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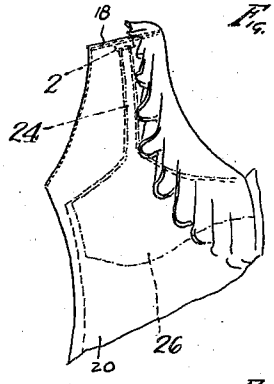


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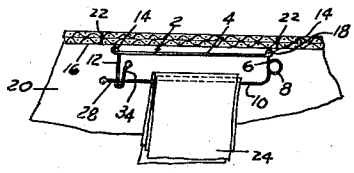


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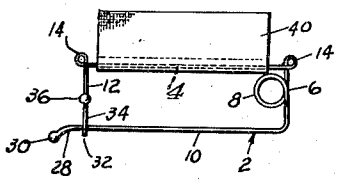


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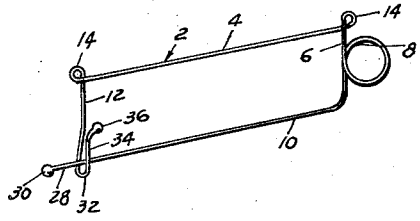


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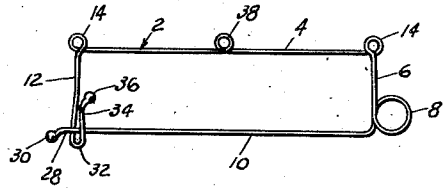
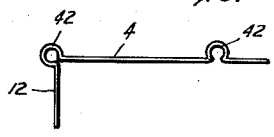


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My invention relates to the strap holders, and more particularly to such devices which are used for attaching same to the under side of the dress garment, and particularly at the shoulder section thereof and when in place to be adapted for fastening and holding in position the strap member of the under garment such as the brassière, the slip, the step-in or the like, and which and when in use will not become disengaged and will not become visible or conspicuous in appearance to the wearer.

Therefore, an object of my invention is to provide a strap holder which is made out of light and non-rusting material such as wire or the like, which in its preferred form is provided with a plurality of loops adapted for facilitating its permanent attachment to the said dress garment or the like, also, said holder having its ends provided with a suitable knob means for preventing scratching of the skin and the flesh of the wearer, and therefore preventing possible injury, otherwise unavoidable when using pins or other similar or like devices.

Another object of my invention is to provide said strap holder out of suitable wire or metal having a plurality of loop means at the top section thereof and by means of which the said holder may be attached to the underside of the garment by sewing it to the shoulder seam and therefore rendering same entirely invisible and indispensable, and also providing means for permanently securing same to the said garment without a danger of breaking loose or tearing the fine fiber of the cloth out of which said garment is made.

Another object of my invention is to provide said holder with a suitable tape section which is made out of a suitable cloth and which is for the purpose to insure its attachment to the said garment and also to provide means for placing and sewing same to the said garment at any desired place or position, and in addition thereto, to provide a permanent item by fastening it thereto at the time the said garment is being made.

Another object of my invention is to provide a strap holder which is of simple construction, easily manufactured, and adapted to be made out of such suitable material which may commensurate or be nearly the color or the texture of the garment and therefore making it readily adaptable to the outside appearance and decidedly essential to the wearer.

Further objects and advantages of my invention as will hereinafter more fully appear, I attain by the construction herein shown on the drawing and described in the specification, forming a part of my application.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawing in which the similar reference characters denote the similar parts.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 shows a fragmentary front view of the garment, showing the novel form of my invention, the strap holder, attached to the underside of the shoulder seams of said garment and showing the brassière and slip straps held in place.

Fig. 2 shows an enlarged view of the strap holder attached to the underside of the shoulder section of the garment showing fragmentary strap section passing through the holder.

Fig. 3 shows the perspective view of the strap holder showing the essential parts of its construction.

Fig. 4 shows the front view of the strap holder in modified form, having a tape made out of cloth permanently attached thereto.

Fig. 5 shows the front view of the strap holder in modified form, and provided with a plurality of loops for attaching same to the garment.

Fig. 6 shows a fragmentary enlarged front view of the holder, showing the special type of loops used for attaching same to the garment.

Describing my invention more in detail, said invention comprises a holder, generally designated by numeral **2**, which consists of a top section member **4**, having the mid-section **6** which is provided with a spring loop **8**, also having a holder bottom cross member **10** extending and positioned in parallel to the said top section member **4**, and adapted to engage the hook end member **12**, see Fig. 3.

The said top section member **4**, in its preferred form comprises a straight member having the extreme ends thereof provided with loops **14** which are used for sewing same to the under side seam **16** of the shoulder section **18** of the garment **20** by means of suitable sewing thread or stitch **22**, so as to provide a least visible and neat appearing shoulder strap holder for holding in place the straps **24** of the undergarment **26**.

The mid-section **6** is provided with a spring loop **8** which is coiled in the manner most adaptable in practice, thus providing tension for the holder cross member **10**, which extends longitudinally and in parallel the entire length of the said top section **4** having its end **28** terminating with a knob member **30** so as to facilitate its handling and to prevent possible injury to the wearer.

In order to hold the said knob end **28** in place, the said top section member **4** is provided at the

opposite end of the said mid-section 6, with a suitable hook end member 12, comprising an under-loop 32 having the loop end 34 extending upwardly and its end also terminating with a hook knob member 36, as shown, see Fig. 3, so that when the holder 2, is attached to the garment 20 at its under side seam 16, it will not scratch the flesh or injure the skin of the wearer and will not catch in the garment cloth such as lace or the like, and will also hold the straps 24 safely in place.

It may be noted that the said top section 4 may, if so desired, be provided with a plurality of loops 14, as shown in Fig. 5, wherein one or more of the center loops 38 may be provided, so as to allow said holder to be made in any desired length, further, said top section 4 may be provided with tape member 40, made out of a suitable cloth which is sewed in place and used for sewing same to the garment 20 and thus eliminating the loops 14 or 38 previously mentioned.

Also, it may be noted that the said spring loop 8 may be positioned at the center of the outer side of the said mid-section 6 as shown in Fig. 3, or at the inner side of the said mid-section 6 as shown in Fig. 4, or it may be positioned at the bottom or top section thereof as shown in Figs. 4 and 5 in order to facilitate its manufacture or a process of operation during its making or production, further, the loops 14 need not be entirely closed as shown in Figs. 2 to 5 inclusive, but the same may be made in a very simple close-in form as at 42 and as shown in Fig. 6.

While I have thus described my invention with great particularity it will be clear that the same may be modified throughout a wide range.

I accordingly do not propose to be limited to the exact details of construction herein shown on the drawing and described in the specification, but reserve the right in practice to make necessary changes and modifications which may come within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. In the device of the class described, adapted for supporting and holding the undergarment strap in place and to the shoulder member at the underside seam section of the dress garment, comprising a holder means having a top cross member section which is attached to the said shoulder member at the underside seam section of said dress garment, a mid-section member extending downwardly out of one end of said top cross member having a loop, the other end extending downwardly in parallel relation to said mid-section and terminating with a hook member, a bottom cross member laying in parallel relation to said top cross member, one end extending out of the said mid-section member and the other end adapted for engaging the said hook member for supporting and holding the undergarment shoulder strap member in place, and safety knob means associated with the exposed ends of said hook member and said bottom cross member for preventing and safe guarding the scratching or injuring the flesh of the dress wearer.

2. In the device of the class described adapted for holding the shoulder straps of the undergarment to the top garment or dress, comprising, a holder means having a top and a bottom cross member lying in parallel relation to each other, a plurality of loop means associated with said top section member adapted to receive stitches when attaching it to the said garment at the underside section of the shoulder member, a mid-section member connecting the said top and the bottom cross members having a spring loop member for holding the said bottom cross member in rigid position, a hook end member extending out of the said top section member adapted to engage and hold in place the extended end of the said bottom cross member, and a knob member means associated with the exposed ends of the said hook end member and the said extended end of said bottom cross member for preventing injury to the user while attaching or holding the undergarment straps at the underside shoulder section member of the said top garment.

3. In the device of the class described adapted for holding the undergarment shoulder straps in place and to the underside shoulder section of the top garment, comprising a top section member having one end provided with a mid-section extending downwardly and forming a spring loop, a hook end member extending out of the opposite end of said top section member having a hook section, a bottom cross member extending out of the said mid-section member having its extended end adapted to engage the said hook section, a knob means provided at each of the exposed ends of the said hook section and the bottom cross member for preventing injury to the flesh of the wearer, and a tape means attached to the top section member for facilitating its attachment to the underside shoulder section of the garment.

4. A shoulder strap holder, as an article of manufacture, made out of a piece of wire, comprising a top section member having one end provided with a mid-section extending downwardly and forming a spring loop, a hook end member extending downwardly and out of the opposite end of the said top section member in parallel relation to the said mid-section member and terminating with a hook member, a bottom cross member extending out of the mid-section member and lying in parallel relation to the said top section member having its end extended beyond the said hook and adapted to engage same, a knob means provided at each of the exposed ends of said hook end member and the bottom cross member for preventing the injury to the skin or flesh of the wearer, and a plurality of loop means disposed at the said top section member and the corners adjacent to said downwardly extending mid-section member and said hook end member for attaching same to the under seam of the garment.

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