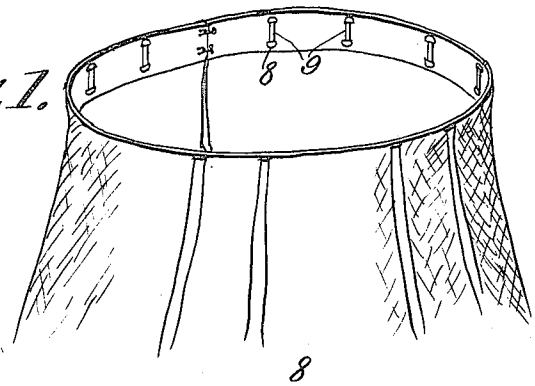
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Fig. 1.



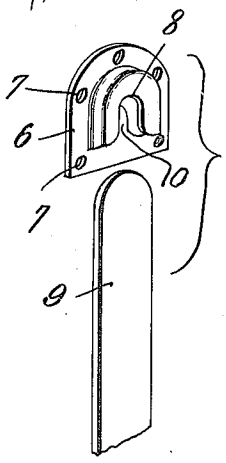


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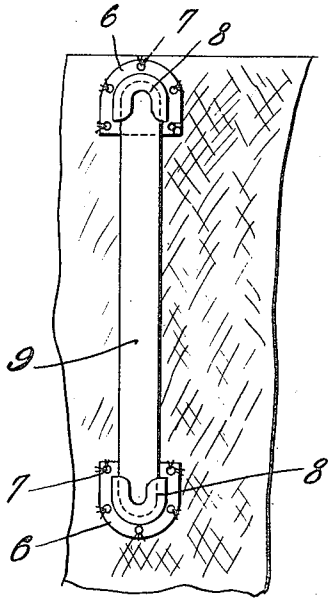


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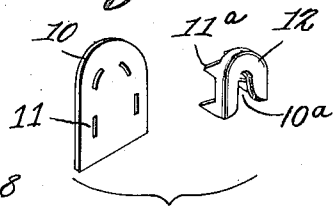


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAURA MAUZY, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Memphis, in the county of Shelby and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belt-Stiffeners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to apparel and particularly to means for holding waist bands of skirts.

An object of this invention is to provide means which are readily detachable for holding the waist bands of skirts, dresses and the like to prevent their being creased or wrinkled or to prevent their sagging, the said device being readily applied to and removed from the garment when the same is being washed or otherwise treated for cleaning it.

A further object of this invention is to provide a skirt band retaining means, portions of which can be attached to the garment and left there while other parts may be removed and reapplied expeditiously.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a device for the purpose indicated which can be used on a plurality of skirts successively so that when one is in possession of a number of sets, they can be transferred from one garment to another and owing to the comparatively small cost initially the results can be attained.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction, and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 illustrates a view in perspective of the waist band section of a skirt with the invention applied;

Fig. 2 illustrates a perspective view of a fragment of one of the stays and the socket therefor detached;

Fig. 3 illustrates an enlarged detail view in elevation of the skirt band retaining device;

Fig. 4 illustrates a vertical sectional view of the sockets with the edge of the stay in elevation; and

Fig. 5 illustrates a modified construction.

In these drawings 6 denotes a plate having a plurality of apertures 7 for receiving stitching by which the plate is secured to the inside of the skirt band, the said plate also having a socket 8 preferably stamped therefrom so that it will receive and constitute a seat for one end of a stay or stiffening rib 9. Two sockets are of course to be used with each stay, one to be attached near the upper edge and one near the lower edge of the waist band and the stays being interposed between them with the ends of the stays lying in the seats or sockets of the plates.

Recesses 10^a are formed in the socket to enable the wearer to ascertain if the stays are in position within the sockets.

The stays are preferably steel and owing to their flexibility, they may be removed from the sockets by bending them from the center though the stays should have sufficient rigidity to insure proper holding of the garment.

In the modified construction, shown in Fig. 5, the plate 10 has a series of slots 11 therein and the socket 12 has a series of spurs 11^a which are inserted in the slots 11 and through the fabric of the skirt after which they may be clenched to retain the socket and plate in assembled relation on the garment. The plate in this instance constitutes a base or wear plate against which the ends of the stays made ride or press.

I claim

1. In a belt stiffener, plates, sockets having recesses in their outer walls extending in the direction of the insertion of the stay, means for mounting the sockets on said plates, means for securing the sockets and plates to a belt, and a flexible stay having its ends seated in the sockets to stiffen the belt.

2. In a belt stiffener, plates having slots therein, sockets having spurs extending through the slots of the plate and adapted to be clenched through the material of a garment, each of said plates and sockets constituting an anchorage for an end of a stay as and for the purpose described.

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