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Fig. 1.

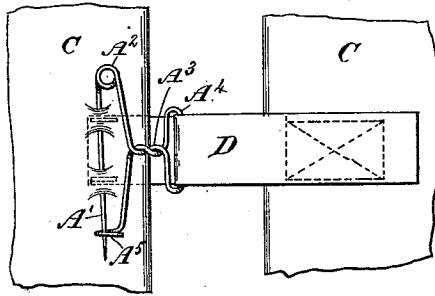


Fig. 2.

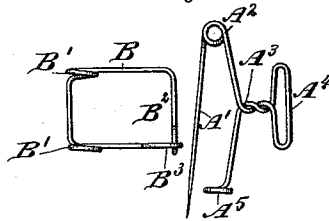
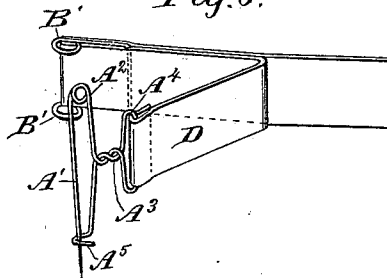


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AGNES E. HARRIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Garment Fasteners and Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to supporters and fasteners for garments, and particularly to such as are used to support and retain in place stockings, skirts, or other articles which require to be adjustably supported. Its object is to provide a safe and ready means whereby the said garments may be adjustably sustained without the danger of tearing the material, which is the fault with many of the devices now in use. I attain this object by means of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which like letters refer to like parts in each figure.

Figure 1 is a view of my device as it appears when in use, showing sections of the garments to which it is attached. Fig. 2 is a view of the parts thereof. Fig. 3 is a view of the same, showing it attached to and forming a part of a garment-suspender.

In the drawings, A represents a suspensory safety-pin, which consists of the pin A', the spring A², the shank A³, the loop A⁴, and the hook A⁵. The shank A³ is preferably made by twisting the wire of which the device is constructed in such a manner as to form a rigid shank or shaft connecting the loop A⁴ with the other parts of the device. This loop A⁴ is adapted to serve as a means of attaching the pin to the edge or other portion of the material of which the garment is composed, preferably through the medium of the band or ribbon D, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3; or this band may be so constructed or provided with devices as to be self-sustaining upon the person wearing the same. The other parts of the pin A are preferably of the form found in the ordinary safety-pin.

B represents a frame supporting two eyes B' B', preferably made integral therewith and situated upon one side thereof, the opposite side B² being adapted to serve as a means of attaching the frame in the same manner as the loop A⁴.

In the device as shown in the drawings the two parts are each constructed of a continuous piece of wire. This is accomplished in A by first bending the wire to form the loop A⁴, then twisting the shank A³, then the spring A², and the retaining-hook A⁵; in B by twisting the eyes B', and then bending the wire so as to form the other three sides and securing the ends, as shown at B³. This is my preferred method of construction, but it is obvious that the device may be constructed as well, or nearly as well, by other methods.

The operation of this device is as follows: The frame B is placed upon one side of the material with the eyes B' projecting inwardly. The pin A' is then passed through the material from the opposite side, and also through the eyes, and the point then secured in the hook A⁵, as shown in Fig. 1.

The advantage of this device will be readily seen. By its means garments composed of any kind of material may be firmly secured together or to a sustaining-band, and thus held in place without the danger of tearing when a tension is exerted thereon.

What I claim is—

A garment fastener and supporter consisting of a suspensory safety-pin and one or more eyes complementary thereto; said safety-pin and eye or eyes being connected by means of a piece of flexible material substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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