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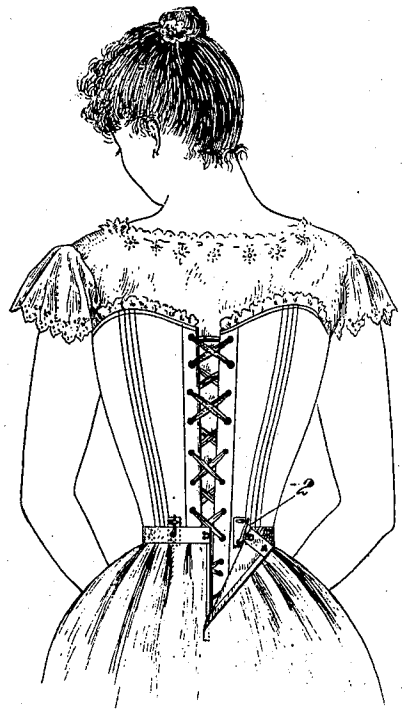
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FIG 1



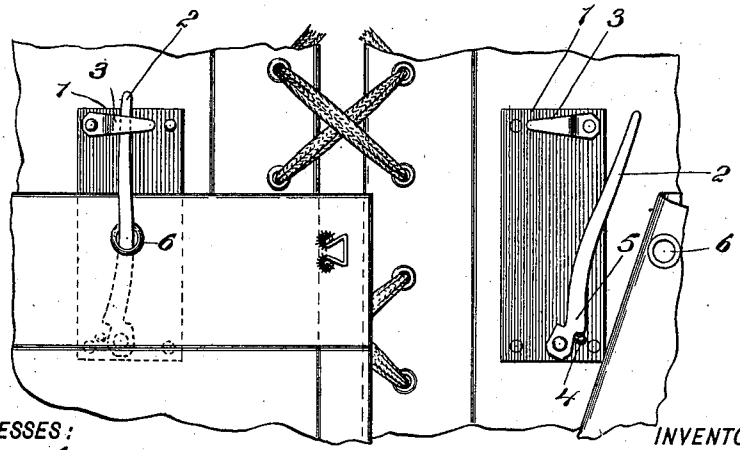


FIG 2

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GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADA MARIA WALLACE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Princeton, in the county of Gibson and State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Garment-Supporter, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in devices for supporting skirts; and the object is to provide a very simple and comparatively inexpensive supporter adapted to be attached to a corset or other undergarment and with which a skirt may be readily engaged and held without danger of being detached.

I will describe a garment-supporter embodying my invention and then point out the novel features in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a supporter embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the supporter.

In use two supporting devices are employed and are designed to be fastened to a corset at the sides of the lacing in the rear and just above the waist-line. As these devices are similar in construction, a description of one will answer for both.

The supporter comprises a plate 1, designed to be attached to a corset at or just above the waist-line at the rear. This plate may be fastened in any suitable manner—such, for instance, as by rivets or by sewing. Mounted to swing on the plate is a latch-bar 2, which is pivoted at its lower end to the lower portion of the plate, and its free end is designed to move transversely of the plate and also to engage with a keeper-hook 3, secured to the upper end of the plate. To prevent the latch-bar from swinging too far to one side, the plate at its lower end is provided with a slight outward projection 4, which may be formed by pressing out a portion of the plate, and this projection is designed to be engaged with a shoulder 5, formed on the latch near its pivotal point.

In operation the latches are to be released from the keepers and moved or swung outward to the position indicated at the right-hand side of Fig. 2 and also at the right-hand side of Fig. 1. Then the latches are to be passed through openings—such, for instance, as eyelets 6— in the waistband of the skirt, after which the latches are to be moved in the opposite direction over the ends of the keepers and then underneath the keepers.

When a corset-cover or shirt-waist is worn and therefore it is not convenient to engage the latches with the keepers, the latches may be pushed through the corset-cover and shirt-waist and engage against the outer side thereof. The skirts can then be hung on the latches, the shoulders 5 of the latches engaging the projections 4 and holding the latches upright in the position indicated at the right-hand side of Fig. 2.

It will be seen that there are no sharp points in this device liable to scratch or prick a person's fingers, as often happens with supporting devices having pins designed to be passed through the material.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A garment-supporting device comprising a plate arranged for attachment to a corset or other undergarment, a latch-bar pivoted at one end to the lower part of said plate and arranged to swing laterally thereon, a keeper for the latch-bar secured to the upper portion of the plate near the outer side thereof and extending inwardly along the upper part of the plate, a shoulder on the outer side of the latch-bar, near its pivoted end, and an outward projection on the lower end of the plate at the outer side of the pivot of the latch-bar, to limit the outward movement of the latch-bar and to support it in the upright position, substantially as specified.

2. A garment-supporter, comprising a plate adapted to be secured to a corset or the like, a bar pivoted at one end to the plate near the lower end thereof, the said bar being adapted to be passed through an opening in the waist-band of a skirt, a shoulder on the outer side of the bar near its pivoted end, and a projection on the plate near its lower end and adapted to engage the shoulder of the latch-bar when the latter is swung outward, thereby holding the bar in position to support a skirt or the like, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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