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Fig. 1.

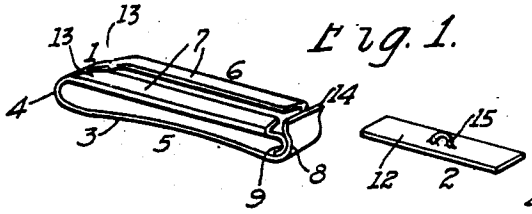


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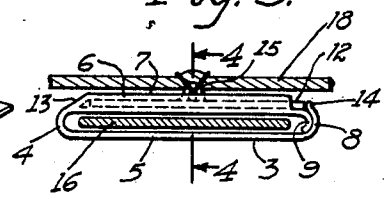


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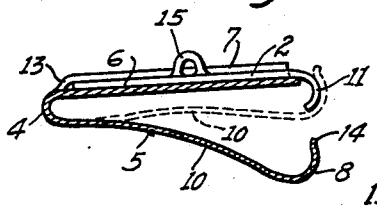
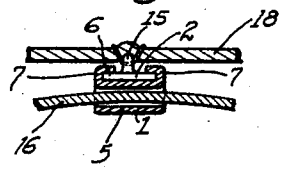


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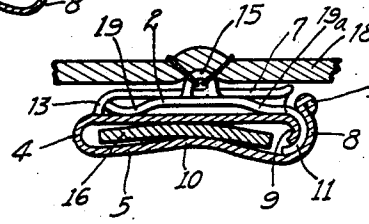


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My invention relates to clasps and more particularly to lingerie clasps, and the general object thereof is to provide an improved lingerie clasp, particularly useful for holding the lingerie shoulder straps to a dress.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the features of construction, combination of elements and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the annexed drawing in which my invention is illustrated and which forms a part of this specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my clasp with the members thereof disengaged.

Figure 2 is a side view of my clasp with the jaw members thereof disengaged, and shown engaged in dotted lines.

Figure 3 is a side view of my clasp with the members thereof engaged and holding lingerie to a dress.

Figure 4 is a cross section of the clasp taken on line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a modified sectional side view of my clasp with the members thereof engaged, and clasping lingerie to a dress.

Similar reference characters designate corresponding parts in the several views.

My clasp comprises a lower clasp member 1 and an upper connecting member 2. The lower member 1 is formed of a single strip of spring sheet metal 3 bent intermediate its ends at 4 into a pair of spring jaws 5 and 6. A pair of guides 7 are bent upwardly and inwardly from the side edges of the jaw 6. An overlapping member 8 is curved upwardly from the swinging end of the jaw 5 and an underlapping member 9 is curved downwardly in the swinging end of the jaw 6 to fit into member 8 to hold the spring jaws 5 and 6 closed. The jaw 5 is bowed inwardly, as indicated at 10, for engaging the lingerie strap with sufficient tension to clamp the strap firmly between the jaws 5 and 6. The member 2 is in the form of a slide comprising a base plate 12 and an eye 15 formed on the upper side of said base plate.

A modified form of a member 2 is shown in Figure 5 in the form of a slide comprising a base plate 12, an overlapping member 11 which may be carried between the members 8 and 9, and an eye 15 formed on the upper side of said base plate.

The rear end of the guides 7 are closed by downwardly curved ends 13 bearing down upon the jaw 6, and the front end of the guides 7 are also closed when the jaws 5 and 6 are closed, by snapping the members 8 and 9 together, the upper end portion 14 of the member 9 being extended upwardly a distance to overlap and close the end opening of the guides 7 to hold a straight slide member 12 in the guides 7, as shown in Figure 1.

The dress 18 is detachably clasped to the lingerie strap 16 by inserting the base 12 of the member 2 in the guides 7. The member 2 may be secured in the guides 7 by the spring members 19 and 19[a] with relation to the guide to provide a secure spring joint between the dress and the lingerie strap The upper portion 14 of the member 8 and the curved ends 13 of the guides 7 provide a front and back stop means for preventing the said base 12 of the clasp member 2 from sliding from the said guides 7, as shown in Figure 3.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:—

1. A clasp as described comprising a pair of jaws for holding a lingerie strap, guides on one of said jaws closed at the rear end thereof, means for detachably closing said guides at their opposite ends and a connecting member formed with a head for slidably engaging said guides, said connecting member adapted to be secured to the dress.

2. A clasp as described comprising a clasp member formed with a pair of jaws for holding a lingerie strap, means for detachably holding said jaws in closed position, guides on one of said jaws, the rear end of said guides being permanently closed, a connecting member formed with a head for slidably engaging said guides, said connecting member adapted to be secured to the dress, and means formed on one of said jaws adapted to close the opposite end of said guides.

3. A clasp as disclosed comprising a clasp member formed with a pair of spring jaws for clasping a lingerie strap therebetween, a slide means formed on the upper jaw having the rear end thereof closed, upper and lower overlapping members formed on the open end portions of said jaws adapted to be snapped together, an extension on the lower overlapping member adapted to close the open front end portion of said slide means, and a spring connecting means adapted to be secured to a dress and dis-

posed within said slide means and clamped between said upper and lower overlapping members.

4. A clasp as disclosed comprising a clasp member formed with a pair of spring jaws for clasping a lingerie strap therebetween, a slide means formed on the upper jaw having the rear end thereof closed, upper and lower overlapping members formed on the open end portions of said jaws adapted to be snapped together, an extension on the lower overlapping member adapted to close the open front end portion of said slide means, and a spring connecting means adapted to be secured to a dress and slidably positioned within said slide means and clamped between said upper and lower overlapping members.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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