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COMBINED CLASP AND PIN

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Fig. 1.

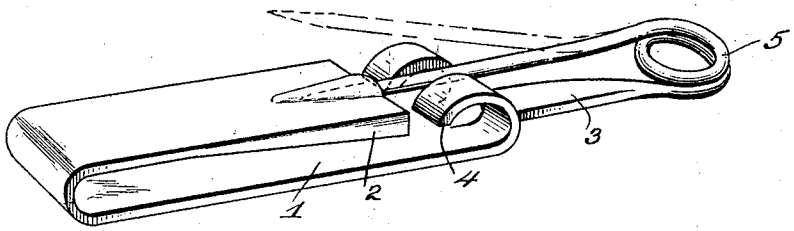


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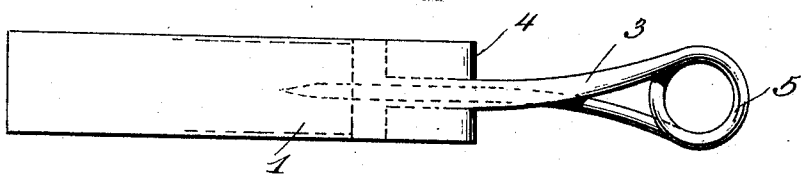


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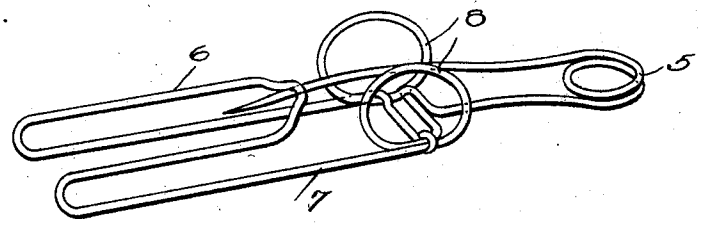
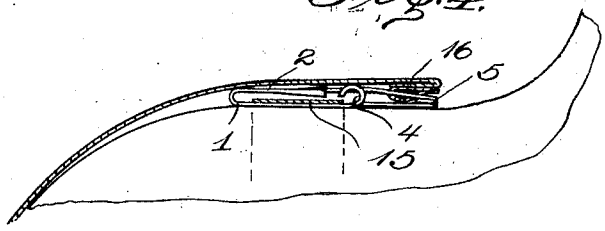


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLEN McMAHON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Clasps and Pins, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combined clasp and pin, and more particularly to a lingerie clasp and pin for maintaining shoulder straps in place on the shoulder.

One of the objects of the present invention is to provide a combined clasp and pin of the above general character of simple and practical construction, particularly adapted for holding the lingerie straps in place upon the shoulder of the wearer.

A further object is to provide a pin of simple, compact and ornamental character free from projections which would tend to scratch or irritate the wearer or in any way harm the garment to which it is attached.

A further object is to provide a device of the above character which may be attached to the dress in concealed position.

A further object is to provide a pin which will maintain its position upon the shoulder of the wearer with respect to the dress.

A further object is to provide a pin which may be inexpensively manufactured, yet which is highly efficient and durable in use, and which may be worn interchangeably upon either shoulder.

Other objects will be in part obvious and in part be pointed out hereinafter.

The invention accordingly consists of the elements and combination of elements, features of construction and arrangements thereof which will be exemplified in the structure hereinafter described and the scope of the application which will be indicated in the following claims.

In the accompanying drawings, in which is shown various possible embodiments of the invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the preferred embodiment of the invention;

Figure 2 is an inverted plan view;

Figure 3 is a modified form; and

Figure 4 is a semi-diagrammatic sectional view showing the manner in which the pin is attached to the dress.

Referring now to the drawings and more particularly to Figures 1 and 2 thereof, there is illustrated the combined pin and clasp having a flat portion 1 bent upon itself, one end of which serves as a catch device, and having the flanged sides 2 and a central longitudinal groove or keeper running therethrough. The body portion of the member 1 extends upwardly at one side and tapers into a wire-like construction 3 beyond the stops or upwardly curved parts 4 arranged as hereinafter explained. This part 3 is coiled one or more times upon itself, as indicated at 5, and the end of the wire extends downwardly over the body portion parallel and closely adjacent thereto to provide a pin which, after passing through the neck band of the dress, for example, aids in maintaining the pin in proper relation with respect thereto and concealed beneath that part of the dress above the shoulders.

It is to be noted that the horizontal coiling of the pin portion 3, as at 5, serves to permit the pin being inserted beneath the clasp 2 from the left or right and to provide the desired degree of resiliency to effect a positive clasping of the device when in clasped position, and also to position the upper pin portion as closely parallel to the bottom portion thereof as possible.

Referring to Figure 3, wherein is shown a further embodiment of my invention, the device may be in the form of a single piece of wire of uniform gauge. The clasp portion 6 is preferably flattened and grooved to provide a fastening surface. The wire 7 is then bent upon itself and extends forwardly the desired distance, and is coiled upon itself to form the spaced coils 8 from whence it extends to the horizontally coiled portion, as at 5, shown in Figures 1 and 2, and extends thence back to the keeper portion 6.

In use, as will appear more clear from the showing in Figure 4, the shoulder straps 15, which are adapted to be held in place, are slipped into the position as shown and retained in this position by means of the body portion of the pin, that is, between the end indicated at 1 and the stops or coils 4 at the opposite end. The pin is pointed towards the shoulder on which it is to be used and inserted under the binding 16 at the neck of the dresss so that the coil 5 is substantially under the binding and out of sight. The pin portion is then slipped under the flanges or keeper 2 of the clasp portion of the member 1, either from the left or the right, depend-

ing on which shoulder it is used, and in this position falls between the coils 4 which are so positioned as to provide the necessary pin width therebetween. The horizontal spring 5 and the clasp portion 2 serve to furnish a positive clasping engagement. The binding of the dress is thus caught between and by the coil 5 and the stop coils 4, and the device, with the straps 15 held in their proper place on the shoulder is thus retained in a substantially uniform position. Inasmuch as the shoulder straps or ribbons have a tendency to pull toward the shoulder the pin point is directed toward the shoulder, thereby receiving any pressure which might occur. The clasp, as shown in Figure 3, is used in substantially the same manner.

It is obvious that many changes might be made in the above described types of clasps without departing from the spirit of my invention as it is entirely possible that a hinge might be provided in place of the coil 5, or that the entire lower portion may be of wire only, while the upper portion may be of sheet metal, and it is likewise possible that additional width wire might be run through the center of the solid, flat portion for reinforcement thereof.

In view of the above, it will be seen that the several objects of the invention are achieved and other advantageous results attained. As many changes could be made in carrying out the above construction, without departing from the scope of the invention, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawings shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

I claim:

1. A lingerie clasp and pin comprising a retaining portion and a pin portion, said retaining portion having upraised members between which the pin member passes and is maintained when in clasped position.

2. A lingerie pin and clasp comprising a retaining portion and a pin portion, said retaining portion having upraised members formed therein, and means to resiliently urge said pin portion in clasped engagement with said retaining portion, said pin portion adapted to be maintained between said upraised members when the parts are in clasped position.

3. A lingerie clasp and pin comprising a member bent upon itself and having spaced upraised portions upon its relatively lower part and extending beyond one of said upraised portions, thence being bent back upon itself to form a pin portion, said pin portion adapted to be maintained between said upraised portions when in clasped position.

4. A lingerie clasp and pin comprising a member bent upon itself and having spaced upraised portions upon its relatively lower part and extending beyond one of said upraised portions thence bent back upon itself to form a pin portion, said pin portion being adapted to be clasped by the other raised portion of said member, said pin portion when in clasped engagement being positioned between said upraised portions.

5. A lingerie clasp and pin comprising a member bent upon itself and having spaced coils struck up from its relatively lower portion, said member extending longitudinally beyond said coils to form a pin portion, said pin portion being bent back on itself to resiliently engage the relatively upper portion of said member in clasping engagement.

6. A lingerie clasp and pin comprising a member bent upon itself, having its relatively upper portion formed to provide a clasping surface and the lower portion thereof extending to form a pin member, said pin member being coiled horizontally and extending back on itself to engage said clasping surface.

7. A lingerie clasp and pin comprising a member bent upon itself, having its relatively upper portion formed to provide a clasping surface and having its relatively lower portion tapered to form a pin portion, spaced coils on said lower portion, said pin member being coiled horizontally and extending backwardly on itself to engage said clasping surface.

8. A lingerie clasp and pin device comprising a body part having a keeper at one end, a stop intermediate the ends of the device between which lingerie straps are adapted to be positioned, and an extension beyond said stop having a resilient part and pin whereby the pin may pass through the binding of the dress before securing and after securing hold the straps in relative position beneath the dress.

9. A lingerie clasp and pin comprising a body part having curved ends acting as stops between which lingerie straps are adapted to be positioned, and an extension including a pin portion adapted to pass through the binding of the dress and thence across the space between said stops, thereby to hold the straps in position between the stops and also to hold the pin in relative position with respect thereto and concealed beneath the dress.

Signed at New York city this 4th day of February, 1925.

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