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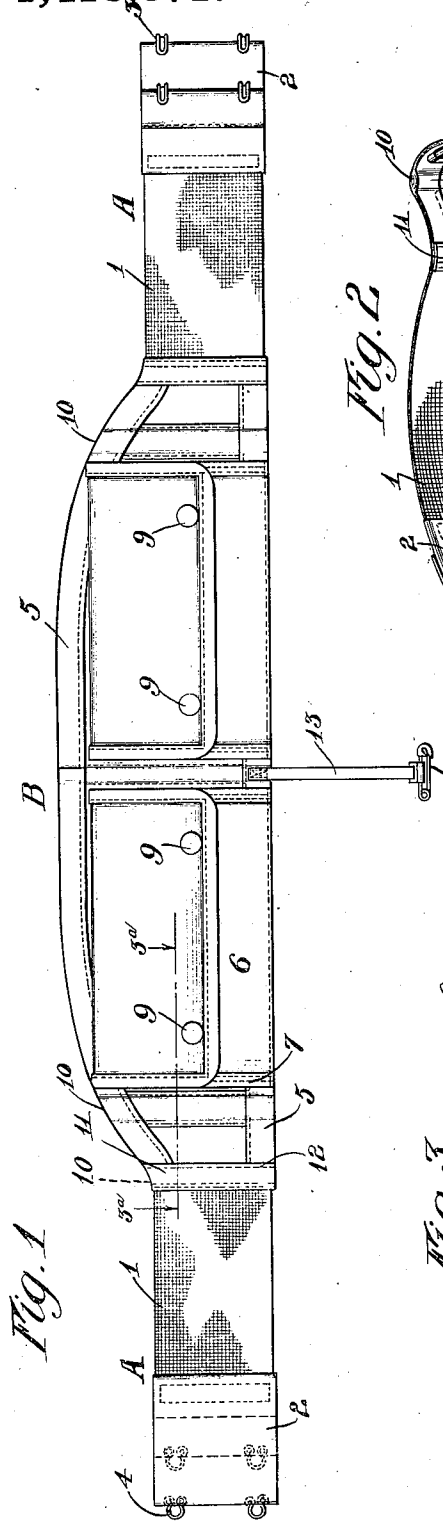


Fig. 1

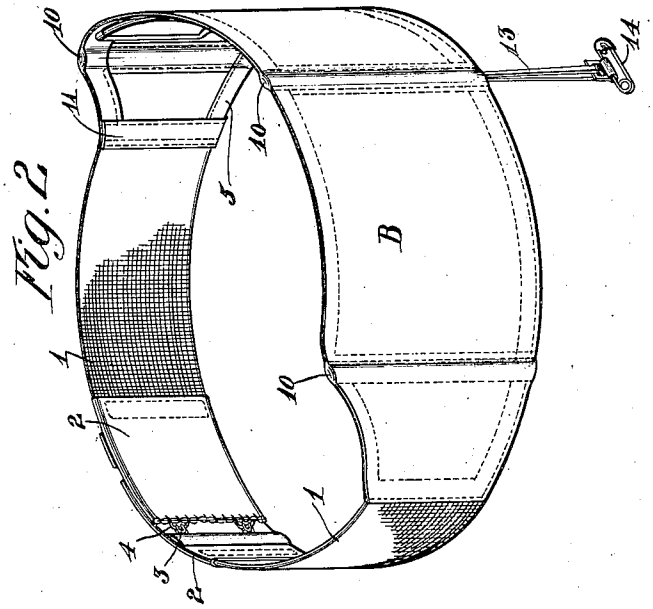


Fig. 2

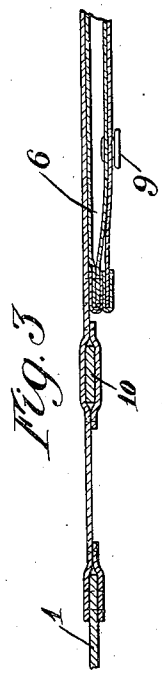


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CATHERINE FOSTER, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and a resident of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Money Belts and Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and to the reference numerals marked thereon.

My present invention relates to wearing apparel and more particularly to belts and girdles, and it has for its object to provide a simple, durable, and efficient money belt particularly adapted to be worn by women and which will also act as a supporter while so conforming to the figure as to be comfortable as well as unnoticeable with respect to its influence upon the set or fit of outer garments beneath which it is worn. To these and other ends the invention consists in certain improvements and combinations of parts, all as will be hereinafter more fully described, the novel features being pointed out in the claims at the end of the specification.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a money belt constructed in accordance with and illustrating one embodiment of my invention;

Figure 2 is a perspective view thereof in its fastened position, and

Figure 3 is a fragmentary section on the line 3^a—3^a of Figure 1.

Similar reference numerals throughout the several views indicate the same parts.

The belt preferably comprises a narrow girdle portion A and an intermediate broader carrying and supporting portion B. The girdle portion A embodies two elastic sections 1 of woven rubber and fabric, one end of each being sewed to the intermediate portion B, and the other end to an attaching or buckling element 2 of non elastic multi-ply cloth. One of the elements 2 carries two sets of hooks 3 set back of each other and the other element 2 at the other end of the belt carries correspondingly arranged eyes 4 with which the hooks cooperate in the ordinary manner.

The intermediate wide portion B may be composed of a suitable cloth, preferably in multiple plys with the edges turned or otherwise reinforced as indicated at 5 and secured to the inside face thereof are a plurality of money pockets 6 that are stitched in place and reinforced at their edges as indicated at 7. They are fitted in the present instance with flaps 8 secured closed by snap fasteners 9. Between and on each side of the pockets, I provide the intermediate supporting portion B with transverse vertical stiffening ribs or corset stays 10 of whalebone, steel or any of the materials commonly used for this purpose. They are held in place through being stitched in beneath cloth strips 11 having lines of stitching 12 on each side of the stay and forming pockets for them.

The ends of the girdle portions A are hooked together with the belt encircling the body at or about the waist line in the manner shown in Figure 2, the fasteners being at the back. This brings the intermediate supporting and carrying portion B at the front and, being wider, it tends to support the busts while rounding against and clinging closely to the body. The stays 10 contribute this supporting function while at the same holding the belt itself in shape and keeping the pockets 6 in a taut and hence flat condition. Also the stays maintain a certain flatness and stiffness to the belt whether off or on the body which is useful in manipulating the pockets and the flaps thereof in inserting or removing their contents.

It will be observed that, in my preferred form, the lower edges of both portions A and B of the belt are continuous or in alinement so that the stiffened portion is not apt to slip low enough to press against the abdomen or other parts of the body below the waist line. The greater width is all above or at the upper edge where the supporting portion curves down gradually into the girdle portion in the manner of a corset.

In fact, the tendency of the device is to ride upwardly on the body rather than slip down, and for this reason I prefer to provide an anchoring device having the present form of a centrally attached tape 13 at the front. The lower end of this tape is fitted with a safey pin 14 or similar device for attachment to the corset of the wearer or to other garments as is most convenient. This holds the belt in a definite position at which it is found most comfortable.

A money belt constructed in accordance with my invention may be produced at small

cost and will be found to be convenient, comfortable, and inconspicuous at all times.

I claim as my invention:

1. A money belt comprising a wide portion and a narrow portion, the wide portion being provided with a pocket and with transverse yielding stiffening ribs or stays arranged closely adjacent to the sides of the pocket, the pocket being coextensively secured to the belt so as to be held extended by the stays.

2. A money belt comprising a girdle portion and an intermediate body supporting portion, the latter being provided with pockets and with transversely extending corset stays between the pockets, the pocket being coextensively secured to the belt so as to be held extended by the stays.

3. A money belt comprising an elastic girdle portion having its ends detachably connected and a relatively wider non-elastic intermediate body supporting portion, the latter being provided with pockets and with transversely extending corset stays between the pockets, the pocket being coextensively secured to the belt so as to be held extended by the stays.

4. A money belt comprising a girdle portion and a relatively wider intermediate body supporting portion, provided with a pocket, said body supporting portion being further provided with transversely extending corset stays and with an anchoring device adapted for attachment to a corset to prevent the belt from riding upwardly and becoming misplaced.

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