

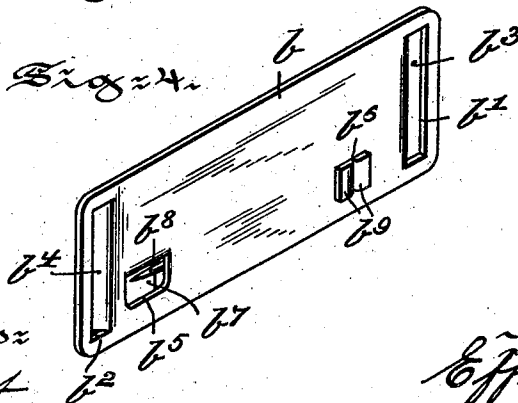
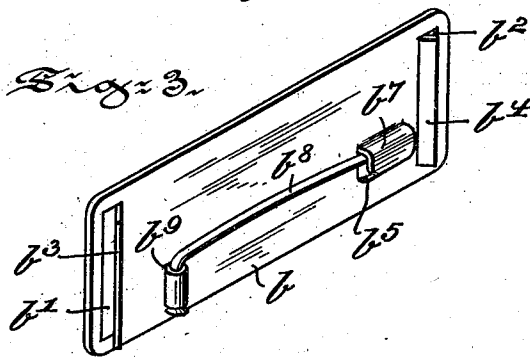
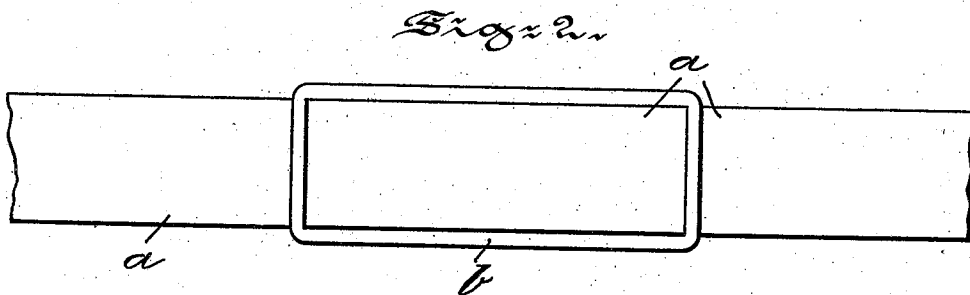
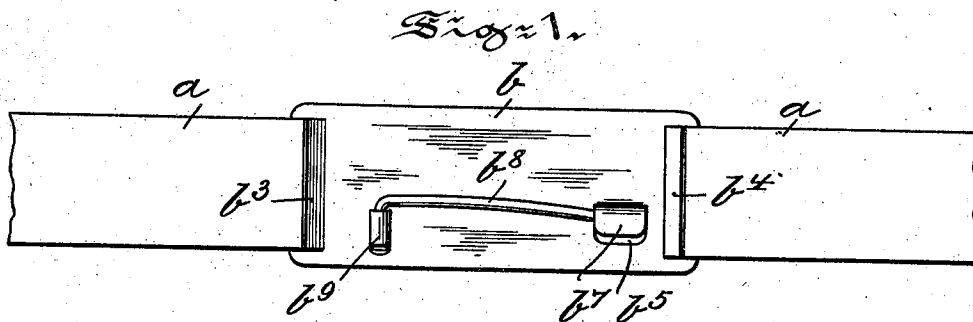
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EFFIE A. TOUSSAINT, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Girdle Attachments for Supporting Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has for its object to provide a device for attachment to a girdle adapted to be engaged to and disengaged from the waist-body or shirt for supporting a garment, such as a frock or skirt, therefrom; and to that end my invention consists of the particular construction and arrangement of the attachment to the girdle for the said purpose.

The nature and characteristic features of my invention will be more fully understood from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a rear elevational view of an attachment adapted to slidably engage a girdle embodying main features of my invention. Fig. 2 is a front elevational view of the attachment and a portion of the girdle. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the attachment detached from the girdle, showing the rear detailed construction and arrangement thereof; and Fig. 4 is a similar view from the front of the attachment detached from the girdle.

Referring to the drawings, *a* is the girdle, of suitable stout material.

b is the attachment for being slid along the girdle, consisting of an oblong metal strip having two end slits or slots *b'* and *b''*, stamped out of the body of the strip *b*, so as to provide inclined projections *b'''* and *b''''*, with which the girdle bears to prevent slipping of the attachment *b* thereon when the girdle is in engagement with or bears against a garment.

b⁵ and *b⁶* are slots of different sizes and shapes struck out of the body of the strip *b*, whereof in the one *b⁵* the metal of the body of the strip is formed therefrom into a catch *b⁷* on the back of the strip for engaging the free end of a pin *b⁸*, the bearing for which pin to hold the same in required position consisting, preferably, of a clip *b⁹*, which extends through the opening *b⁶* and is spread out so as to rest flat against the face side of the strip, as clearly illustrated in Figs. 1, 3, and 4.

The attachment *b* in position on the girdle is adapted to be so positioned as to prevent normal slipping along the same and by means of the pin *b⁸* of the shirt waist or body being secured thereto, so that from the upper edge of each strip *b*, disposed along the girdle *a*, a frock or skirt may by means of a clip or any other suitable means (not shown) be supported therefrom, as can be readily understood.

Having thus described the nature and object of my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination with a girdle, of an oblong solid strip having transverse slits located adjacent to the ends thereof, a clip on the back of said strip and extending through an opening in the same, the ends of said clip being spread out onto the face of said strip, a pin with an angular end engaging said clip, and said pin extending longitudinally of said strip, and a keeper or catch struck up on the back of said strip for shielding or concealing the pointed free end of said pin, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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