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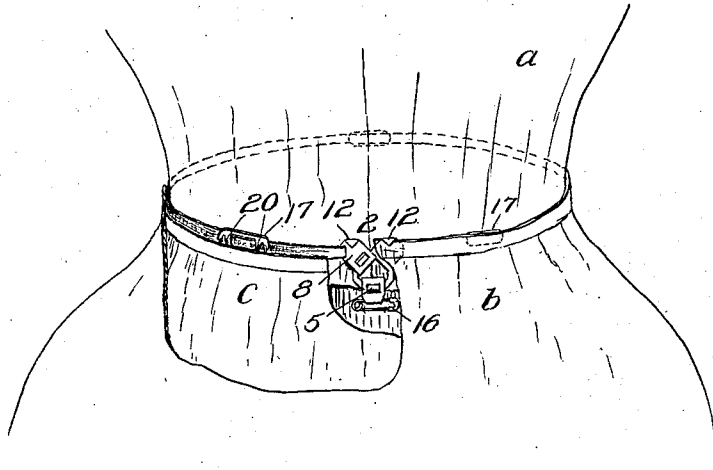


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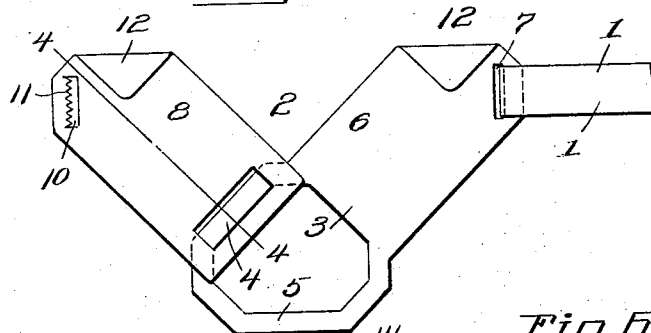


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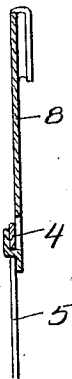


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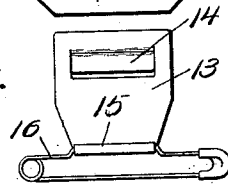
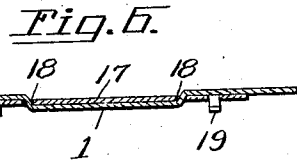
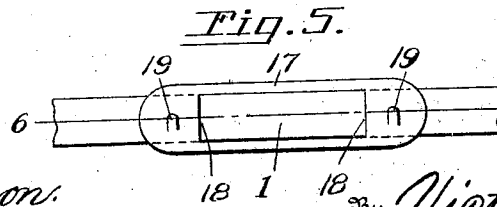


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLAUDE WILLIAM LEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oxnard, in the county of Ventura and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment Holders and Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved garment holder and supporter for the use of ladies by means of which the shirt waist, under and dress skirts may be secured and retained in proper relative position at the waist line and prevented from becoming displaced through the body movements of the wearer.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, efficient and reliable device of this character which may be readily and conveniently applied and removed, which will hold the adjacent portions of the garments in proper relative position, which may be inexpensively manufactured, and which may be used without annoyance or inconvenience.

The invention consists of the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the application of the invention. Fig. 2 is a front view of the clasp or buckle of the device. Fig. 3 is a rear view of a detachable fastening member adapted to be applied thereto. Fig. 4 is a section on line 4—4 of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a view of one of the supporting plates and a portion of the web or band. Fig. 6 is a longitudinal section of the same.

The invention embodies a waistband, web or belt preferably formed of elastic material, a buckle for connecting the free ends of the same and having means to engage the waistband of the dress skirt and prevent upward movement thereof, a supporting device adapted to be applied to the frame of the buckle to engage the corset and hold the front portion of the shirt waist down, and a series of supporting plates to slide around the length of the band and adapted to be engaged with the waistband of the underskirt to support the latter upon the person.

1 designates the waistband or web, the free ends of which are adapted to be connected by a buckle 2. The buckle comprises an open octagonal frame of irregular form

and having three of its sides arranged to form cross bars 3, 4 and 5. The cross bars 3 and 4 at the upper side of the frame converge upwardly and are disposed at an oblique angle to the vertical central line of the frame. Formed integrally with or permanently fastened to the bar 3 is an outwardly and upwardly inclined attaching arm or plate 6, the outer upper corner of which is formed with a slot 7, to receive the fixed end of the belt 1, which is passed therethrough and folded upon itself and stitched or otherwise suitably secured. An outwardly and upwardly inclined tongue plate 8 corresponding generally in form and construction to the plate 6, is adapted to be engaged with the bar 4, and to this end is slotted and has a portion displaced therefrom or bent to provide a hook 9 projecting rearwardly therefrom and adapted to engage said bar to detachably connect said tongue plate with the buckle frame. The upper outer corner of the tongue plate is formed with a slot 10 to receive the free end of the belt 1 which is adapted to be passed therethrough and turned back upon itself, the outer wall of the slot being serrated to provide a series of teeth 11, by which such end of the belt may be adjustably fastened in position. It will thus be seen that the belt is adjustable as to length to suit the size of the waist of the wearer, and is adapted to have its free ends readily and conveniently buckled together. The upper inner corner portions of the two plates 6 and 8, which diverge in an upward direction, are downturned to form corresponding hooks 12 to engage the upper edge of the waistband of the outer or dress skirt and to thus prevent the same from riding upward or becoming displaced. A holding device 13 is provided to engage the buckle frame and to be fastened to the front portion of the shirt waist and corset to hold such portion of the shirt waist down. This device comprises a plate slotted and having the metal at its upper portion displaced to form a hook 14 to engage the lower cross bar 5 of the buckle frame, the lower end of said plate being formed to provide a holding portion 15 engaging the fixed bar of an ordinary safety pin or like fastening device 16, which may be fastened to the waist and corset as above described to hold the waist from upward movement and to also retain the buckle and front portion of the belt in proper position.

Disposed at intervals around the belt are longitudinally curved flexible supporting plates 17, each of which is provided with a pair of transverse slots 18 located adjacent its ends for the passage of the belt or band 1, thus slidably and adjustably mounting the supporting plate thereon. The supporting plate is provided with hooks or tongues 19 struck up therefrom and adapted to be engaged by eyes or similar suspending devices 20 on the waistband of the underskirt, by which the latter will be supported. It will be understood that by adjustably mounting these supporting plates upon the band, they may be disposed at convenient positions around the band to support the underskirt in an effective manner.

Fig. 1 shows the application of the invention, in which *a* designates the shirt waist, *b* the dress skirt, and *c* the underskirt, from which it will be seen that the supporting band is applied around the waist of the wearer on the outside of the shirt waist and between the same and the waistbands of the underskirt and dress skirt, the parts of the buckle being connected to secure the belt in applied position and the eyes 20 of the underskirt being engaged with the hooks 19 to support said skirt. The fastening pin 16 of the supporting device 13 is also passed through the lower front portion of the shirt waist below the belt and through the adjacent portion of the corset, thus holding the shirt waist down and preventing upward movement of the belt. When the parts are thus applied and the dress skirt is secured in

position the waistband of said skirt is engaged with the retaining hooks 12, thus preventing such skirt from moving upward at the front.

It will thus be seen that my invention provides a supporting device which may be worn without inconvenience, which is adjustable to suit the size of the waist of the wearer, and in which provision is made for connecting, supporting and holding from relative movement the adjacent portions of a number of garments.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

A device of the character described, comprising a band, a buckle embodying an open frame having oblique upper cross bars and a lower horizontal cross bar, an attaching plate fixed to one of said oblique cross bars and connected with one of the ends of the band, a tongue plate having a hook detachably engaging the other oblique cross bar and provided with means for adjustable connection with the free end of the band, said plates also being provided with downturned engaging hooks, and a holding device having a hook to engage the lower cross bar of the buckle frame and provided with fastening means.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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