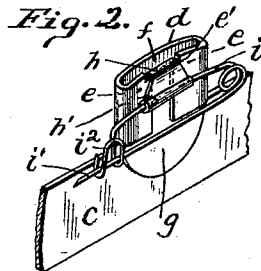
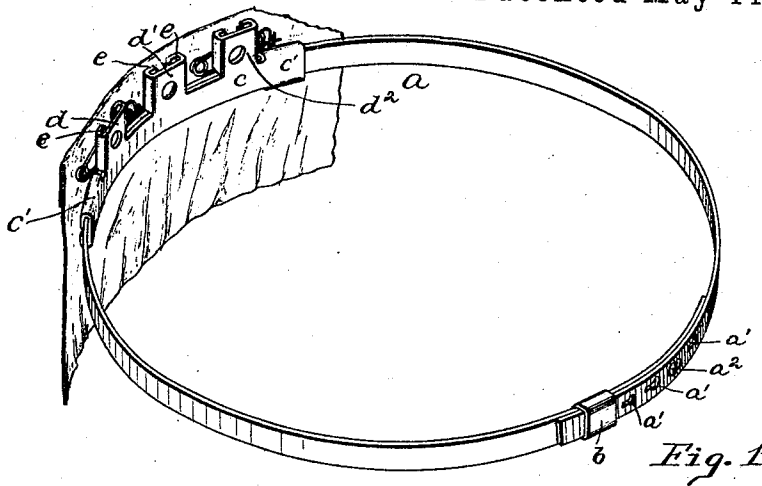


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CAROLINE R. STONE, a resident of Allegheny, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Skirt-Supporting Belts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to skirt-supporting belts, its object being to provide a light band or belt adapted to be attached to the skirt-band, so as to hold the same up evenly all around and prevent its sagging or slipping down at different points, and at the same time a skirt-supporting belt which has no inwardly-extending projections or points which would bear against the body of the wearer.

To these ends my invention comprises certain novel features in this class of belts, all of which will be fully hereinafter set forth and claimed.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will describe the same more fully, referring to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of my improved band, showing a portion of a skirt attached thereto. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view.

Like letters indicate like parts in each of the figures.

The belt *a* may be composed of a band of steel, aluminium, or other suitable material, having suitable means for connecting the same in front, and for this purpose I have illustrated a band with the slots *a'* formed therein at one end, adapted to engage with the stud *a²* on the opposite end of the band. A slide *b* is adapted to slip over the ends when connected to hold them in proper position. This way of connecting the ends of the belt, however, forms no part of my invention, and any suitable way of connecting the ends can be employed.

Mounted on the band *a*, and preferably adapted to move to and fro thereon, is the slide *c*, said slide being preferably formed of aluminium and having the guides *c'* formed thereon, by means of which the slide engages with the band and moves thereon. These guides *c'* are preferably formed on the outside of the slide, so that a smooth even surface is presented on the inner face of the slide.

Formed on the slide *c* are the upwardly-extending projections *d d' d²*. These projections are formed integral with the slide and have the wings *e* bent back to form seats *f*. These seats *f* are adapted to receive the tongues *g*, said tongues slipping down into said seats and being held therein by the wings *e*. The wings *e* are slightly cut away, as at *e'*, to form recesses down into which the fastening device *h* fits, so that said fastening device is held more securely in position and is prevented from moving from side to side. The tongues *g* form part of the fastening device *h*, said fastening device having the pin *i*, secured in a journal *h'* on said fastening device. This pin is preferably what is termed a "safety-pin" and may be of the ordinary construction, only I prefer to make the prong *i'* longer than ordinarily employed to prevent the disengagement of said prong from the hook *i²* when a pulling strain is brought upon said prong.

While I have illustrated three seats for fastening devices, it is apparent that a greater or less number may be employed, if desired. By the employment of the seats with the tongues of the fastening device fitting down within said seats an even surface is presented on the inner faces of the projections *d d' d²*, so that there are no inwardly-extending projections or points of any kind which will bear against the body of the person wearing the belt when the same is in position.

The band of the skirt may be secured by the pins to the belt, and when thus secured the belt may be fastened around the waist, so that the skirt is held up even all around and the sagging or slipping down of the same is prevented. The pins and band of the skirt are then covered up by the ordinary outside belt.

While I have described the slide as moving on the band, yet it is apparent that the projections *d d' d²* could be formed integral with the band if desired.

It is apparent that other changes in the construction could be made which would still be within the scope of my invention, and I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the exact construction illustrated.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A skirt-supporting belt, consisting of a flexible band having projections thereon extending above the body of the band, said projections having seats formed therein, and pins
5 having flat tongues connected thereto adapted to slip down into said seats, substantially as set forth.

2. A skirt-supporting belt, consisting of the flexible band *a*, the slide *c* mounted thereon,
10 said slide having the upwardly-extending projections *d*, *d'*, *d''*, said projections having the seats *f* formed therein, and the pins *i* having the tongues *g* adapted to slip down into the seats *f*, substantially as set forth.

3. A skirt-supporting belt consisting of the flexible band *a*, the slide *c* mounted thereon, said slide having the upwardly-extending projections *d*, *d'*, *d''*, said projections having seats *f* formed therein and recesses *e'*, and the pins *i* the tongues *g* journaled on said pins and
20 adapted to slip down into said seats, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I, the said CAROLINE R. STONE, have hereunto set my hand
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