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FIG. 1.



FIG. 2.

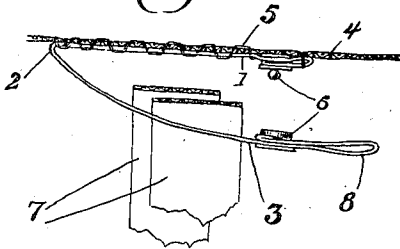
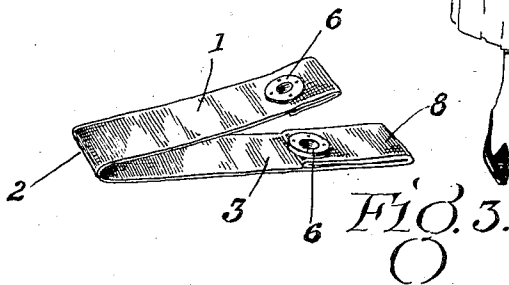


FIG. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY JANE AIKENHEAD DAVY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in fasteners.

The object of the present invention is to provide a device for confining and holding the shoulder strap or straps of lingerie, thereby avoiding the annoyance so frequently experienced of these straps and ribbons slipping out of place and over the wearer's shoulder.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 shows the fastener applied on the under side of the shoulder seam of a shirt-waist.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view through the left-hand shoulder enlarged, showing the device unclamped;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the fastener.

Referring to Figs. 1, 2 and 3, the numeral 1 represents a strip of tape or ribbon of sufficient length so that it can be doubled over or folded in the middle 2 to form the detachable strap 3.

The portion 1 is adapted to be stitched on the under side of the shoulder seam 4 by stitches 5 or otherwise throughout its length, and to the bend 2. Each portion 1 and 3 has sections of a snap or other type of fastener 6 for fastening the parts together after passing it beneath the shoulder-straps or ribbons 7, as viewed in Fig. 2. A tab 8 at the end, conveniently made by folding the end of the strap back and securing it under the fastener, affords a convenient means of grasping the device between the thumb and finger to fasten or unfasten it.

The advantage of the double strip and folding in the middle is to insure having the sections of the fastening come together when the shoulder straps are fastened in place.

By this little fastening, a simple, inexpensive and effective means is provided for easy attachment to the shoulder of a shirtwaist or

dress, thus saving the wearer the annoyance hitherto mentioned, such as lingerie ribbons slipping over the wearer's shoulders, or, for that matter, the annoyance of the straps showing in the opening of the neck by reason of the waist tending to drop off at the shoulder. Still another advantage of the device is that with large necks and sleeves with practically no well-defined arm-hole, the waist itself is liable to slip to either side, away off the shoulder at times, and my improved device effectually prevents this by holding the shoulder-seam to the waist, in the proper position with the neck in the proper place. This would be a desirable function of the device even if there were no lingerie ribbons to fall down. It greatly improves the set of the neck of the gown, and keeps the neck absolutely in place.

While my invention has been shown and described as adapted to ladies' waists and shirt-waists, it is obvious that it is applicable to blouses, dresses and robes, it being the purpose to hold the ribbons and the shoulder of the garment loosely together, the action being reciprocal, that is to say the shoulder of the garment holding the ribbons in place, and the ribbons in turn holding the shoulder of the garment in place, and by so doing keeping the ribbons covered and concealed.

I claim:

The combination with a garment having a shoulder portion, of a fastening including a strip of flexible material folded in the middle to form two members, each of said members having fastening means at substantially the same distance from the fold, whereby they will always register, one member adapted to be stitched or fastened to the under side of the shoulder portion throughout its length from the fold to the fastener, the free end of the fastening capable of being looped beneath a strap on the shoulder and then fastened to the other member fixed to the shoulder portion for holding the shoulder strap in position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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