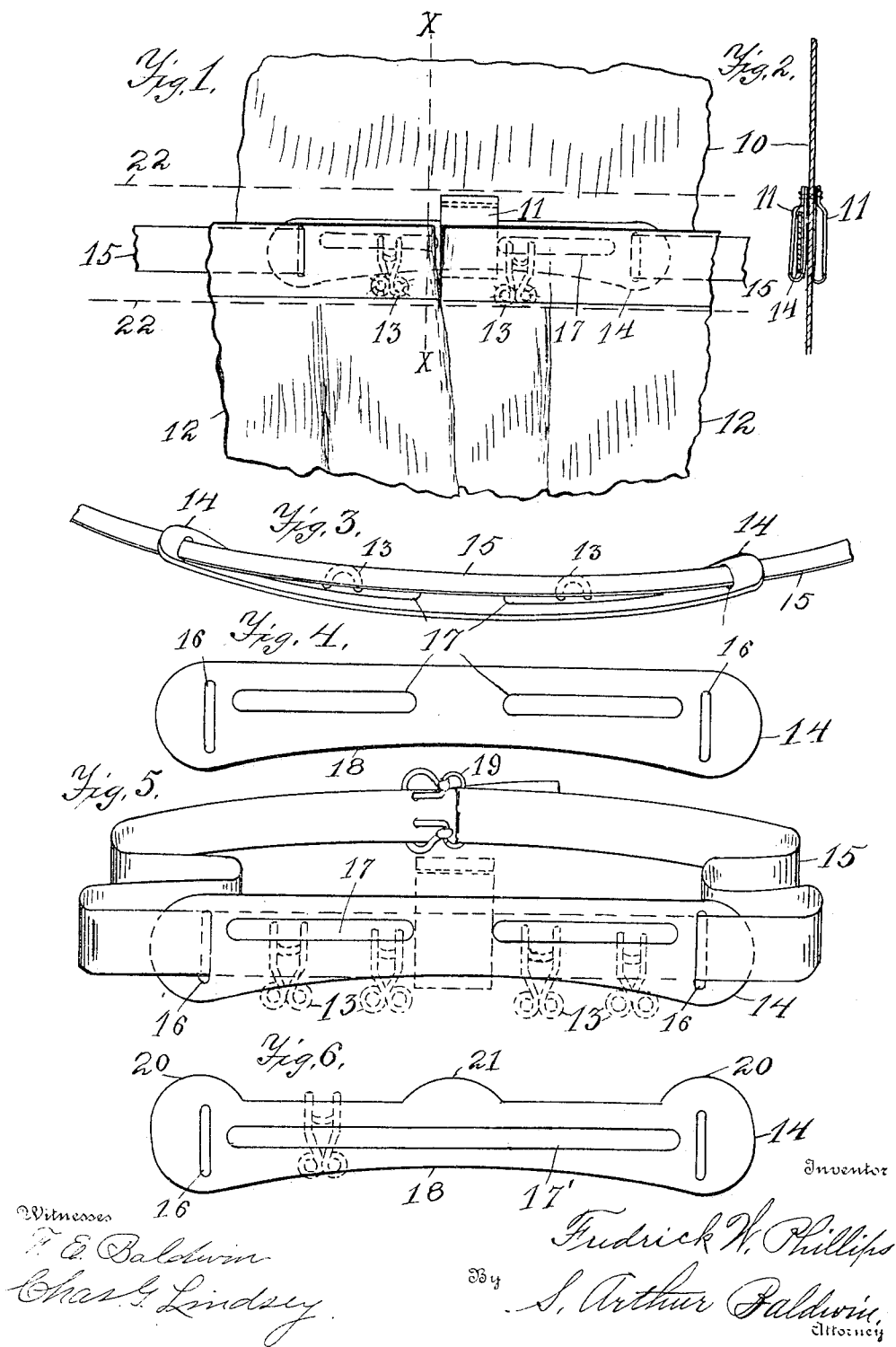


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDRICK W. PHILLIPS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Jamestown, in the county of Chautauqua and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to devices for supporting the skirt and retaining the waist; and the objects of my improvement are to provide loops on the outer and inner sides of the waist and a bar to engage one of said loops having elongated slots to receive the skirt-hooks and provided with a supporting band or belt.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a rear view of a portion of the skirt and waist, showing the manner of supporting these garments by my device. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the waist at line X X in Fig. 1, showing the double loops on the outer and inner sides of the waist. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the supporting-bar, showing the belt as it passes through the slotted ends and across the inner side of the bar. Fig. 4 is an elevation of the bar. Fig. 5 is an elevation of the bar and the belt for holding the same and showing the waist-loop and a plurality of skirt-hooks in dotted outline. Fig. 6 is an elevation of a modification of the supporting-bar.

Similar numerals refer to corresponding parts in the several views.

The numeral 10 indicates the waist, upon the rear part of which, near the belt-line, loops 11 are attached on the outer and inner sides.

The numeral 12 indicates the skirt which has the hooks 13 attached to the inner side of the skirt-band, the hooks 13 extending to about the top of the band.

The garment-supporter consists of the bar 14 and belt 15, the bar 14 being provided with vertical slots 16 near each end for the belt 15 to pass through, as shown in Figs. 3 and 5. Bar 15 is provided with long horizontal slots 17, having closed ends, said slots extending from a point near vertical slots 16 at each end to a point near the center of the bar, the distance between the inner ends of the slots 17 being preferably just sufficient to accommodate the width of the loop 11 on the waist 10. The lower side of bar 14 is given a long curve 18, which is highest at the center and better accommodates the bar to the form of the wearer and to any fullness in the under-

skirts. The simple tape belt 15 is preferably provided with a buckle 19 for attaching around the waist and passes through end slots 16 from the outer side.

The modification of bar 14 shown in Fig. 6 is the same as the preferred form with the exception of the upwardly-projecting ends 20 and central portion 21 and long slot 17' in place of two slots, which arrangement allows hook 13 of the skirt to engage over the top of the bar 14, as shown in dotted outline, without the annoyance of the hook slipping off the end, as it would be likely to do with the preferred form of bar 14. The objection to this modified form is that the projections 20 and 21 are liable to cut the clothing, and it is found that when once the length of the skirt is adjusted it is rarely desirable to raise the same by hooking it over the top of the bar.

It is apparent that the bar 14 and belt 15 can be slipped through the loop 11 before the waist is put on. The belt can then be attached about the person, holding the waist 10 down and firmly in place at the back. When it is desired simply to hold the waist in place or to retain waists made with a girdle or trimming on the outer side at the belt, the bar 14 with belt 15 is inserted through the inner loop 11. When it is desired to both retain the waist 10 and support the skirt 12, the bar 14 with belt 15 engages the outer loop 11, and when the belt is drawn tight about the person it is apparent that if the hooks 13 are inserted in slot 17 the inner ends of the hooks will be bound against the belt by the bar, as shown in dotted outline in Fig. 3, which arrangement securely locks the hooks in the slot, so that they cannot work loose or become detached. It is also obvious that the long slots 17 allow of adaptation of the skirt at the waist either to shorten the band or to lengthen the same; also to accommodate plaits in the garment, or to support a plurality of skirts due to their being formed of the same width throughout, as shown by the extra hooks in Fig. 5. The long slots 17 also allow the garments freedom of adaptation, so that they do not constrict the freedom of action of the wearer.

The skirt-band nearly covers the supporter, and a belt 22 (shown in dotted outline) covers all the parts from sight. The bar 14 has a slight curve to fit the form of the wearer.

I claim as new—

1. In combination with a garment provided with a loop and a skirt having fasten-

ing members, a belt, a bar having vertical end slots to receive said belt and a pair of spaced horizontal slots to receive said fastening members, said bar having an upwardly-curved lower edge and engaging said loop at the center of said bar and in said space between the horizontal slots.

2. The combination of the skirt with hooks thereon, a belt, a waist provided with a loop, a bar formed with a pair of vertical end slots for said belt and a horizontal slot of equal width throughout for said hooks, the lower edge of the bar being curved upwardly and being engaged at the highest point of this curve by said loop.

3. In combination with a garment provided with a loop and a skirt having fastening members, a bar having an upwardly-curved lower edge received in said loop and engaged thereby at the highest points of its curve, said bar having slots therein extending

on opposite sides of the loop, a belt to hold said bar in place, said fastening members of the skirt engaging in said slots and on opposite sides of said loop.

4. In combination with a garment provided with a loop and a skirt having fastening members, a bar having an upwardly-curved lower edge received in said loop and engaged thereby at the highest points of its curve, said bar having a slot therein to receive said fastening means of the skirt at any point along the length of said slot and a belt to hold the bar in place.

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

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