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SKIRT HOLDER OR SKIRT SUSPENDER.

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Fig. 1

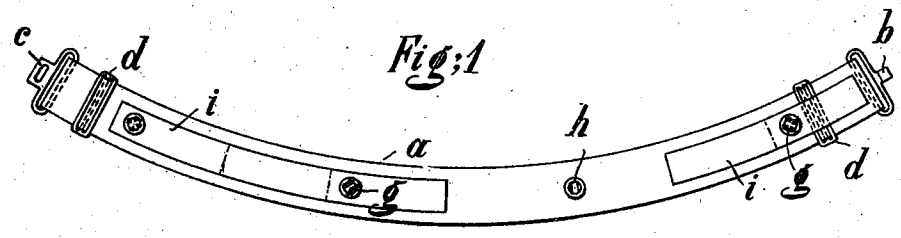


Fig. 2

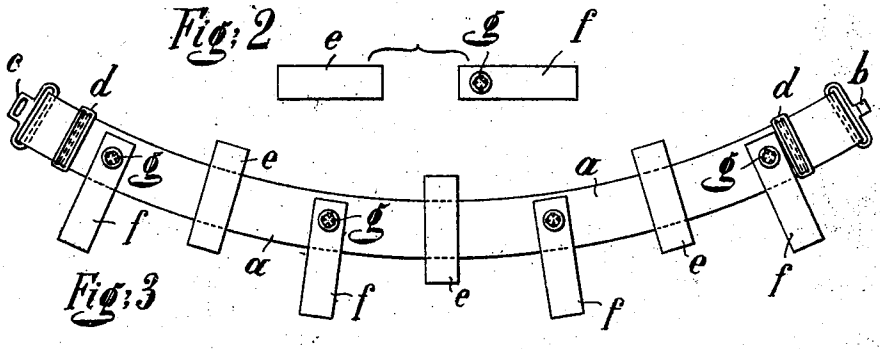
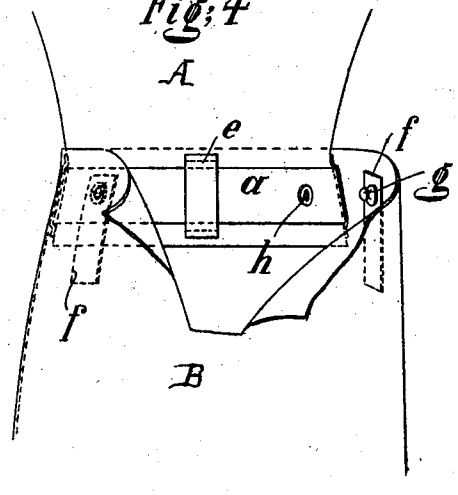


Fig. 3

Fig. 4



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SKIRT-HOLDER OR SKIRT-SUSPENDER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 709,823, dated September 23, 1902.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILHELMINE MEHLFELD, a citizen of the German Empire, residing at Barmen, in the Province of Rhenish Prussia, Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Holders or Skirt-Suspenders; 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.

This invention relates to skirt-supporting belts adapted to be attached to a dress-body; and it consists in the construction and combination of parts hereinafter set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a plan view of a belt embodying my invention, the ribbon *i*, out of which the skirt-supporting loops and straps are to be cut, being shown thereon, as usually sold, and the division between these latter parts being indicated by dotted lines. Fig. 2 represents a detail view of the strap-piece and loop-piece which are attached to the skirt and engage said belt or attachment thereof. Fig. 3 represents a plan view of the belt with said parts engaging it. Fig. 4 represents in side elevation the dress-body skirt and the intervening attaching devices, the skirt being opened on one side and turned back to show said devices.

A designates the dress-body, B the skirt, and *a* the belt which connects them to each other and supports the skirt. Said belt has interlocking parts *b c* at its end, also sliding buckles *d* near its ends for adjusting the length. As shown in Fig. 1, the said belt as first made and offered for sale has two strips or ribbons *i* attached to it by passing their inwardly-projecting studs through eyelets *h* of said belt. When the belt is to be used, each of these strips or ribbons is cut, as indicated by dotted lines, to form two flat straps *f*, provided near one end with one of the studs *g* near one end, also a flat strap *e*, having no stud, but adapted to form a loop for the belt when sewed at its ends to the dress-body, as shown in Fig. 4. Each strap *f* is sewed throughout its length to the skirt. By passing the belt through the loops and pressing the studs *g* inwardly through eyelets *h* the skirt is speedily attached to the body of the dress and may be easily detached therefrom at will by pulling the said studs out again. Of course the straps may be attached to drawers or some other suspended garments instead of a skirt. Also the relative positions and location of the studs and eyelets may obviously be reversed.

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

A belt *a* provided with eyelets *h* and with detachable strips *i* parallel with said belt, each strip being divided into sections adapted to form respectively loops *e* and straps *f* having studs *g*, the said studs serving in the first instance to hold the said strips to the belt and the said loops and straps being adapted to hold respectively an upper and a lower garment to said belt after they have been sewed on the said garments and the belt has been passed through the loops and the studs have been pressed into the eyelets substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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