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Fig. 1.

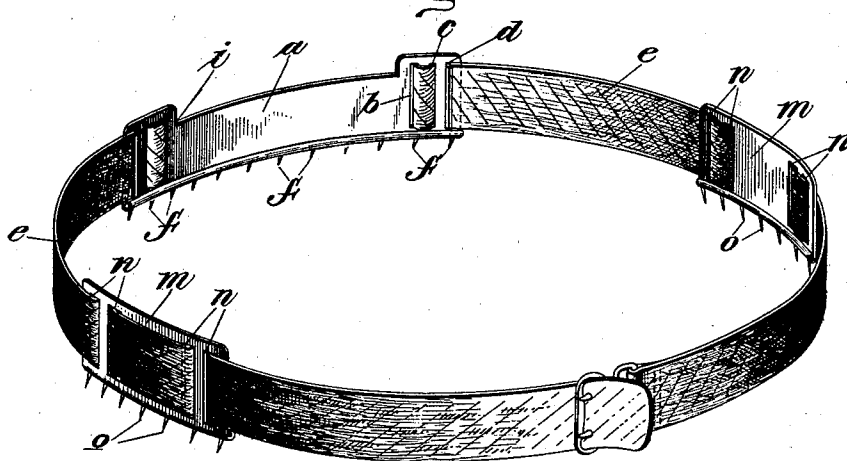


Fig. 3.

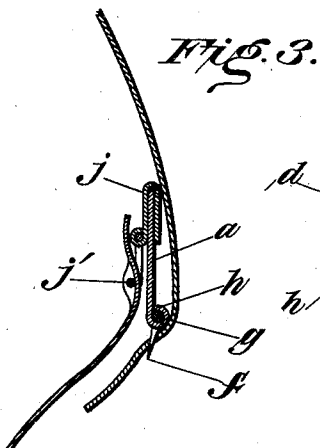


Fig. 2.

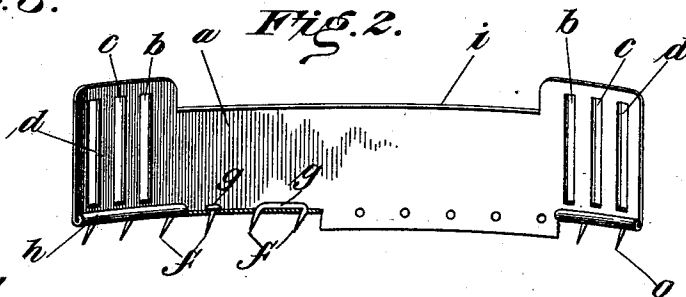
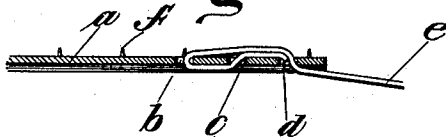


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARIE GAIR, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Supporters; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

This invention is an improvement in ladies' skirt-supporters; and its object is to provide a very simple, effective, and light supporter which will both support the skirt and also prevent the waist slipping above the belt.

It consists in the novel construction hereinafter described, claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the complete supporter. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the back plate partly in section; Fig. 3, a detail section showing the manner of attaching the points of the plate, and Fig. 4 another detail section showing the manner of attaching the webbing to the plate.

The supporter comprises a belt adapted to be worn around the waist and composed of a metallic back plate *a* and two flexible side pieces *e e*, of belting or webbing. The back plate *a* is about four inches in length and is provided at each end with three vertical slots *b c d*, by which the ends of the flexible side pieces *e e* are attached thereto, the end of a piece *e* being first slipped through the slot *c*, then carried back through the slot *b*, and then taken through the slot *d*, overlapping the rough end projecting through the slot *c*, as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings. By this means the web portions *e* are firmly secured to the metallic portions without riveting or sewing.

Near the lower edge of the plate *a* is a longitudinal series of perforations, through which are slipped the pointed ends *f* of pins or staples *g*. The lower edge of the plate *a* is then turned upward and over the heads or bodies of the staples *g*, as shown at *h*, thus securely holding them in position. The pointed ends of the pins or staples *g*, projecting from the bottom of the plate, are adapted to engage the waist of the wearer below the belt, and thus prevent "hiking" of the waist

above the belt, which is a common source of annoyance to ladies.

The pins or staples may be made of highly-tempered metal, so that they will not be easily broken or bent, while the plate *a* can be of soft or resilient metal, so that it will fit easily and closely to the waist of the wearer.

The free ends of the straps *e* may be provided with any suitable engaging devices to fasten the supporter around the waist. An ordinary buckle is shown in the drawings.

The upper edge of the plate *a* has a longitudinal recess *i* for engagement with the loops *j*, attached to the skirt. These loops may be of any suitable construction, and as shown the loops *i* are provided with safety-pins *j'*, by which they can be readily attached to and detached from the skirt. The manner of using the device is obvious from the foregoing description and drawings. The device possesses the advantages of simplicity, lightness, and durability over the heretofore-known devices.

Many ladies are greatly annoyed by their waists slipping up from the belt beneath the arms, and to prevent this the slides or plates *m* (shown in Fig. 1) may be employed. These slides are formed of short flat pieces of metal similar to the plate *a* and are provided with double slots *n n* in each end, through which the straps *e* can be passed, and the slides are also provided with pin-points *o*, secured to their lower edges in the same manner that the pin-points *f* are attached to the plate *a*. These slides *m* are adjusted on the belt so that they will come below the arms of the wearer, and the pin-points engage and hold the shirt-waist down under the arms, just as the pin-point will hold it down in the back. The slides need not always be used; but when employed they add greatly to the comfort of the wearer.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. The herein-described skirt-supporter composed of a back plate having a recess in its upper edge for the engagement of the skirt-loops, a series of pin-points attached to its lower edge by turning such edge up over the heads of the points and projecting downwardly therefrom, and a series of vertical slots in each of its ends; with side pieces of flexible

webbing or belting engaging the end slots of the plate to secure said pieces thereto, for the purpose and substantially as described.

2. The herein-described skirt-supporter and shirt-waist holder, comprising the back plate having end slots, a recess in its upper side, and a series of pin-points attached to its lower edge, substantially as described; opposite side pieces of flexible webbing or belting attached to the end slots of the back plate; opposite slides having slots in their ends by which they are strung upon said side pieces, each of said slides having a series of pin-points

attached to its lower edge, substantially as described and means for fastening the free ends of the side pieces together to confine the supporter around the waist, all substantially as and for the purpose described. 15

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses. 20

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