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FIG 1

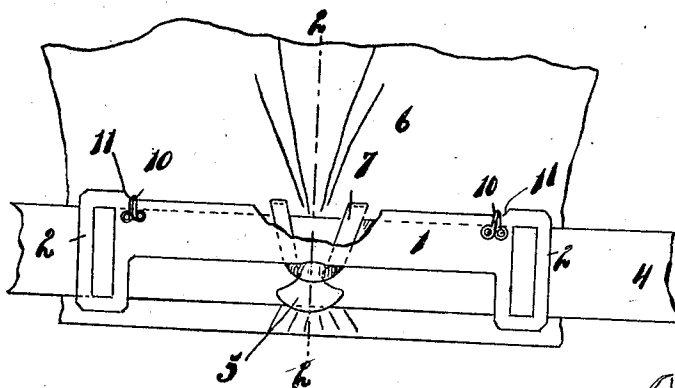


FIG 2

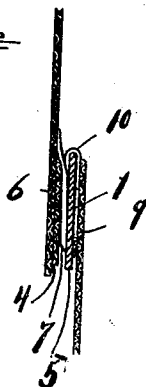


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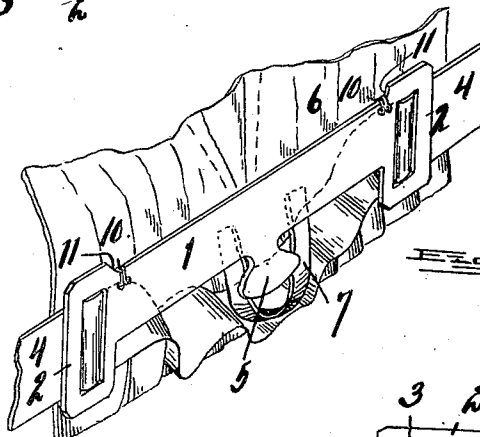


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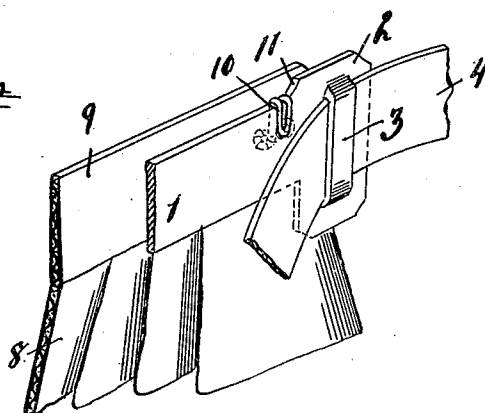
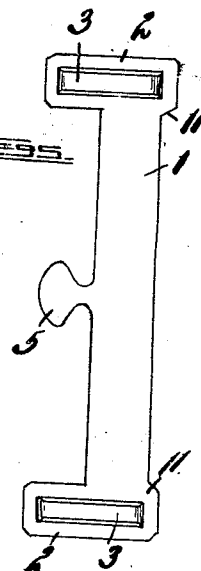


FIG 5



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH P. SHERMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirt-Waist Holders and Skirt-Supporters; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a shirt-waist holder and skirt-supporter; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out particularly in the claim.

The object of the invention is to provide simple and efficient means for holding the shirt-waist down at the back, so as to prevent it from creeping from under the belt or skirt-band, and at the same time provide for supporting the skirt so as to prevent it from sagging and maintain the skirt-band always in alinement with the belt, the arrangement being such as to enable the attaching and supporting device to be quickly and readily applied and easily removed, said device being of such form as to obviate cumbersomeness and assist in relieving the hips from the weight of the skirts and causing said weight to be borne by the shoulders. The above object is attained by the structure illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a fragmentary view in elevation of a portion of the back of a shirt-waist, showing the fabric loop attached thereto and the tongue of the metal strap through said loop, a portion of said strap being broken away, showing the waist-tape which carries said supporting-plate, the ends of which are also broken away. Fig. 2 is a vertical section as on line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view in perspective of the subject-matter of Fig. 1, showing the position of parts when disengaging the tongue of the metal supporting-strap from the loop attached to the shirt-waist. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view in perspective, showing a section of the waist-tape passing through a loop at one end of the metal supporting-strap and

a portion of the waistband of the skirt lying contiguous to said strap, the hook of the skirt engaging the upper edge thereof. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the metal strap carried by the waist-tape which retains the shirt-waist in position and supports the skirt at the back.

Referring to the characters of reference, 1 designates a strap made, preferably, of thin metal, so as to render it flexible, and of such length as to meet the purpose required, having the enlarged end portions 2, from which is struck a loop 3, through which may be passed or strung the waist-tape 4, adapted to embrace the waist of the wearer and provided with a suitable buckle, (not shown,) whereby it may be secured in position to properly support the strap when in place. As the tape 4 is drawn around the waist the metal strap 1, because of its flexibility, is made to conform thereto. Formed integral with and extending from the under edge of the strap 1 is a tongue 5. Sewed or otherwise attached to the back of the shirt-waist at the waist-line is a loop 7, through which the tongue 5 is adapted to pass, whereby the shirt-waist is held from slipping up at the back. The loop 7, which is engaged by the tongue 5, extends downwardly between the metal strap and the tape 4, so that said tape lies under said loop and when drawn taut will prevent the metal supporting-strap from slipping upwardly on the waist, owing to the engagement of the ends of the loop 7 with the upper margin of said tape.

In order to disengage the tongue from the loop 7, so as to allow the supporter to be removed, it is necessary to slacken the tape 4, so as to allow the strap 1 to be raised, as shown in Fig. 3, when the tongue 5 may be slipped from said loop and the device removed.

To support the skirt 8 at the rear, so as to prevent it from sagging, there are attached to the inner face of the band 9 of the skirt the hooks 10, which are adapted to engage over the upper edge of the metal strap 1, thereby perfectly supporting the skirt. Upon the upper edge of said strap near each end is formed a shoulder 11, which is engaged by the hook, whereby the shifting of the skirt is prevented.

In applying this device it is only necessary to engage the tongue 5 through the loop 7 at the back of the shirt-waist and draw the

waist-tape 4 taut, when the metal supporting-strap 1 will be securely retained in place, enabling the hooks of the skirt-band to be engaged thereon, as described. When the device is properly in position, it will be seen that a separation between the shirt-waist at the rear and the skirt-band is impossible, while the hooks 10 of the skirt-band engaging the supporting-strap 1 prevent the skirt-band from drooping sufficiently to expose said strap, and when the usual belt is placed around the waist no part of the attaching and supporting device is visible.

The thinness and flexibility of the metal supporting-strap causes it to lie closely to the waist-line, conforming to the contour thereof and obviating the presence of any unusual bulk calculated to distend the belt in an unsightly manner.

Having thus fully set forth my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a device for the purpose set forth, the combination of a flexible metallic strap, a waist-tape upon which said strap is adjustably mounted, said strap having a tongue projecting from its lower edge for engaging a loop attached to the shirt-waist, said loop lying between said strap and tape, the upper edge of the metallic strap terminating near the top of the skirt-band to be engaged by hooks upon said band.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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