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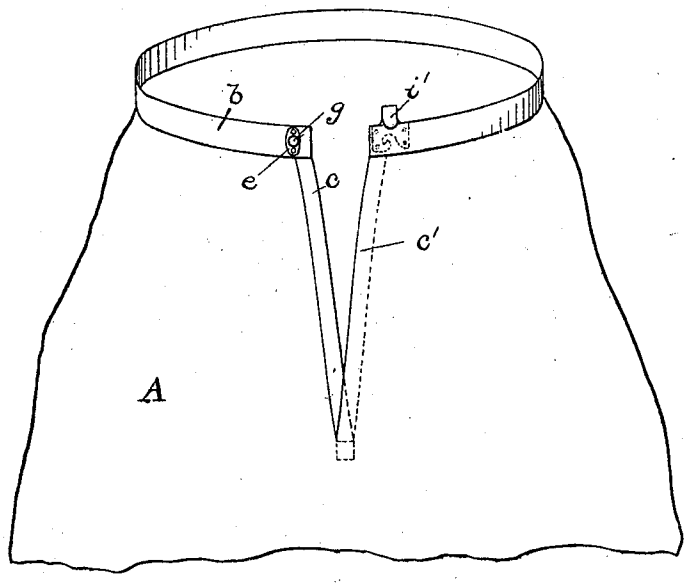
Fig. 1.



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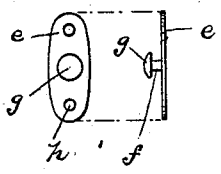

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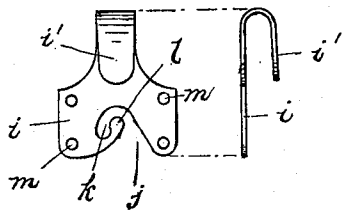

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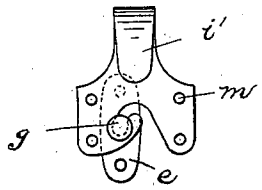

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COMBINED PLACKET-FASTENER AND BELT-RETAINER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ALBERT HILDEBRANDT and ADAM C. OESTERLA, citizens of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Placket-Fastener and Belt-Retainer, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in a combined placket-fastener and belt-retainer for women's garments; and it consists in the novel garment-fastener constructed as hereinafter described.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective rear view of a waistband and skirt provided with our improved fastening. Fig. 2 illustrates a front and also an edge view of the plate and stud. Fig. 3 illustrates two views of the hook-plate. Fig. 4 shows the relative position of the stud and hook when the same are fastened together.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a skirt having the usual waistband *b* and placket-opening. The placket has the ordinary flaps *c c'*, the latter flap *c'* overlapping onto the flap *c* when the placket is closed.

A plate *e* of suitable form, but in the present instance elliptical in shape, carries a stud *f*, which latter may be riveted or otherwise secured to said plate, and said stud is provided on its end with a head *g*. The plate *e* in the present instance is also provided with holes *h*, through which thread-stitches may be taken to secure same to the garment.

The hook-plate *i* is provided at its upper edge with a downward-projecting hook *i'*, and at its lower edge said hook-plate is provided with a cut-away portion *j*, wide on the lower edge and gradually contracted as it extends upward and forms a slot, which at its upper narrow part curves laterally and downwardly, as at *k*, and forms a hooked projection *l*. At either side the said hook-plate *i* is provided with holes *m*, by means of which the said plate may be stitched to the garment.

It is obvious that we might secure the hook-plate *i* and the plate *e* to the garment by other well-known means employed in this class of articles.

By reference to Fig. 1 it will be seen that the plate *e*, carrying the stud *f*, is in the present instance secured to the inner flap *c* of the waistband and on the outside of said waistband with the stud projecting outwardly. The hook-plate *i* is secured to the outer flap *c'*, but on the inside of the waistband *b*. It will thus be seen by reference to Fig. 4 that to fasten together the two flaps of the placket-opening it is only necessary to guide the stud *f* into the wide lower cut-away portion *j*, and the tendency to pull the two flaps apart will serve to seat the said stud in the downwardly-curved slot *k*, where it will be retained in position by the head *g* of the stud taking over the inside surface of the hook-plate *i*. The hook *i'* projects above the waistband *b* and is in position to take over an ordinary belt, such as women commonly wear. This hook therefore will prevent the belt from slipping upward, and it will be seen that the device as a whole serves two purposes.

By our construction a simple, cheap, and effective fastening is produced.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A combined placket-fastener and belt-retainer having in combination a stud member secured to one flap of the placket; a hook member secured to the other flap of the placket, said hook member being provided with a wide lower cut-away portion forming a hooked projection, *l*, which receives the stud, and at its upper edge said hook member provided with a downward-projecting hook adapted to take over the edge of a belt.

2. A garment-fastening having in combination a plate member carrying a stud and provided with means for securing same to the garment; a hook member comprising a plate having its lower edge cut away to form a slot which extends upward and then curves downward and is adapted to engage said stud and a downward-projecting hook, *i'*, at the upper edge of said plate and means for securing the plate to the garment, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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