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Fig. 1.

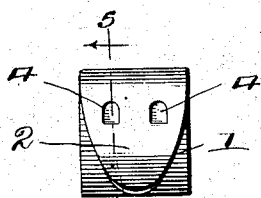
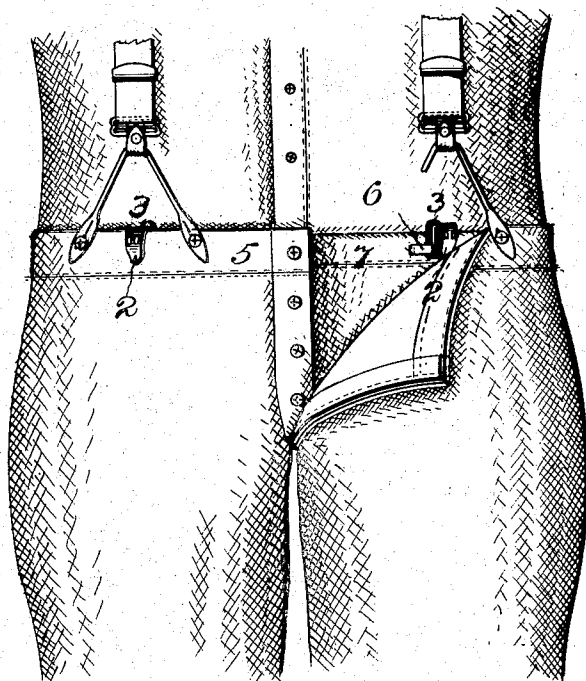


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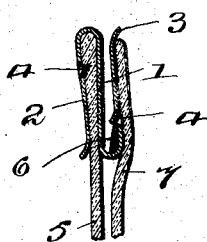


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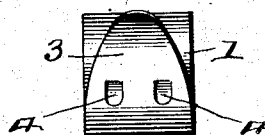


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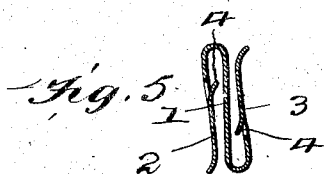


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY JOHN CORPER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; and I do hereby 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.

My invention relates to a supporting device for garments; and it consists of certain novel features, as will be hereinafter clearly set forth, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part of this application.

The object of my invention, among others, is to provide a simple though reliably efficient device of the character specified which will be found useful for supporting underdrawers without the necessity of encumbering the person with a belt, thereby obviating the necessity of wearing the undergarment unduly tight at the waistband, thus attaining more freedom and comfort.

Other objects and advantages will be hereinafter clearly set forth.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 shows my invention as applied to use. Fig. 2 shows the outer side of my garment securing and supporting device. Fig. 3 shows a longitudinal section of my securing device and a contiguous part of the waistband of the trousers and the waistband of the underdrawers. Fig. 4 shows the inner side of my securing device. Fig. 5 is a sectional view of my device separated from the garments with which it is designed to cooperate.

My invention consists, essentially, of a single piece of suitable sheet metal properly shaped and preferably having the slightly-rounded ends. The sheet-metal plate thus or otherwise provided is bent upon itself to form the body portion or central part 1, the outer downwardly-extending member 2, and the inner upwardly-extending section or member 3, thereby disposing the metallic plate so that it will present substantially an S form. The extreme ends of each of the members 2 and 3 are preferably bent or curved slightly outward, so as to more readily enter a contiguous part of the garment to be engaged, and in order to hold the portions of the garments engaged by my securing device I form in each of the members 2 and 3 the integral inwardly-directed barb-like lips 4, the

lips carried by the member 2 being directed upward, while the lip or lips carried by the member 3 will be directed downward, the object of said lips being to prevent a casual withdrawal of the garment or portion of the garment engaged by the members 2 and 3, though permitting the same to be withdrawn by the application of a little force without the slightest scratching of a contiguous part of the garment, inasmuch as the edges of the lips 4, as will be observed, are properly rounded and left smooth, so as to avoid all possible injury.

As will be observed by reference to Fig. 1, the lip 2 is disposed upon the outer side of the waistband of the trousers, as indicated by the numeral 5, thus disposing the member or body portion 1 immediately upon the inner side of the waistband and leaving member 3 directed upward as a hook, whereby the strap 6 commonly provided upon the waistband of the undergarments 7 may be hooked over the member 3, when it will drop down under the inwardly-directed lip 4, which latter will hold the band from casual upward movement, though permitting said band to be removed therefrom by proper manipulation, as will be obvious. This strap 6 is of less thickness than the distance between the body portion 1 and the barbs or lips on member 3, and therefore it can be inserted between the body portion and the member 3 without forcing the same apart and will assume a position under the lips or barbs 4 from which it cannot be casually raised without contacting with said barbs, which serve to prevent accidental displacement of the strap.

It will be seen that I have provided a simple though reliably-efficient device of the character specified which will be found useful for the special purpose herein set forth and for other uses, as for connecting a lady's waist and skirt together.

The supporter is of uniform width, so that no projecting shoulders are formed upon which clothing might catch or become torn or otherwise injured, and the entire device is therefore rendered extremely small without losing any of its efficiency.

My invention may be very cheaply manufactured, inasmuch as it may be readily formed from a small piece of suitable sheet metal, and while I have described the preferred construction of parts I desire to comprehend such substantial equivalents and

substitutes as may be regarded as fairly falling within the scope of my invention.

Believing that the advantages of my invention have thus been clearly set forth, further description is deemed unnecessary.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture a securing device for garments formed from a straight strip of flat sheet metal bent upon itself to form a straight intermediate portion and oppositely-arranged similar end portions which overlap the intermediate portion and extend longitudinally thereof, the free ends of said end portions being curved outward and

parallel lips struck inward from each of the end portions adjacent the fixed ends thereof, said lips being spaced from the intermediate portion a sufficient distance to permit a portion of a garment to pass therebetween without spreading them apart and said lips adapted to hold the garment against casual withdrawal.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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