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SKIRT SUPPORTER.

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Fig. 1.

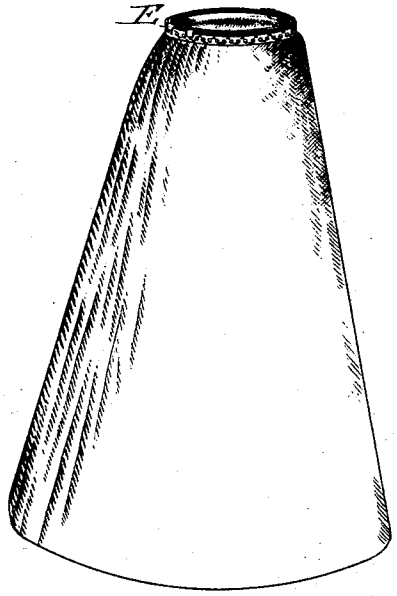


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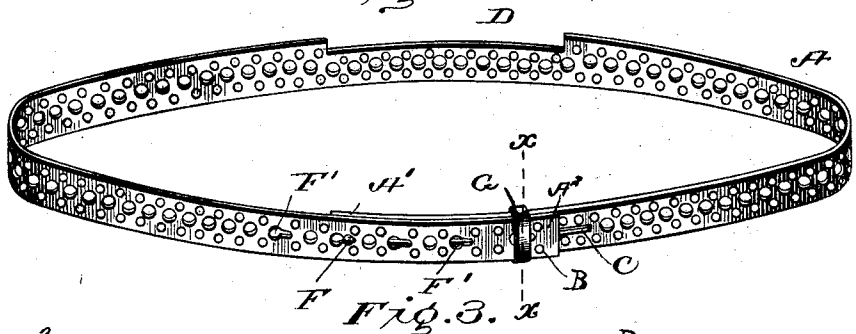


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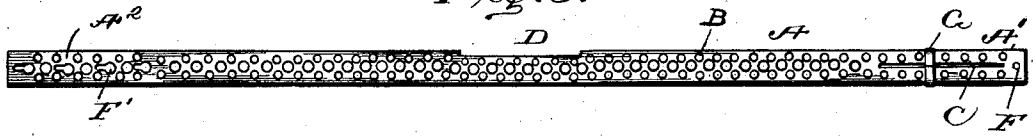


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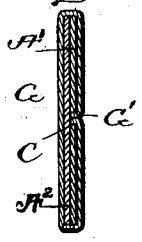
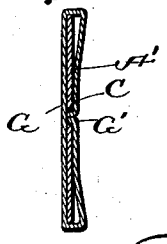


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARIE GAIR, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Supporters; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

This invention is an improvement upon the skirt-supporter described in the United States Letters Patent granted to me on May 4, 1897; and its object is to overcome such defects in its construction as have been disclosed through practical use.

It has been found that when not in use the slide or keeper employed in binding and locking the ends of the band is liable to slip from its position and be lost or, when worn, free the overlapping end of the belt and thus destroy its efficiency and cause discomfort to the wearer. My invention is so constructed as to overcome this defect; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of parts shown in the drawings and hereinafter described and claimed.

Referring to said drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the skirt with the support attached. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the skirt-support. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the belt extended. Fig. 4 is a section through the belt on line *x x*, Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a similar view with the end A^2 withdrawn.

A is a band or belt composed of spring-metal or any other suitable material, having a recess or cut-out portion D at its center, of any desired depth, as set forth in my former patent, the object of which is not only to lessen the weight of the belt but to also limit the movement of the hooks or catches E and thereby prevent a disarrangement of the dress.

In order to further lighten the belt and to also admit of the free circulation of air through the clothing, I provide perforations B, which may be of any desired size, shape, or pattern. Thus they may be arranged so as to outline any decorative design or figure, and thereby serve the double purpose of adornment and comfort.

At one end A′ of the band A is a lug F, secured thereto in any suitable manner and adapted to engage with key-slots F′, centrally formed at the opposite end A^2 thereof for the purpose of adapting the belt to the girth of the wearer.

Near and on a line with the lug F is a slot C, of suitable length, adapted to receive the ends of a slide or keeper G, thereby limiting its longitudinal play and insuring it from loss or displacement. The keeper G is adapted to be slipped over the overlapping ends of the belt, its ends G′ G′ being bent inward and projecting into the slot C, substantially as shown in Fig. 4. Upon withdrawing the end A^2 from the slide the ends of the keeper press firmly against the belt, thereby retaining the keeper and preventing its slipping from the belt.

The catches or hooks E E are sewed to the band of a skirt, one on either side of its uniting ends, at a distance apart sufficient to allow them to engage with the recess D of the belt. After fastening the skirt-band together the supporter is passed under the catches E E and fastened in front; but instead of the slide gradually slipping to the rear and eventually freeing the overlapping end in my improved supporter this can only be done by sliding the keeper to the rear as far as possible, disengaging the lug from the key-slot, and withdrawing the end from the slide.

Having thus described my invention, what I therefore claim as new is—

The combination of the belt having devices for fastening its overlapping ends together, and a longitudinal slot in one of its ends; with a sliding keeper on the slotted end of the belt formed of a single piece of metal bent to fit around the belt with its ends meeting at one side thereof opposite said slot, the ends of said keeper being bent at right angles so as to enter the slot and thus retain the keeper on the belt and limit its movement thereon, for the purpose and substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

MARIE GAIR.

In presence of—
JAMES R. MANSFIELD,
HERBERT LAWSON.