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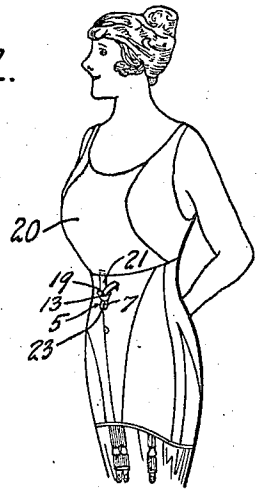
Fig. 1.



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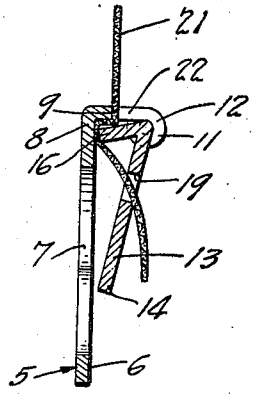

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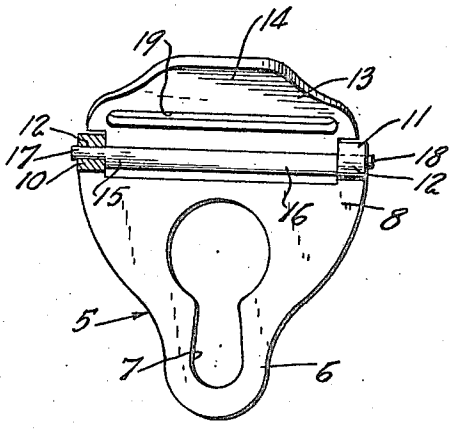

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT C. SHEAFFER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Brassière Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to brassière holders and has for its object to provide a holder of this character capable of holding the brassière in such a position that it will not ride upwardly on the corset.

It is another object of the invention to provide a holder of this character adapted to be attached to the adjacent stud of the fastening clasp of a corset and arranged to receive holding means carried by the brassière so as to draw the brassière downwardly over the corset to the point desired.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a holder of this character wherein the clamping operation of the lever of the holder is not interfered with by the material extending from the clamped portion of the material.

It is still a further object of the invention to provide a holder of this character wherein the material may extend through the lever adjacent the clamping jaw of the holder.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the improved construction and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more particularly described, fully claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the invention in use;

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view showing the brassière holding strip applied; and

Figure 3 is a perspective view showing the lever raised, one of the bearings being shown in section.

Referring to the drawings, 5 designates the body portion of the holder, said body portion consisting of a plate having its end portion 6 substantially tapered from each side and provided with a key hole slot 7, the purpose of which will be hereinafter described.

The end portion 8 of the plate is relatively broad, the extremity of said end portion being extended upwardly at right angles to the plate to provide a clamping jaw 9, the purpose of which will be hereinafter described.

Extending from the end portions of the jaw 9 are arms 10 and 11. These arms of course extend at right angles to the plate 5. The extremity of each arm is coiled around the arm to provide bearings 12.

In connection with the body member 5, a clamping lever is used, said lever consisting of a plate 13 having one end portion thereof formed into a finger piece 14. The opposite end portion is reduced as at 15 and inclined inwardly with respect to the plate 13 to provide a jaw 16. Projecting from the sides of the jaw are trunnions 17 and 18. The plate 13 is provided with a transversely extending slot 19, said slot being disposed adjacent the jaw portion 16 for a purpose to be hereinafter described.

In assembling the device, the jaw member 16 is disposed beneath the jaw member 9, the extremities of the arms 10 and 11 being coiled around the trunnions 17 and 18 by means of which the bearings 12 are formed. The distance between the bearings 12 and the plate 5 is slightly less than the width of the jaw 16 so as to permit the jaw to frictionally engage that portion of the plate 5 disposed adjacent the jaw 9.

This device is intended primarily to be used in connection with a brassière 20 having a holding strip 21 secured to the lower edge of the front portion of the brassière, the strip being of any length desired. In use, the strip is threaded in the opening 22 provided through the cooperation of the jaw 9 and portion 15 of the clamping lever. The strip is then extended over the jaw 16 of the lever and through the slot 19 of the lever away from said lever. The holding member may then be moved longitudinally of the strip to the point desired. The plate 5 is then positioned so that the stud 23 of the corset fastening clasp may be extended through the key hole slot 7 of the holder so as to support the holder on the corset. The strip 20 may be moved through the opening 22 and between the jaws until the brassière has been drawn to the point desired. The lever 13 may then be swung toward the plate 5 so as to urge the jaw 16 into engagement with the lower face of the jaw 8, thereby substantially clamping the strip 20 in one corner of the plate 5. In view of the fact that the strip will also extend through the opening

19, adjacent the jaw 16, it is not necessary to pass the strip beneath the finger piece 14 of the lever so that there is no danger of the unsecured end of the strip interfering with the clamping operation of the lever. Another important feature is that the brassière and brassière holding strip substantially coact with the corset fastening means to hold the brassière holder on the corset without danger of the stud becoming disengaged from the key hole slot 7. All of these features are possessed by a device which consists of only two parts and which can be made rather small and of any material desired.

What is claimed is:—

A brassière holder comprising a plate having a key hole slot for the reception of the stud of a corset fastener, one end portion of the plate being extended at right angles to the major portion of said plate to provide a jaw, said jaw having bearing extensions projecting therefrom, and in the plane of the jaw, a clamping lever, one end portion of said lever being extended in angular relation to and inclined toward the lever to provide a jaw, and to permit the opposite end portion of the lever to be normally disposed closely adjacent the plate in an inclined position, trunnions projecting from the ends of the jaw and adapted to engage the bearing extensions, said lever having an elongated slot adjacent the jaw thereof for the reception of a length of material, extending from that portion of the material clamped between said jaws.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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