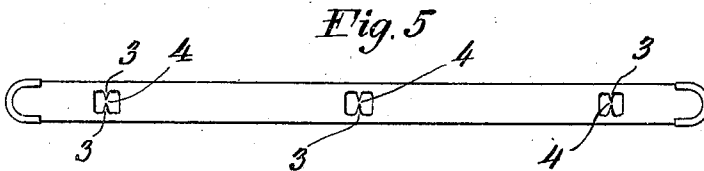
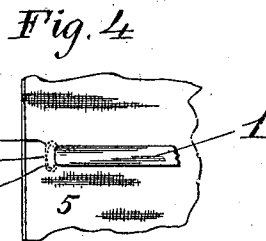
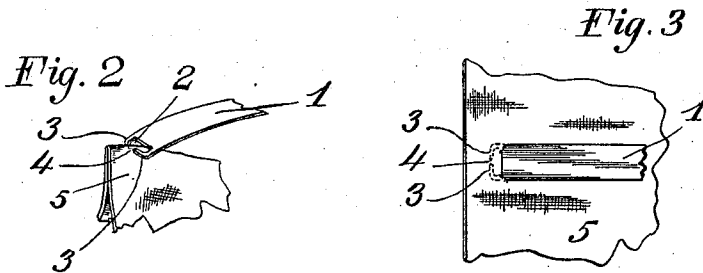
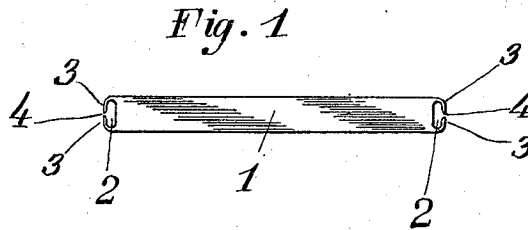


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. WILSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supporters for Collars, &c., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

This invention relates to supporters as for waists, collars, etc., and particularly has reference to a detachable supporter or stiffener which can be readily attached and detached, and which when in place will be substantially invisible.

A preferred form of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawing, wherein—

Figure 1 represents a plan view of my improved supporter; Fig. 2 shows in detail the manner of attaching same; Fig. 3 shows the same attached; Fig. 4 shows a slightly modified form in detail, and Fig. 5, shows a form adapted for waists or corsets.

1 represents a strip of suitable resilient material, having at each end a narrow transverse slot 2 and inwardly projecting prongs 3, having a narrow space or aperture 4 between to permit the entrance of a fold of the fabric 5, as shown in Fig. 2. This slot, it will be seen, is substantially T-shaped.

In order to insert the supporter, it is simply necessary to slightly fold one or more plies of the fabric as shown in Fig. 2, and pass it through the aperture 4, so that upon being spread out as shown in Fig. 3, the prongs pass through the cloth, or through one layer thereof in case the collar or other part to be supported has more than one thickness. Having inserted one end in this manner, the body portion 1 is slightly flexed and the other end inserted in the same manner, so that when it straightens out the sup-

porter will exert a slight tension on the cloth, but not sufficient to tear it. In practice, the body portion 1 will be inserted inside the neck band or other part and only the prongs will project through one or more thicknesses of the cloth, thereby securing an invisible supporter, and at the same time one which is readily attached and detached. In Fig. 4, the prongs are slightly bent outwardly and then turned in, so that there will be less tendency to tear the cloth at the bases of the prongs. Preferably, the entire article will be flat, with the prongs in the same plane as the body portion, thereby avoiding the objectionable projections and giving an improved appearance to the collar, and also avoiding discomfort or annoyance by reason of projections. In Fig. 5, the prongs are located in slots away from the ends, as for a corset stay, and the device is attached in the same manner as before described. That is by passing a fold of cloth between the prongs and then spreading it out, in the manner illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3. As many sets of prongs and slots may of course be used, as desired.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A collar supporter comprising a flat resilient strip, having adjacent each end and integral therewith, oppositely disposed inwardly turned piercing prongs forming T-shaped spaces, the prongs being separated to permit a fold of cloth to be inserted and spread flat to engage said prongs.

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

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