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Fig. 1.

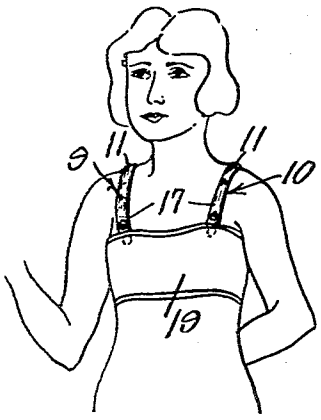


Fig. 2.



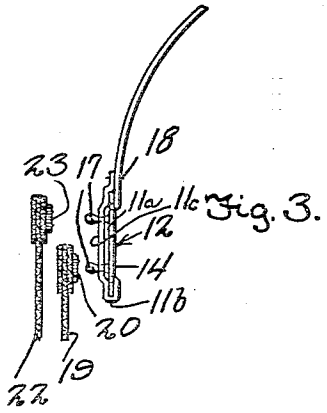


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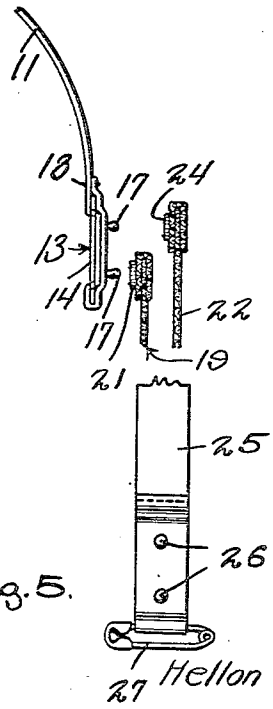


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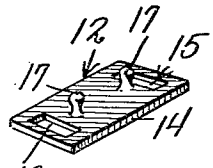


Fig. 4.

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This invention appertains broadly to supporters and has more particular reference to new and useful improvements in supporters primarily designed for supporting women and children's clothing.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide such an improved supporter of the above character which will serve to support a number of garments independently of one another.

Another object of the present invention is the provision of such a supporter of the above character so constructed that anyone of the garments supported thereby may be put on or removed without disturbing the others.

Another object of the present invention is to provide such a supporter of the above character wherein the weight of the several garments will serve to retain the same in proper position on the wearer.

Another object of the present invention is to provide such a supporter which will result in the saving of considerable time in the changing of garments and which may further have associated therewith various types of garment fastening means.

A further object of the present invention is to provide such an improved supporter of the above character which is durable and efficient in use, one which is simple and easy to manufacture, and one which may be placed upon the market at a reasonable cost.

Numerous other objects and advantages of the present invention will become more readily apparent during the course of the following description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings forming a part of this application and wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a view of the present improved garment supporters showing the manner in which they are arranged over the shoulders of the wearer and the manner in which a garment is supported thereby.

Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1 showing the manner in which a second garment may be supported over the first garment.

Figure 3 is a view of one of the supporters detached from the wearer and showing the manner in which the garments are secured thereto.

Figure 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the fastener carrying reinforcing plates.

Figure 5 is a detail view showing another type of fastener carried by the supporter.

Referring now more in detail to the accompanying drawings, the numerals 9 and 10 generally indicate the present improved supporters, each of which embodies a shoulder strap 11 to the opposite ends of which are secured the fastener carrying plates 12 and 13. Each of the said plates 12 and 13 consists of a flat elongated base portion 14 provided adjacent its opposite ends with the transverse slots 15 and 16. Arranged to be carried by the base portion 14 of the said plates 12 and 13 are any number of studs 17, the number of which are to be determined by the number of garments to be supported and when the plates are secured to the straps, the studs 17 are adapted to be disposed one above the other.

When securing the plates 12 and 13 to either one of the shoulder straps 11, the opposite ends of the said strap are first passed outwardly through the slots 15 in the said plates and downwardly over the front faces thereof as indicated at 11^a, the strap being, of course, provided with suitable slits or openings to receive the studs 17 therethrough so that the portions 11^a of the strap will contact with the front faces of the said plates as clearly shown in Figure 3 of the drawings. The ends of the straps are then passed inwardly through the slots 16 and brought downwardly and forwardly under the lower edges of said plates as indicated at 11^b. The terminals of the strap are then brought upwardly as at 11^c and stitched or otherwise suitably secured as at 18, the portions 11^c being also provided with suitable slits to receive the fasteners therethrough so that the said portions 11^c will engage the portions 11^a.

After the fastener carrying plates 12 and 13 have been secured to the opposite ends of the straps 11 in the manner set forth above, the straps are arranged over the shoulders of the wearer in the manner shown in Figures 1 and 2. A brassière 19 can then be secured to the lowermost of the studs 17 after which a combination suit or other desired garment can then be slipped over the brassière and secured to the uppermost studs 17.

The various garments are of course adapted to have secured thereto suitable fasten-

ing members which will receive or snap over the studs 17. The brassière 19 is provided with such fastening members 20 and 21 for snapping over or receiving the lowermost studs 17 while the combination suit or other garment 22 is provided with similar fastening members 23 and 24 which snap over the uppermost studs 17. Thus, it will be appreciated that a plurality of garments can be readily supported and that either one of said garments may be put on or removed without disturbing the other. It will also be appreciated that the plates 12 and 13 can be provided with any desired number or kinds of studs and that the weight of the several garments will serve to retain the shoulder straps in proper position on the wearer. Furthermore, the manner in which the plates 12 and 13 are secured to the strap may be varied so that I do not wish to be limited to the exact manner set forth hereinabove.

The straps proper may be made of silk, cotton or any other desired material and if preferred, a small amount of rubber or elastic may be employed to prevent undue strain upon the fasteners. The fasteners for the garments may consist of buttons, hooks and eyes, safety pin catches, button snap clasps or any other type of suitable fastener. The plates 12 and 13 are of metal or other hard substance which will not tarnish or rust and these plates are covered and concealed with any suitable material so that only the fasteners appear above the strap.

In Figure 5 of the drawings, the numeral 25 generally indicates a shoulder strap having secured in the manner set forth above a plate carrying the studs 26 but in this form of the invention a safety pin 27 is inserted between the strap and the plate so that a still further garment may be supported thereby.

Changes in the details of construction may be resorted to without departing from or sacrificing the spirit of the invention so long as such changes fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. A device of the character described, for use in association with garment supporting straps, comprising a flat plate body having a transversely extending slot formed therethrough and adjacent each end thereof, for the reception of a shoulder strap, and a supporting stud projecting from one face of said plate between the slots designed to receive and suspend a portion of a garment.

2. A garment supporting shoulder strap comprising in combination, an elongated strap body, an elongated flat plate body having a transversely extending slot formed therethrough adjacent each end thereof, and an outwardly projecting supporting stud carried upon said plate, said strap having one end extended through one of said slots and overlying the stud carrying face of the plate being penetrated by the stud and extended through the other of said slots toward the back of the plate and further turned upwardly to extend back over the stud carrying face of the plate and again penetrated by the stud and finally secured to the strap body above the plate.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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