

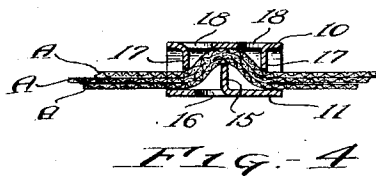
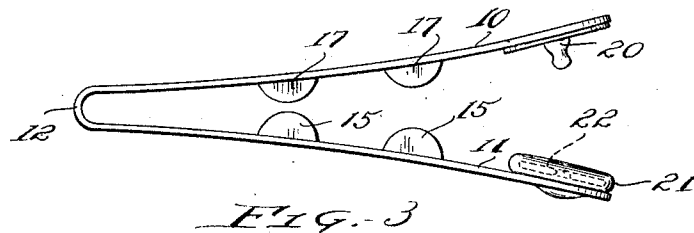
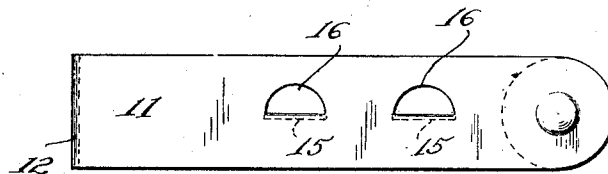
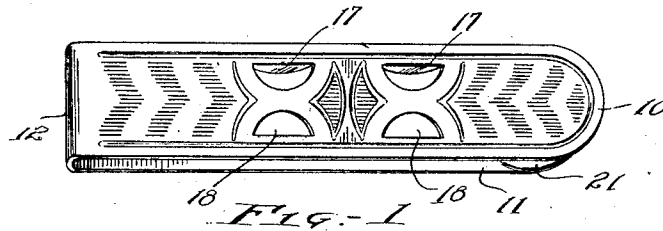
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This invention relates to lingerie clasps of the type comprising a U-shaped body adapted to embrace the lingerie straps and a fastening device adjacent the free ends of the body. The primary object of the invention is to provide means for preventing such clasps from slipping on the straps. Various expedients have been provided for such purpose, but they usually have the disadvantage of being ineffective when the straps are too thin or of causing the clasp to open if the straps are too thick.

Another object of the invention is to provide the inward extensions which prevent the slipping in a form which may be cheaply constructed and will not interfere with the artistic appearance of the clasp. The invention is illustrated in the drawings hereof and is hereinafter more fully described, and the essential novel features are summarized in the claims.

In the drawings, Fig. 1 is a plan of my lingerie clasp; Fig. 2 is a bottom plan thereof; Fig. 3 is an edge elevation with the clasp open; Fig. 4 is a cross section through the clasp shown as closed on three lingerie straps.

As shown in the drawing, the body of the clasp is a spring strip of sheet metal bent to form a top leg 10, a bottom leg 11, and an intermediate connecting bend 12. To secure the free ends of the body together I provide on the inner face of one leg a stud member 20 and on the inner face of the other member a socket member 21 provided with an internal spring 22 adapted to engage the stud, these two members comprising a snap fastener soldered or otherwise secured to the two legs of the body.

Projecting inwardly from the bottom leg 11 of the body I have shown two projections 15 each made by cutting a substantially semi-circular hole 16 in the leg and turning such cut-out portion at right angles to the leg. These two projections 15 are located laterally in the central region of the leg and longitudinally in alignment with each other. On opposite sides of the projections 15 are projections 17 which are turned inwardly from the upper leg 10, there being four of such projections made by cutting out segmental openings 18 in the top leg and bending the cut-out portions inwardly.

When the clasp is closed, the projections on the lower leg extend beyond the projections on the upper leg, so that the lingerie straps indicated at A are bent upwardly and then downwardly within the clasp. This effectively prevents the clasp slipping on the straps. This non-slipping action is effective for thin or thick straps and for varying numbers of straps and depends for its action on the kinking of the straps rather than positively clamping them between the legs.

I have arranged the cut-out lugs 17 of the upper or visible leg in such form that they do not unduly weaken the leg nor interfere with the attractive decorative appearance thereof as illustrated in Fig. 1. I have found it preferable to make the projections from the upper leg slightly shorter than those from the lower leg, as this takes less metal from the upper leg where the four projections are turned down.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A lingerie clasp having two legs of one single piece of resilient sheet metal and projections made of the metal of the legs and turned inwardly from the legs, one leg having a pair of projections straddling one projection on the other leg, and there being interengaging means for holding the free ends of the clasp together.

2. A lingerie clasp having two legs of a single piece of sheet metal bent into a U-shape with means for holding the free ends of the legs together and tongues made of the metal of the legs and turned inwardly, one leg having a pair of tongues which spring from such leg adjacent its edges respectively, said pair straddling a tongue of the other leg and overlapping the same sufficiently to distort a ribbon lying between the two legs.

3. A lingerie clasp having two legs of one single piece of resilient sheet metal and projections made of the metal of the legs and turned inwardly from the legs, one leg having a pair of projections straddling one projection on the other leg, said projections being located a material distance short of the ends of the legs so that the edges of the clasped ribbon may be beyond the projections.

4. A lingerie clasp comprising a U-shaped body of spring metal provided adjacent its

- free ends with a snap fastener for holding it closed, one leg of the body having a cut-out and inwardly turned centrally located projection, the other leg of the body having a pair of cut-out inwardly turned projections lying on opposite sides of the projection on the other leg the extremes of said projections being some distance back from the opposite leg when the clasp is closed.
5. A lingerie clasp having a pair of legs and means for holding them together, and four spaced projections on the upper leg cut out therefrom in segment form and turned inwardly about straight lines parallel with and comparatively close to the edges of the leg to make two pairs of spaced inward projections, and the lower leg having inwardly projecting means lying in the region between the projections of the upper leg, all of the projections falling short of reaching the opposite leg of the clasp when the clasp is closed.
6. A lingerie clasp comprising a U-shaped spring metal body, a snap fastener of the stud and socket type secured to the inner faces of the legs of the body adjacent their

free ends, and inwardly projecting lugs cut out of the respective legs and turned inwardly, one leg having four inwardly turned lugs located in two laterally spaced pairs, the lugs of each pair being longitudinally spaced, and the other leg having two inwardly turned longitudinally spaced lugs located in the region between the members of the corresponding pairs.

7. A lingerie clasp comprising a sheet metal U-shaped body provided with a fastening device adjacent its free ends, two pairs of longitudinally spaced projections cut out from one leg and turned downwardly adjacent the two edges of said leg respectively, and projections cut out from the other leg and turned upwardly between each of the two pairs of projections first mentioned, said intermediate projections extending farther from their leg than do the two pairs of projections from their leg, whereby the leg having the two pairs of cut-out projections is not unduly weakened.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto affix my signature.

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