieldingly holding down the girdle or corset when no stockings are worn.

I am of course well aware that there have been devised other girdle anchors. For instance there is one that is of regular circular form and is adapted to be placed about the thigh of the wearer and has loops extending upwardly therefrom for attachment of the garter-fastening means usually found upon the lower edge of a girdle or corset. As may be readily understood, this old form of device in actual use extends co-axially about the leg of the wearer and engages the leg in a substantially uniform manner in a direction corresponding to the longitudinal axis of the leg and of the device applied thereto. As a result of such manner of engagement, this prior form of device has a tendency to creep or to be pulled up along the leg of the wearer or to have binding engagement about its edges with the wearer's leg; and thus it has proved to be rather uncomfortable and not at all dependable.

It is therefore the object of my present invention to devise a girdle anchor that is of such form and that is adapted for such manner of engagement about the thigh of the wearer that it will remain in the desired position thereupon and will serve its intended purpose without any danger of creeping or slipping upwardly and without any binding action or other discomfort to the wearer.

Other objects will appear from the following description and claims when considered together with the accompanying drawing.

Fig. 1 shows in front elevation the manner in which the present girdle anchor is intended to be used; and

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the girdle anchor itself; that is, the one for the left leg.

It is to be understood that the present form of disclosure is merely for the purpose of illustration and that there might be devised various modifications thereof without departing from the spirit of my invention as herein set forth and claimed.

Referring now to the accompanying drawing in detail, my present improved form of device comprises the substantially U-shaped strip 1 of longitudinally elastic material and a transversely disposed strip 2 of longitudinally elastic material that is connected by sewing, for instance, to the two ends of the strip 1. Comparatively, the strip 1 is more resistant to stretch and is of greater length and width and the strip 2 is less resistant to stretch and is of less length and width; and in the present form of illustration the strip 2 is of double thickness so as to obtain the desired degree of elasticity.

A loop 3 of non-elastic tape or other suitable material is connected by sewing, for instance, to each point of connection between the strips 1 and 2; and the loops 3 may extend in substantially the same direction as the length of the end portion of the strip 1, in each instance, or in other words at right angle to the strip 2. The loops 3 are adapted for engagement by the garter-fastening

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means usually provided upon the lower edge of the familiar girdle G. In the smaller sizes of girdle anchors there will be provided only the two loops 3; but in the larger sizes there will be provided also the additional loop 4 of greater length and of the same material as compared with the loops 3, the loop 4 in each instance having its ends anchored by sewing, for instance, to the point of connection between the strips 1 and 2 and extending in a direction corresponding to that of the strip 2. Each loop 4, as may be understood, may be attached to the companion garter-fastening means at the rear of the bottom edge of the girdle G.

To explain still further, the strip 1 is intended to be applied to the rear of the thigh of the wearer and is of such length as to extend about the greater part of the leg, approximately three-fourths thereof including the rear and side portions thereof; and the strip 2 is intended to extend across the front part of the thigh of the wearer. When this device is of the proper size for the particular wearer, it will fit snugly about her thigh. In effect the strip 2 serves to hold the longer strip 1 in position about the greater part of the leg and, at the same time, by virtue of the comparatively less resistant to stretch of the strip 2, it will permit the force from the loops 3 and 4 to be exerted substantially along the strip 1. And, in the event of any lessening of the force from the loops 3 and 4, the strip 2 will serve automatically as a compensating means by taking up at once what might otherwise result in slackness between the ends of the strip 1. This compensating means is of course present at all times for any variations that may occur at any time due to the movement of the wearer's leg during use of this device.

By virtue of the substantially greater width and length of the strip 1, there will be afforded substantially greater and more dependable and comfortable engagement with the leg of the wearer. Also, in actual use of this device, the force applied to the loops 3 and also loop 4, although in a direction approximately bisecting the angle formed in each instance between the strips 1 and 2, will be exerted to a very large degree in a direction corresponding with that of the length of the end portions of the strip 1 and will be thus transmitted along the strip 1 in a most effective and dependable manner.

Thus with my present device there may be obtained a firm and comfortable gripping engagement about the leg of the wearer without any danger of creeping or sliding upwardly along the leg and without any sensation of lack of dependability. This improved result is due to the angular manner of engagement of the strip 1 about the greater part of the leg of the wearer and the transmission of the force substantially along the length of the strip 1, as above explained.

It might be explained that actually the garter-fasteners on the girdle or corset may be found to be located slightly more towards the outer part of the wearer's leg but their positions as herein indicated are for the sake of convenience in illustration.

What I claim is:

1. A girdle anchor comprising a U-shaped longitudinally elastic strip of material adapted to extend angularly about the rear and side portions of the thigh of the wearer, a longitudinally elastic strip of material extending transversely in a straight manner between and permanently connected at its two ends to the ends of said U-shaped strip and extending substantially normal thereto so as to extend across the front of the thigh of the wearer, and a girdle-attaching loop extending upwardly from each of the connections between said strips.

2. The same structure as recited in claim 1 herein and in which said loops extend in substantially the same directions as the end portions of said U-shaped strip, and with the addition of a girdle-attaching loop extending from the

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outer connection between said strips when in position upon the user and in substantially the same direction as said transversely extending strip.

3. The same structure as recited in claim 1 herein and in which said U-shaped strip is of substantially greater width and more resistant to stretch than said transversely extending strip. 5

4. The same structure as recited in claim 1 herein and in which said loops extend in substantially the same directions as the end portions of said U-shaped strip, and with the addition of a girdle-attaching loop extending 10 from the outer connection between said strips when in position upon the wearer and in substantially the same direc-

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tion as said transversely extending strip, and in which said U-shaped strip is of substantially greater width and more resistant to stretch than said transverse strip.

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