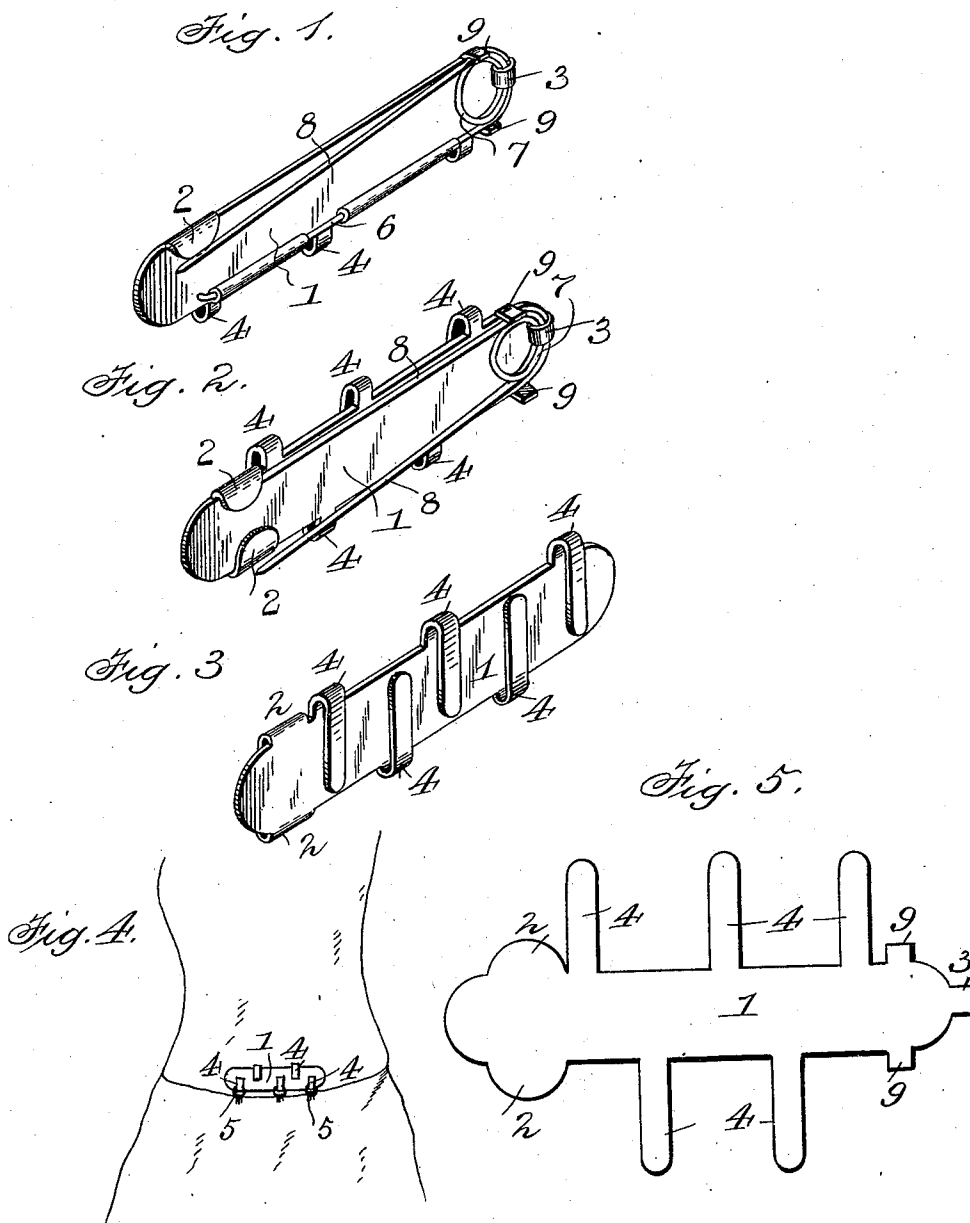


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY ESTHER HERRON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Oskaloosa, in the county of Mahaska and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in garment-supporters, and is principally designed for securing a lady's skirt to the waist, although it may be used with advantage for a number of other purposes.

The object of the invention is to provide an improved construction of the same which shall possess superior advantages with respect to efficiency in use.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view looking from the inner side of a garment-supporter constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a double pin for securing the device to a waist. Fig. 3 is a similar view of the device shown in Fig. 2, looking from the opposite side. Fig. 4 is an elevation showing how the device appears when in use. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the blank before being bent to form the plate with which the pin is connected.

In the said drawings the reference-numeral 1 designates a sheet-metal plate, preferably of white metal or other material which will not tarnish in use, formed near one end with opposite lugs 2, with which the pins hereinafter described are adapted to engage for holding them in place when closed.

At the opposite end the plate is formed with an inwardly-extending lug 3. The plate is also formed on the opposite side with a series of inwardly-extending hooks 4, with which are adapted to engage eyes 5 on a skirt to be secured to the waist.

The numeral 6 designates a fastener consisting of a piece of spring-wire, of suitable

length, bent at its center to form coils 7 and two parallel pins 8, the extremities of which are pointed. The coils of the said fastener are engaged between the lug 3 and the end of plate 1, whereby the fastener is held in place at this end without interfering with the resiliency of the coils. The pins near the points engage with the lugs 2. Stops 9 may also be formed at the end of the plate where the coils are connected to limit the outward movement of the pins. These stops consist of short flanges integral with the plate.

The manner of using the device is as follows: One of the pins is disengaged from the lug 2, and through its resiliency will spring out or away from the plate, so that its point may be passed through the skirt-waist, when it is again engaged with the lug after the manner of an ordinary safety-pin. The eyes in the skirt are then engaged with the upwardly-extending hooks 4, so that the skirt will be securely fastened to the waist.

By making the pin double, as above described, when one becomes injured the other can be used. The pins can readily be removed when worn out and replaced by others.

The lugs and hooks are made integral with the plate and may be stamped from sheet metal in an efficient and economical manner.

It will be noted that the plate effectually conceals the pins when the device is in use.

In Fig. 1 I have shown the device adapted to be used as a single fastener, that is to say, there being hooks 4 at one edge only of the plate 1, and but one of the pins 8 being pointed and adapted to be inserted through the material of the waist.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a garment-supporter, the combination with the plate formed with opposite lugs near one end and a lug at the opposite end, and on the other side formed with a series of hooks, all made integral, of the fastener consisting of the spring-wire, bent at the center, to form coils secured to the plate, and two parallel arms, one of which is pointed, adapted to engage with said opposite lugs; substantially as described.

2. In a garment-supporter, the combination with the sheet-metal plate, formed at one end with two opposite lugs and at the other end

with stops, and an intermediate lug, and on
the opposite side formed with oppositely-ex-
tending hooks, of the removable and replace-
able fastener consisting of a piece of spring-
5 wire, bent at its center to form coils which
engage with said intermediate lug, and form-
ing two pointed pins engaging with the oppo-
site lugs; substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
my own I have hereunto affixed my signature 10
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