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COMBINED SKIRT, SHIRT WAIST, AND BELT SUPPORTING ATTACHMENT.

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Fig. 1.

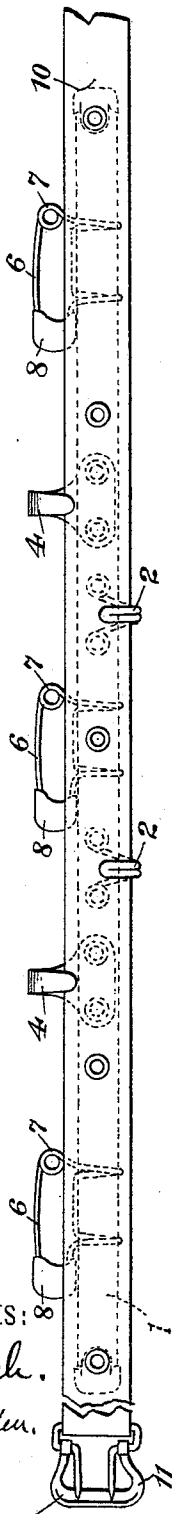


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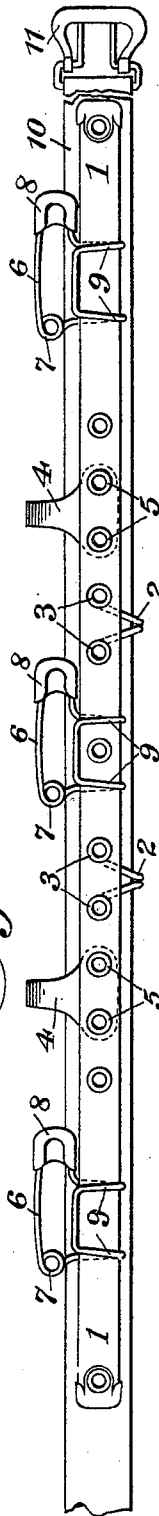


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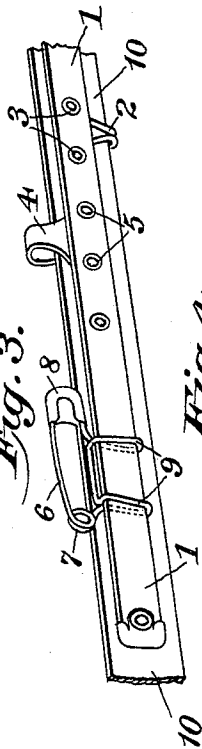


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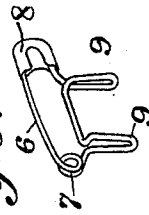
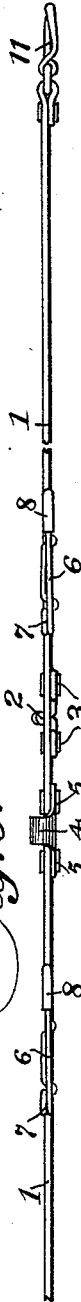


Fig. 4.



Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MYRON B. HAMMOND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in a Combined Skirt, Shirt-Waist, and Belt Supporting Attachment; 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 combined skirt, shirt-waist, and belt attachment for personal wear, and has for its objects to provide an attachment of this description which cannot become distorted by the tugging or strain of the parts carried thereby and attached to the garments, while at the same time the devices for securing the shirt-waist are readily adjustable and there is no necessity whatever of equipping the garments with any hook devices.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this application, Figure 1 is a front elevation, partly broken away, showing my improved attachment; Fig. 2, a rear elevation thereof; Fig. 3, a detail broken perspective showing a short section of my attachment and illustrating particularly the manner of attaching the adjustable safety-pins which attach to the shirt-waist, as well as the relative arrangement of the hooks which serve to keep the outside belt in position. Fig. 4 is a broken edge elevation of my improvement; Fig. 5, a detail perspective of the particular form of safety-pin which I use; and Fig. 6, a view similar to Fig. 4, but showing my improvement without any protecting outer flexible strip.

Similar numbers of reference denote like parts in the several figures of the drawings.

Heretofore various constructions have been contrived for the purpose of properly supporting skirts and shirt-waists and for keeping an outside belt in position, but the main disadvantages which these constructions possess are due to the fact that the devices for attaching to the shirt-waist are either not adjustable or they consist of hooks permanently attached to the shirt-waist and capable of hooking onto a belt, or the fastening devices

carried by the belt must be secured to the latter in some suitable adjustment before any attachment to either the shirt-waist or skirt, or the fastening devices are attached to a flexible belt, in which instance the latter becomes sagged and distorted by any tugging or straining. My invention contemplates such specific arrangement of parts as will obviate these disadvantages and will be best understood from the following description.

1 is a strip, preferably of thin steel, flexible lengthwise, but rigid in other respects, and 2 are hooks depending therefrom and secured by eyelets 3 to said strip.

4 are hooks which extend upwardly and are secured by eyelets 5 to said strip. The hooks 2 afford a fastening for the skirt, the latter being provided with the ordinary flat metal eyes or with eyes made from flexible material, as may be desired, while the hooks 4 prevent the slipping upward of the outside belt usually worn, which latter extends beneath such hooks. These hooks 2 4 extend, respectively, below and above the strip 1, the free ends of both hooks being disposed on the outside of such strip, whereby when the latter is in position on the wearer said hooks may afford skirt attachments and also means for holding an outside belt in position. Of course these hooks 4 may be made of any suitable shape and may be ornamented, so that they will present a very neat appearance when outlined against the belt, which latter I have not shown.

I employ a peculiarly-constructed safety-pin to be carried by the strip 1 and which attaches to the shirt-waist, which pin comprises the usual prong 6, spring element 7, and socket 8, and integral with this pin is also a socket 9, through which the rigid strip 1 extends, so that this safety-pin is capable of a free sliding movement along this strip. I preferably use three of these pins, one at or about the center of the back of the attachment and a pin at each side when the attachment is in use. Of course these pins may be shifted so as to grasp the shirt-waist at any desired locality, and right in this connection it is important to note that any bending of the body which would cause a tug at the pin will cause the latter to slip along the strip 1, so that these pins will automatically adjust them-

selves back and forth during the contortions of the body, thus preventing any dead pull which would result in tearing the waist.

I preferably provide an outer textile strip 10, which is secured to the strip 1 by means of the eyelets and which acts as a protection or facing, although it performs no function whatever necessarily. In the present instance, as shown at Figs. 1 and 2, this rigid strip 1 extends only throughout a portion of the length of the attachment, while the textile strip 10 is intended to go entirely around the waist and is provided with the ordinary buckle 11, so that the ends may be fastened; but it will of course be clear that the rigid strip 1 may be provided at its extremities with complementary fastening devices and may be made of a length sufficient to encircle the waist of the wearer, and I therefore do not wish to be limited in this respect, and, moreover, I have shown at Fig. 6 this attachment without the textile strip 10.

It will be obvious that the garments of the wearer are not cumbered with such bulky devices as fastening-hooks, which latter are especially annoying and disadvantageous when the garments are laundered; but, on the other hand, all the actual fastening devices are carried by the rigid strip 1 and are moreover readily detachable from the garments.

I do not wish to be understood as laying any broad claim to fastening devices of this sort generally; but

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

1. A garment-supporter of the character

set forth, comprising a strip flexible lengthwise but rigid in other respects capable of being secured around the waist of the wearer, and safety-pin devices extending above said strip and adapted to be attached to a shirt-waist, said devices being provided with depending sockets which embrace said strip and are capable of sliding freely lengthwise thereof, substantially as set forth.

2. A garment-supporter of the character described, consisting of a strip flexible only lengthwise and capable of adjustment around the waist of the wearer, said strip having secured thereto two sets of hooks which extend respectively above and below the strip, the free ends of both said sets being disposed on the outside of said strip and pointing in opposite directions, substantially as set forth.

3. The herein-described garment-supporter, which comprises a strip of thin flexible steel capable of attachment around the waist of the wearer, the two sets of hooks which point in opposite directions and which extend respectively above and below said strip, the free ends of both said sets being disposed on the outside of said strip, and safety-pin devices extending above the strip and provided with depending socket portions which embrace said strip and are movable lengthwise thereof, substantially as set forth.

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

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