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 COMBINED SKIRT AND BLOUSE GRIP.
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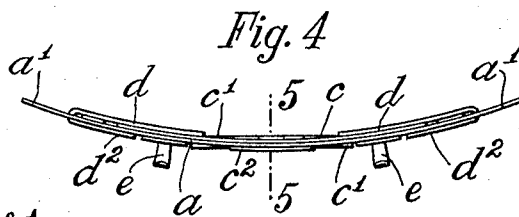
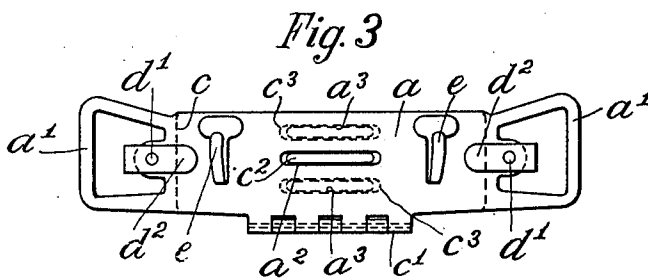
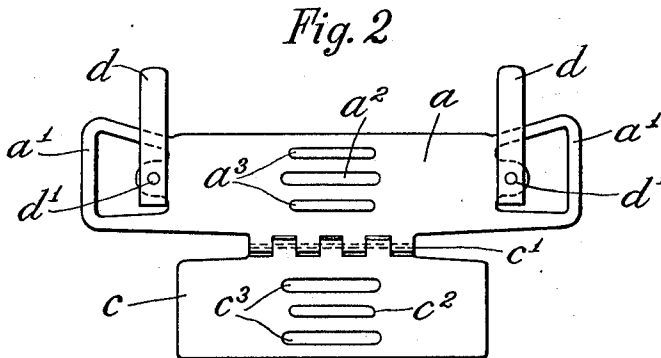
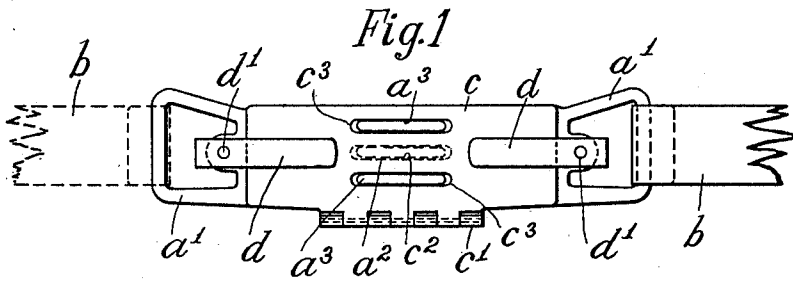


Fig. 7

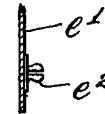


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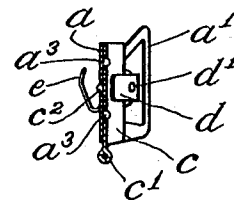
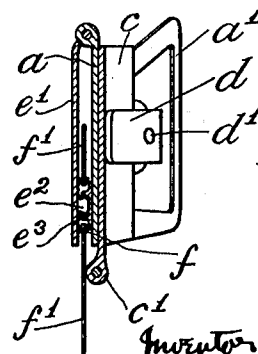


Fig. 6



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE MATHEW, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Southsea, in the county of Hants, England, have invented a new and useful Combined Skirt and Blouse Grip, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to that type of skirt and blouse grip consisting of two plates hinged together, one of which is provided with projections and the other of which is provided with slots for the purpose of gripping the blouse, one of the plates being provided with hooks to retain the skirt. In such apparatus one of the plates is provided with slots to receive a tape by which it is fastened to the back of the waist.

The object of the present invention is to construct an improved form of said grip to be worn outside a blouse, having the following advantages:—

1. The weight of the skirt is on that plate which is attached to the belt and does not tend to loosen the grip of the blouse.

2. The belt assists to retain the blouse in place.

3. The grip can be attached to any desired part of the blouse without necessitating the rolling up of this latter. The apparatus is consequently adjustable to various lengths of backs.

4. A tighter and more even grip of the blouse is obtained.

5. The grip does not project above or below the waist belt.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is an elevation seen from the inside of a combined skirt and blouse grip in its closed or operative condition. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the blouse grip opened. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the article seen from the back or outside, the blouse grip being closed. Fig. 4 is a plan of the same, and Fig. 5 is a vertical section taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4. Fig. 6 is a somewhat similar section to Fig. 5 showing a modification to an enlarged scale. Fig. 7 is a detail view.

In carrying the invention into effect, as shown in the drawings, I employ a metal plate *a*, slightly curved to lie flat against the body, and I provide it with a loop or eye *a'* at each end, to which are attached the

ends of a belt *b* of any suitable material. The ends of such plate *a* may be padded on the inside of the loops *a'* to bear against the corset, thus keeping the center of the metal frame from being uncomfortable against the spine. Such padding is not shown as it forms no part of the invention.

On one edge of the plate *a* is hinged at *c'*, a concave plate *c*, which is held in position by catches *d* on the opposite ends of the plate *a*. These catches are formed of thin flat spring metal folded upon itself, and one leg, which is longer than the other, lies flat against the blouse gripping concave plate *c*, to hold the plate *c* in its raised position when in use. The outer legs or members *d*² of the catches *d* lie flat against the outside of the plate *a*, and they are pivoted to this latter by the pins or rivets *d'*. The plate *c* is preferably made of spring metal and it has a projection or rib *c*², which enters a corresponding slot *a*² in the plate *a* in order to get a better grip of the blouse. The plate *a* may also have projections or ribs *a*³ which enter corresponding slots *c*³ in the plate *c* for the same purpose.

On the outer (convex) side of the metal plate *a* are attached two skirt holding devices in the form of hooks *e* to engage eyelets inserted in the skirt band. If desired, instead of employing the hooks *e*, the plate *a* may be provided, as shown in Fig. 6, with a spring-pressed hinged flap or flaps *e'* fitted on the underside with projections *e*² which engage with studs *e*³ on the plate *a*, over which studs the eyelets *f* on the skirt *f'* are passed. The projections *e*² may be spring fasteners, as shown in Fig. 7, to engage the hollow studs *e*³ firmly.

The improved skirt and blouse grip is used as follows: The plate *c* is opened out, two or more plaits of the blouse are placed between the plate *c* and the plate *a*, and the plate *c* is pressed toward the plate *a*, after which the spring catches *d* are used to fasten the plate *c* in position, taking care that the top of the plate *a* is on a level with the top of the skirt band when in place. The belt is then buckled or fastened in front. The eyelets of the skirt band are then placed over the fixed hooks *e*, or if a spring-pressed hinged plate be employed instead of the hooks, the eyelets of the skirt band are placed over the studs and against the plate *a*

and the spring-pressed hinged plate is released to press down onto the skirt band to securely hold the same.

What I claim is:—

- 5 1. In a skirt and blouse grip, the combination of a main plate having loops at its ends whereby it may be attached by a belt to the back of the waist outside the blouse, a second plate which is hinged to the main plate and
10 acts against the inside of the main plate to grip the blouse, one plate having a projection and the other plate a corresponding slot, spring catches carried by the main
15 plate at the sides to press the two plates toward each other, and means carried by the main plate for retaining the skirt band in correct position, substantially as set forth.
2. In a skirt and blouse grip, the combination of a main plate having loops at its
20 ends whereby it may be attached by a belt to

the back of the waist outside the blouse, a second plate which is hinged to the main plate and acts against the inside of the main plate to grip the blouse, one plate having a projection and the other plate a corresponding slot, spring catches at the sides to press the two plates toward each other, said catches being in the form of strips of spring metal, the ends of which are folded toward each other and are pivoted to the main plate, and hooks carried by the main plate for retaining the skirt band in correct position, substantially as shown and described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

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