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Fig. 1.

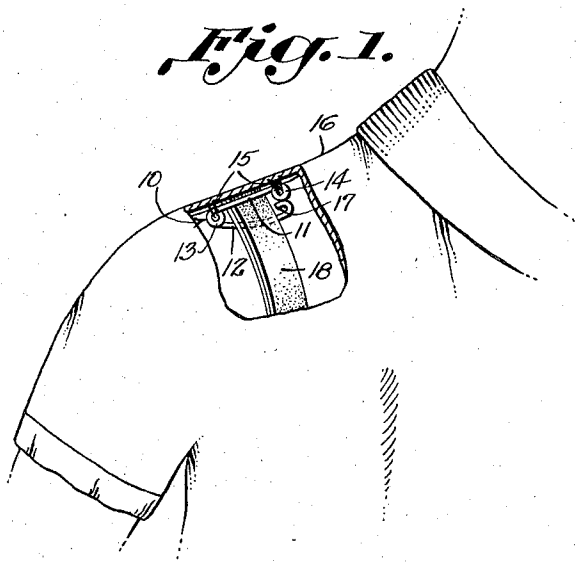


Fig. 2.

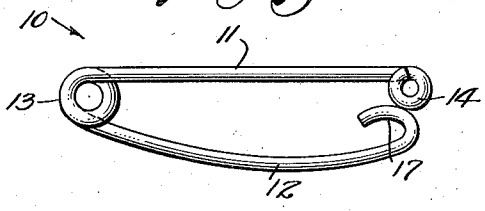


Fig. 3.



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1 Claim. (Cl. 24—261)

This invention relates to a shoulder strap holder and has for an object to provide an improved shoulder strap holder for women's undergarments to hold the shoulder straps thereof in proper position.

Many forms of undergarment shoulder straps or lingerie shoulder strap holders have been known and are in use, but they are generally more or less complicated both to manufacture and to install, as well as being usually more or less annoying to use. The lingerie shoulder strap holder of this invention is extremely simplified over any present known lingerie shoulder strap holder. The holder of this invention may be manufactured much less expensively and much more simply than any previously known strap holders. It may be secured in position in a simple and easy manner and may be used in a convenient manner with a minimum of annoyance to to the user. With the use of this holder it is simple and easy to remove or replace the shoulder straps therein and the straps may slide without binding or tearing within the holder. The holder is made by an inexpensive manufacturing process of a single piece of wire suitably bent and folded.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, as will hereinafter become apparent, this invention comprises the constructions, combinations, and arrangements of parts, hereinafter set forth, disclosed and shown on the accompanying drawing. In this drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention in position on the dress,

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the shoulder strap holder, and

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the same.

There is shown at 10 the undergarment or lingerie shoulder strap holder of this invention. This holder 10 includes a straight arm 11 and an arcuate arm 12 resiliently secured thereto by means of a spring coiled portion 13. As will be observed from Figure 3, the straight arm 11 and the arcuate arm 12 do not extend in the same identical plane. Instead they extend in planes at slight angles to each other in accordance with the thickness of the coil spring 13 resiliently securing the same together.

At the other end of the straight arm 11 there is formed an eye 14. The coil 13 and the eye 14 each perform the additional function of providing a securing means for receiving the threads or stitches 15 and securing the holder 10 to the garment 16. As will be observed from Figure 1, the holder 10 of course is placed on the inner side of the garment 16. The end of the arcuate arm 12 is formed into a crook 17 which, as will be observed, extends backwardly a distance substantially twice the diameter of the eye 14.

In operation the holder 10 is secured to the inner side of the garment 16 by means of stitching 15 placed through the eye 14 and the coil 13, leaving the arcuate arm 12 with its crook 17 not directly secured by stitching. The lingerie or shoulder strap 18 is inserted by merely slipping the same between the crook 17 and the eye 14, the curvature being such as to allow the strap 18 to pass easily thereby and then rest within the confines of the holder 10. The end of the crook 17 prevents the shoulder straps 18 from accidentally sliding off sideways, inasmuch as the holder 10 will bend the stitching 15 until it lies substantially flat beneath the garment 16.

In removing the strap 18 from the holder 10 the garment 16 will be raised a bit from the shoulder of the wearer, allowing the holder 10 to turn about to a plane substantially at right angles to the plane of a portion of the garment 16 to which it is secured. The strap 18 is then lifted a bit bringing it above the ends of the crook 17 so that the outer curved side of the crook 17 will then guide the shoulder strap 18 past the eye 14 to the release position. The resiliency of the coil 13 holds the crook 17 snugly against the eye 14 and retains the shoulder strap 18 firmly in position so that it may easily slide therethrough in normal operation without being accidentally detached. It may be intentionally detached however at any time by the simple process already described.

The novel features and the operation of this device will be apparent from the foregoing description. While the device has been shown and the structure described in detail, it is obvious that this invention is not to be considered limited to the exact form disclosed, but that changes may be made therein within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus set forth and disclosed the nature of this invention, what is claimed is:

A shoulder strap holder to be secured to the under side of a garment for detachably receiving an undergarment lingerie shoulder strap therein comprising an integral wire member, said member having a straight bar portion, one end of said portion formed with an eye, the other end being formed into a spring coil, an arcuate arm extending from said coil, said arm being in a plane angularly disposed to and intersecting a similar plane of said straight bar portion, said arm terminating in an inwardly bent crook in the plane of the arm and in contact with the eye, the open end of said crook being spaced from said arcuate arm whereby a lingerie strap will be held against accidental displacement.

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