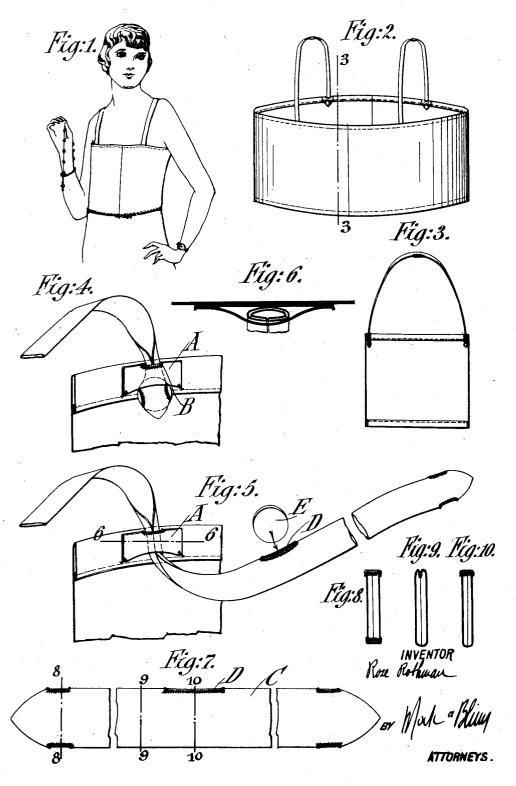
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This invention relates to improvements and joining the same along its length, the in garment supporters and more particularly to garment supporters for women's undergarments, such as brassières, corset covers, and similar items of lingerie. The invention is applicable also to hose supporters and all types of garment supports, but I have deemed it best to show a single embodiment of my improved support as applied to 10 a lady's brassière.

Further details of my invention will be apparent from the specification and drawings in which-

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a young 15 woman wearing a garment with my improved attachment thereon.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the brassière showing two shoulder straps fitted with my attachment as will be hereinafter more 20 particularly described.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view along the line

3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail in perspective showing the end of the shoulder strap

Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing the method of attaching my improved shoulder

Fig. 6 is a sectional view along the line 30 6-6 of Fig. 5.

Fig. 7 is a plan view of an improved shoulder strap embodying my invention.

Fig. 8 is a sectional view along the line 8-8 of Fig. 7.

Fig. 9 is a sectional view along the line 9—9 of Fig. 7.

Fig. 10 is a sectional view along the line 10—10 of Fig. 7.

My aim in producing this improved 40 shoulder strap was to provide a method of fastening a woman's garment without the use of metal fasteners of any kind, and also, if possible, to obviate the use of buttons permanently attached to the garment which 45 make the garment more difficult to launder and which are apt to be broken in the process of laundering.

My improved fastener is made by attaching a small pocket or loop A having the opening B as clearly shown in Figs. 4 and 5. Co-operating with this pocket or loop A is the shoulder strap C which is shown in extended form in Fig. 7 of the drawing. It consists of a simple, flat tube or cylinder 55 of silk or similar material which can be holding member having a narrow opening

ends thereof coming to a point, as clearly shown in Fig. 7, so as to be more readily insertable into the opening B. Into this flat 60 tube or fastener C an opening D is made, which opening is sufficiently wide to admit a disc E, which disc may be made of metal, ivory or similar material, or for convenience a flat button of the proper size may 65 be used. It should be noted that the size of the disc E should be sufficiently large so that it will not pass through the opening B

of the loop or pocket A.

The method of using my improved fas- 70

tener is as follows:

I slip the end of the strap C through the opening in the pocket A and when the opening D has passed below the pocket A, I then slip the disc E into the opening D and the 75 disc E naturally falls into the end of the strap C. Then by pulling the strap in the reverse direction, the disc E is firmly held against the pocket or loop A and no other fastening is required as it will readily be 80 seen that the disc E cannot pass the loop or pocket A. To release the disc E from the strap it is only necessary to pull down the end of the strap past the opening D and then the disc E can be pushed out of the 85 opening D.

It will thus be apparent that I have herein devised a new fastener which requires no metal or permanent attachment to the garment of any kind and in which both the 90 garment and the shoulder strap are readily washable without possible injury to the fas-

Having fully described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A supporter for a garment comprising a tubular strap closed at both ends and having a slit intermediate said ends and a holding disc within said strap, said disc being removable through said slit.

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2. In a garment supporter, a tubular strap closed at both ends and having an opening intermediate said ends, said opening being sufficiently large to permit the entrance or exit of a holding element, a holding element positioned within said strap and a loop attached to the garment cooperating as a holding means with said holding element.

3. In a garment fastener, a flat tubular 110 made by folding over a piece of silk ribbon therein and a holding disc fitting in said

opening and removable from said member. of a disc and a flat tubular strap of textile material having a narrow opening to rematerial having an opening therein to re-5 ceive said disc, said disc being removable from said strap and a loop on the garment adapted to hold said disc in place.

5. In a garment fastener, the combination of an element and a flat tubular strap of 10 textile material having an opening therein to receive said element, said element being removable from said strap and a loop on the garment adapted to hold said element

in place.

6. In a garment supporter, the combination of a tubular strap having an opening therein to receive a disc, a removable disc held in said strap and a loop on the garment adapted to hold said disc in place, said 20 loop having an opening narrower than the

diameter of said disc.

7. In a garment supporter, the combination of a tubular strap having an opening therein to receive an element, a removable 25 element held in said strap and a loop on the garment adapted to hold said element in place, said loop having an opening narrower than the diameter of said element.

8. In a garment supporter, the combina-4. In a garment fastener, the combination tion of a hollow tubular strap of textile 30 ceive a disc and a disc removably held in said strap at one end thereof, in combination with means attached to the garment adapted to hold said disc in place.

9. In a garment supporter, the combination of a hollow tubular strap of textile material having a narrow opening to receive an element and an element removably held in said strap at one end thereof, in combina- 40 tion with means attached to the garment

adapted to hold said disc in place.

10. In a garment supporter, the combination of a hollow strap of textile material and a disc, said strap having an opening 45 therein to receive said disc and holding means on the garment cooperating with said

strap to support said garment.

11. In a garment supporter, the combination of a hollow strap of textile material 50 and an element, said strap having an opening therein to receive said element and holding means on the garment cooperating with said strap to support said garment.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature ROSE ROTHMAN.