

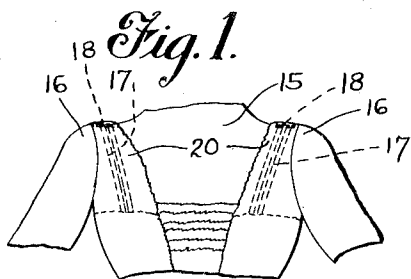
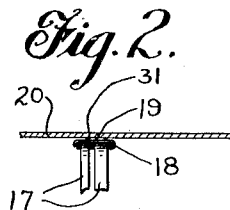
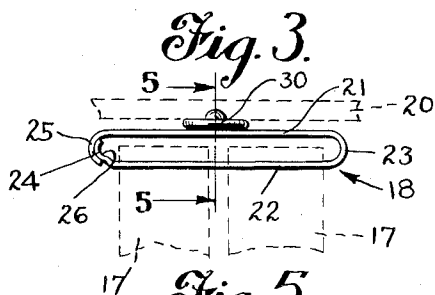
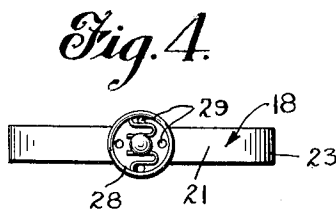
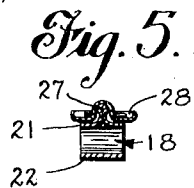
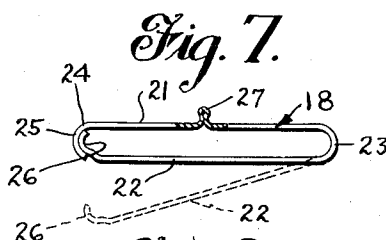
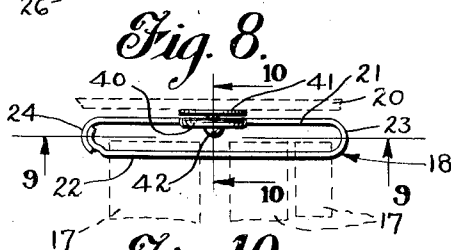
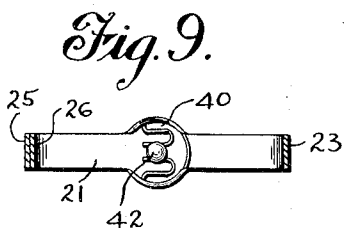
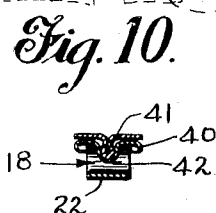
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This invention pertains to clasps by which supporting ribbons of articles of clothing, or the article of clothing itself, may be secured to another article of clothing adjacent same and thus held against displacement thereupon or from their proper location on the body of the wearer.

In devices of this character it has been customary to provide a clasp in the form of a flat elongated loop adapted to open at one end thereof to allow the insertion of, say, lingerie ribbons to hold same together, relying on a possible one of said ribbons acting with the clasp to retain the others in proper position on the shoulders of the wearer. In many cases all the ribbons so attached together would slip over the shoulders and down the arms, or the clasp would slip down the ribbons thus loosening the ribbons at the shoulder allowing the same to slip over the shoulders, thereby presenting an untidy appearance and causing discomfort to the wearer.

One of the primary objects of this invention is to overcome the above faults and produce a clasp of such construction that the lingerie ribbons may be held together properly and yet retained against slippage over the shoulders.

Another object is to produce such a clasp which will be adapted for such use and which will not slide down the ribbons but will be retained, where needed, at the shoulders of the wearer.

Another object is to provide a clasp in which there will be a tendency to keep the ribbons from piling upon one another and bunching.

Still another object is to provide a clasp that will allow the insertion of such ribbons or other article and may be detachably secured to a portion of a dress or other article of clothing whereby the ribbons and dress portion will be held in correct position relatively to the shoulder of the wearer by the cooperation of said dress portion and said clasp.

To these and other ends, the invention consists in the novel features and combination of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 represents a portion of a person showing the adaptation and location of one form of clasp;

Fig. 2 a section through the outer gar-

ment showing a clasp in position having ribbons therethrough;

Fig. 3 an enlarged side view of the clasp and connecting means;

Fig. 4 a top view of parts shown in Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 a section on line 5—5 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 6 a top view of the clasp;

Fig. 7 a side view of the clasp partially in section as on line 7—7 of Fig. 6;

Fig. 8 a modification of the device;

Fig. 9 a section on 9—9 of Fig. 8; and

Fig. 10 a section on 10—10 of Fig. 8.

In the embodiment shown in the drawings 15 represents the wearer, over the shoulders 16 of whom run the lingerie ribbons 17. A clasp 18 holds the ribbons 17 together and being detachably secured at 19 to the underside of the dress 20, at the shoulder portions thereof, retains said ribbons against slippage over the shoulders.

The clasp 18 is made of a narrow strip of spring metal usually embossed or engraved for decorative purposes. This strip is bent into a flat elongated loop having a top portion 21, a bottom portion 22, and a spring hinge end portion 23. The other end 24 is made in the form of a catch by bending one end 25 of the strip over the other end 26 as shown. It is obvious that as now made the clasp may be disengaged at 24 and opened up as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 7. The clasp 18 may now be slipped over the ribbons 17 and closed, as shown in full lines in Fig. 7.

A stud member 27 is provided upon the upper leaf portion 21 of the clasp 18, which stud member, in this instance, is shown as being formed integral with said leaf portion although being a member of the common form of snap fasteners 30 of the stud and socket type. Such a stud member is generally provided with a plate-like base having a substantially spherical head extending therefrom. The corresponding socket member 28 of the snap fastener 30 is provided with well known means to grip the snap member 27 when same is inserted therein. The socket member 28 is provided with thread holes 29 in the plate-like base portion thereof by which the same may be attached to the dress 20 of the wearer 15 as at 31 of Fig. 2.

It is preferable to use a type of snap having stud and socket members of such form that the stud member is rotatable within the

socket member, whereby the effect of a swivel joint is obtained, although other forms of separable snap fasteners may be used to advantage.

Having attached the socket member 28 to the underside of the shoulders of the dress 20 in the proper position to properly locate the ribbons 17, all that is required is that the snap member 27 be snapped into the socket member 28. The clasp 18 is thereby held securely in place and in turn properly retains the ribbons 17 in the correct location on the shoulders without disfigurement to the dress goods and in many cases unseen. A device has therefore been provided which will attachably secure two articles of clothing together, allowing movement of one relative to the other in one direction but resisting relative movements tending toward the entire separation thereof.

In the modification shown in Figs. 8, 9 and 10 the socket member 40 is made an integral part or attached to the top portion 21 of the clasp and the stud member 41 is provided with suitable means for attaching same to a portion of the dress.

As shown at 42 the socket portion of the socket member protrudes downward into the loop partially dividing the loop into spaces. By thus forming a constricted portion at or near the center of the loop a tendency, to prohibit the ribbons from bunching, and to cause them to lay flat, is produced. Such a construction therefore comprises the structure of the preferred form combined with means, although in this instance formed by a part of the snap, to separate the clasp into a plurality of spaces each suitable for the reception of any one of a plurality of shoulder ribbons.

It is obvious that upon using a clasp of the type described perfect freedom is allowed the wearer, for although the ribbons 17 are retained against lateral movement in respect to the shoulders or dress goods, the clasp in no way interferes with the free movement of same longitudinally in respect to the shoulders. There will be no strain upon the dress goods or lingerie, therefore, when the ribbons or the like adjust themselves upon the bending of the wearer's body.

It is also obvious that the clasp is free to swing or rotate laterally with respect to the shoulders of the wearer to various angles, upon the twisting of the wearer's body, due to the swivel joint connection between the loop of the clasp and the superimposed dress goods. This is especially true in the preferred form, as the ribbons will always be adjusted to the natural position or angle under twisting strains, and lie flat upon the wearer's shoulders.

While I have shown and described a preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to

be understood that the same is not limited to the exact forms shown or uses stated, but that various modifications and variations are possible which will fall within the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A lingerie clasp of the character described, comprising a U-shaped body formed from flat metal stock, the free ends thereof adapted to coact in clasping action whereby a shoulder strap of an under-garment may be received and retained therein for free movement therethrough, and a headed stud extending upwardly from one arm of said body toward an overlying article of clothing and adapted to be engaged therewith, whereby the U-shaped body is held stationary with respect to the overlying article of clothing while movable relatively to the shoulder straps.

2. In a lingerie clasp adapted to slide on the shoulder straps of a garment for free movement thereon, the said clasp having a stud on the outer surface of the upper leaf, an anchoring plate adapted to be secured to a garment in fixed position and having a spring socket to receive the stud whereby the clasp is held stationary with regard to the garment having the plate and movable with relation to the shoulder strap, substantially as described.

3. A lingerie clasp comprising an open elongated loop adapted to receive lingerie straps for free movement therethrough and having its ends arranged in overlapping relation, and a short stud mounted upon the top of the loop and adapted to be engaged by an outer garment to hold the loop and the straps engaged by the loop in position.

4. A lingerie clasp comprising an open elongated loop adapted to receive lingerie straps for free movement therethrough and having its ends arranged in overlapping relation, and a short stud mounted upon the top of the loop and extending toward and connected to an outer garment to hold said loop and the straps received thereby in position.

5. A lingerie clasp comprising in combination a member adapted to be sewn upon the surface of a garment, and a U-shaped body formed from flat metal stock, the free ends thereof adapted to coact in clasping action, and means to detachably connect said member and said body together, comprising a projection from one of said parts and a projection engaging member associated with the other of said parts.

6. A lingerie clasp comprising an open elongated loop adapted to receive the shoulder strap of a garment and to slide in free movement thereon, an anchoring plate adapted to be secured to another garment in fixed position, and interconnecting means

between said clasp and said plate comprising a stud upon one of said parts and a spring socket associated with the other of said parts and adapted to receive said stud, whereby the
5 clasp is held in fixed position with regard to the garment having a plate and movable with relation to the shoulder strap.

7. A lingerie clasp, comprising a pair of
10 bars connected together at one of their ends and having interlocking terminals at their

other ends, a stud secured to the outer surface of one of said bars, and a socket member containing resilient legs adapted to engage said stud, said bars being adapted to engage an under garment and said socket 15 member to be secured to the inside of an outer garment.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of February, 1922.

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