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Fig. I

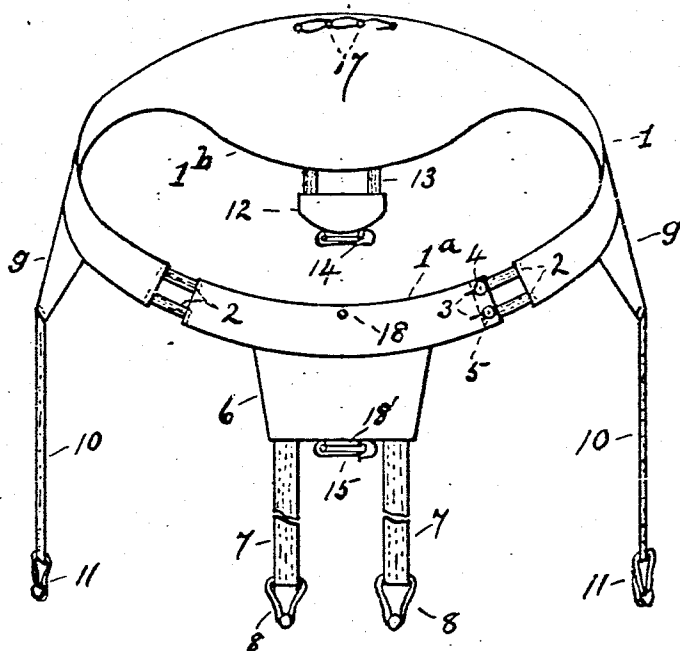


Fig. II

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JANE M. TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to supporters for women's garments and it has for its object to provide a supporter which shall securely support hose and other garments, shall be comfortable and convenient to wear and improve the figure of the wearer.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which

Figure I is a view showing the supporter from the front, and Fig. II is a view from the rear.

The supporter is formed of a girdle or belt of suitable material which is made up of two members 1^a and 1^b. These members are connected by elastic pieces, 2, 2, preferably in the form of two elastic straps as shown, between each member, one near the upper, and the other near the lower, edge of the belt. At one end of the front member 1^a are provided button holes 3 to engage buttons 4 attached to a piece 5 (shown in dotted lines) connected to the elastics 2, 2. Any other convenient or suitable fastening device, such as hooks, clasps, &c., may, of course, be substituted for buttons if desired. The front member is formed or provided with an "apron" 6, to the lower edge of which are secured the supporter straps 7, 7. These are provided at their lower ends with any suitable holding device 8, to grip or hold the stockings. At the sides of the belt are formed or secured tabs 9, 9 to which are attached similar supporter straps 10, 10 with stocking-holding devices 11, 11 at their lower ends.

The back of the girdle at the central portion thereof is widened or enlarged, as shown, and at the center thereof a tab 12 is attached to the lower edge by means of elastics 13, 13. This tab is provided at its lower edge with a pin 14 permanently secured thereto. A clasp or any other suitable fastening or holding device may be substituted for the pin if desired. A similar pin 15 also permanently secured is attached to the lower edge of the "apron" 6 by an elastic 18. These pins are provided for securing and holding in place the sanitary napkin.

To provide for the carrying of additional

napkins, or for any other purpose, such as the carrying of valuables, I provide a pocket in the back of the girdle as shown at 16, Fig. II.

Near the upper edge of the girdle in the center of the back are provided a series of lacing eyelets 17, by means of which the supporter may be attached or laced to the corset of the wearer, as indicated in Fig. II, where the corset is shown in dotted lines. In the center of the front portion of the girdle is provided an eyelet 18 for engaging over a stud on the front of the corset.

The operation and manner of use of the supporter is as follows: The supporter is laced to the corset by means of the lacing eyelets provided in the back, so that it may be put on and taken off with the corset. The girdle is fastened by the buttons or fastening devices 4, and the eyelet 18 is placed over a convenient corset stud. The supporter is thus adjusted and secured in proper place and all tendency to slip or move out of position is effectively overcome. The supporter may of course be worn unattached to the corset if desired. The girdle member 1^a forms an abdominal portion which is yielding or elastically connected to the member 1^b which latter is a back and sides portion extending, as shown, from points in front of the sides and around the back. The yielding connections 2, 2, are thus situated over the side walls of the abdomen and in front of the pelvic bones. This permits the abdominal member 1^a to yield to the breathing and other movements of the abdomen, while the back and sides member being situated over the bony parts at the sides and back is not required to yield but affords a firm support for the figure and for the garments to be supported. Further, the elastic connections permit of securing a proper fit for sizes which are intermediate the stock sizes. Stock sizes usually vary by two inches and in many supporters heretofore made it is not possible for figures of intermediate sizes to obtain the proper fit. With my supporter, however, this objection is avoided. By making the elastic connections of two straps each figures of wider or narrower hips may obtain the proper fit over the hips without undue tightness or wrinkling of the girdle. Thus the girdle fits snugly and properly at all points without discomfort and without enlarging the waist. The pins 14 and 15 at back and front being permanently secured form secure means which are always in place

for attaching the napkin. The tab 12 at the back is yieldingly secured to the girdle affording a yielding support for the napkin at the back where strain comes when the 5 wearer sits or bends forward, thus further adding to the comfort and ease of the wearer and avoiding the danger of the napkin tearing or pulling loose. The "apron" in front holds down the front of the corset and flattens the abdomen, securing the straight 10 front effect usually sought after. The provision of the pocket 16 not only provides for the carrying of a napkin required in emergencies, or for safe carrying of valuables, but 15 in use tends to improve those figures which are flat backed, while the widened back portion affords a large bearing surface.

Having described my invention and the functions and use of the same, what I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. A garment supporter comprising a girdle, said girdle having an integral back and sides portion, a separate abdominal portion, yielding connections between said girdle 25 portions, the back portion of the girdle being enlarged, the abdominal portion being extended to form an apron, a tab yieldingly secured to said enlarged back portion, napkin fastening means on said tab and apron, and 30 hose supporters attached to said apron and the side portions of the girdle.

2. A garment supporter comprising a girdle, said girdle having an integral back and sides portion and a separate front or abdominal 35 portion, said back and sides portion widened downwardly over the back and narrowed at the sides, said front portion widened to form an apron, yielding connections near the upper and lower edges of the girdle between the 40 back and sides portion and the front portion, a tab yieldingly secured to the lower edge of the enlarged back portion, napkin-fastening means on said tab and apron, and hose supporters attached to the said apron and the 45 side portions of the girdle.

3. A garment supporter comprising a girdle, said girdle having a separate abdominal portion, yielding connections between the abdominal portion and the remainder of 50 the girdle, the back portion of the girdle being enlarged, the abdominal portion being extended to form an apron and having means for detachably engaging the corset, a

tab yieldingly secured to said back portion, means to fasten a napkin to said tab and 55 apron, means in substantially vertical alignment above said tab for uniting the girdle with the corset, and hose-supporting straps attached to said girdle.

4. A garment supporter comprising a 60 girdle, said girdle having a back and sides portion and a separate abdominal portion, elastic connections between said portions, the back portion being enlarged over the back of the wearer and having a pocket 65 therein, the abdominal portion being enlarged to form an apron, a tab yieldingly attached to said back portion, napkin securing devices on said tab and apron, and hose supporting straps attached to said apron and 70 girdle.

5. A garment supporter comprising a girdle, said girdle being enlarged in the back portion and in the abdominal portion to form extended bearing surfaces at front and 75 back, said abdominal portion being separate from the remainder of the girdle and having means thereon to engage the front of the corset, yielding connections between the abdominal portion and the remainder of the 80 girdle, a tab yieldingly attached to the enlarged back portion, napkin-fastening means on said tab and abdominal portion, means at the back of the girdle to permit the lacing of the girdle to the corset whereby the girdle 85 and corset may be put on and removed together, and hose-supporting straps attached to said girdle.

6. A garment supporter comprising a girdle, said girdle having a separate abdomi- 90 nal portion, elastic connections between the abdominal portion and the remainder of the girdle, said abdominal portion being formed with an apron, the back of the girdle being enlarged and a pocket formed therein, a tab 95 at the back of the girdle, elastic connection between said tab and the girdle, napkin-fastening devices secured to said tab and apron, means for attaching the girdle to the corset, and garment-supporting straps at- 100 tached to the apron and sides of the girdle.

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