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 COMBINED SHIRT WAIST HOLDER, SKIRT SUPPORTER, AND WAIST FORMER.
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Fig. 1.

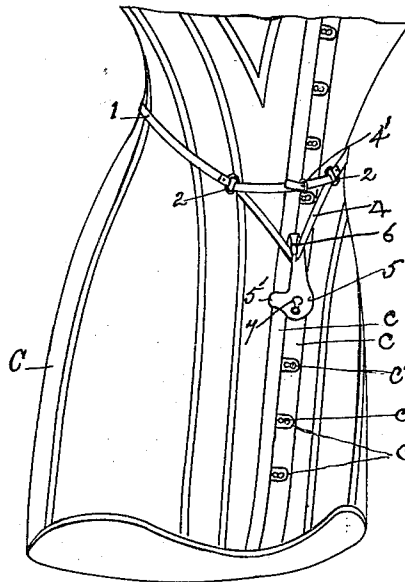


Fig. 6.

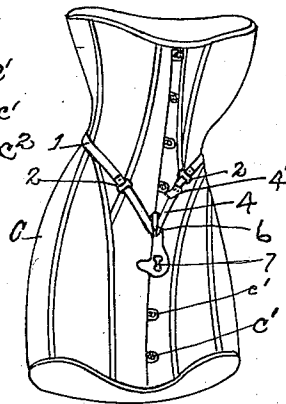


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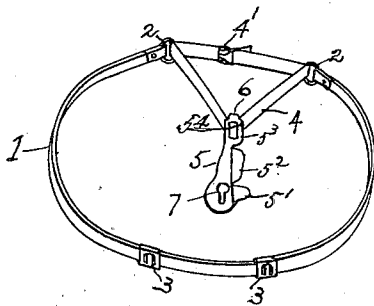
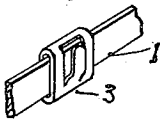


Fig. 2.

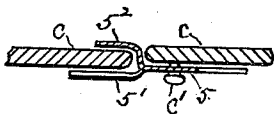


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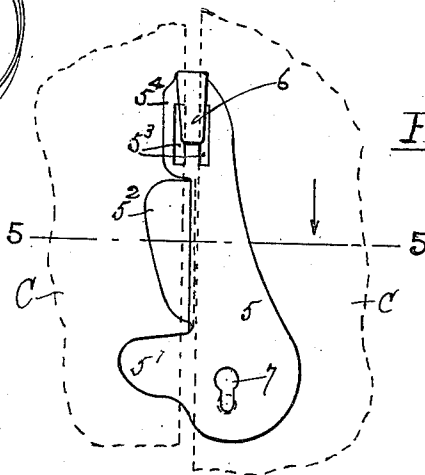


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTOPHER A. MURRAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pawtucket, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Combined Shirt-Waist Holder, Skirt-Supporter, and Waist-Former, of which the following is a specification.

The purposes of my invention are to provide a simple, convenient, effective and readily adjustable device for holding the shirt waist down in the proper position, supporting the skirt, and giving to the front of the waist line any desired downward or "dip-front" effect. These purposes I accomplish by the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, and shown in the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention as applied upon a corset. Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view of my invention. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a skirt supporting hook, and a broken away portion of my shirt waist holder. Fig. 4 is an elevation illustrating the manner in which my "dip" producing device is attached to a corset. Fig. 5 is a sectional plan view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of my invention as adjusted to produce a greater degree of "dip" than shown in Fig. 1.

In the drawings C represents a corset provided with the usual steel fronts c , c , studs c^1 , c^1 , and clasps c^2 , c^2 .

I construct a belt composed of two members 1 and 4. The member 1 I construct of any suitable resilient, bendable, non-corrosive, and preferably non-metallic material, and secure upon each of its ends a movable ring or loop 2. This member 1 is made of such length that it will terminate at, or a little forward of, the hips of the wearer. The member 4 I construct of suitable textile material, preferably non-elastic webbing, and secure upon one of its ends a buckle 4^1 . The member 4 is rove through the rings 2 of the member 1, and also through the upper end of the "dip" member (hereinafter described) and fastened by the engagement of its free end with the buckle 4^1 as shown.

Upon the member 1 are slidably fitted a plurality of sleeves 3 provided with upwardly extending hooks arranged and adapted to engage with eyes, loops or the

like, to which the waist band of a skirt may be attached to thereby support the latter. Since these sleeves 3 are movable longitudinally of the member 1 they can readily be adjusted at any desired points thereon to give the required proper support to the skirt.

My "dip" producing device I strike out from a plate or strip of sheet metal to form a body portion 5, preferably of gradually increasing cross-section from its top to its lower end, and provided at its top end with longitudinally directed slots 5^3 adapted for the passage therethrough of the member, 4, and also with a depending hook 6 arranged and adapted to engage over said member 1, as shown. Said "dip" member is also provided at or near its lower end with an orifice 7 adapted to engage with a stud c^1 on the corset front. Said "dip" device is further provided with laterally projecting wings 5^1 , 5^2 , and 5^4 , of which the wings 5^1 and 5^4 preferably extend in the plane of the face of the body 5, while the wing 5^4 is offset therefrom in such manner that when the "dip" device is in its operative position with the orifice 7 engaging the corset stud c^1 the wings 5^1 and 5^4 will lie on or against the outer face of the corset steel c , and the wing 5^2 will lie against the inner face of said steel, while the body 5 lies against the face of the opposite steel, thus serving to hold the device in its proper position and add to its stability.

In many cases sufficient "dip" will be given to the front of the waist line by the downward pull of the member 5 upon that part of the member 4 in engagement with the slots 5^3 , as shown in Fig. 1. When more "dip" is desired it is effected by causing the hook 6 to engage the other part of the member 4, as shown on Fig. 6. Said hook 6 is also caused to hook over the top of the waist band of the skirt.

I have not deemed it necessary to show in the drawings the shirt waist or the skirt, as it will be readily understood that my belt will fit over the corset and the shirt waist and under the skirt waist band so that the orifice 7 may engage the stud (as c^1) on the corset steel.

I claim:

A "dip" device consisting of a metallic body narrower at its upper than at its lower end, and having one edge a right line, and

having a plurality of wings extending from
said straight edge in the plane of said body,
and other wings offset from said body and
extending from said straight edge in a plane
5 parallel with said first mentioned wings,
said body further provided with a down-
wardly extending hook at its upper end and
with a plurality of parallel longitudinal

slots adjacent said hook, and an orifice at its
lower end arranged and adapted to engage a 10
stud on the front steel of a corset.

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