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Fig. 1

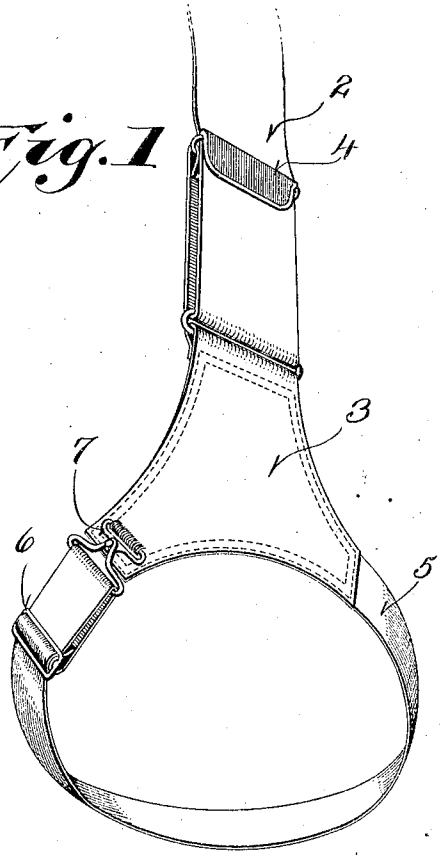


Fig. 2

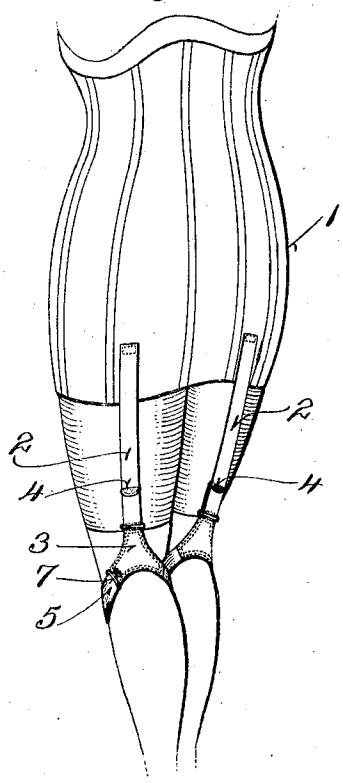
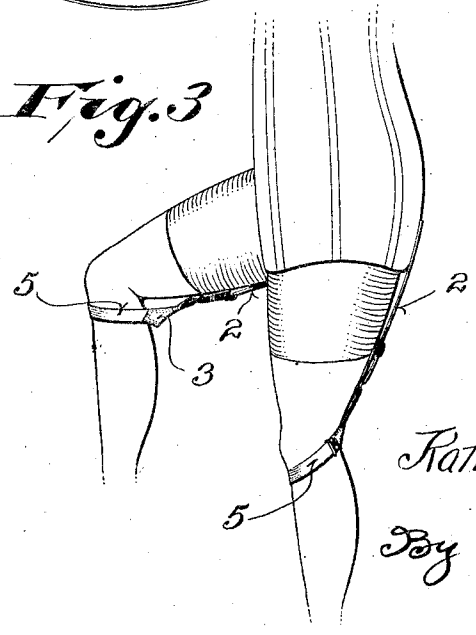


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to garter construction and is particularly directed to a garter adapted to be used with a corset.

Objects of this invention are to provide a garter construction which will hold the rear skirt portion of the corset in smooth and unbroken formation against the body of the wearer whether the wearer is standing or sitting, which will prevent the formation of a bulge or ridge in the dress caused by sticking out of the corset when the wearer is standing or sitting.

Further objects are to provide a garter construction which promotes the correct poise of the body and facilitates a straight posture with free and easy bending, which re-distributes the flesh by preventing rolls of flesh above the corset due to the sliding up thereof, which engages the leg of the wearer just below the knee in the front thereof at a point which interferes to a minimum extent with circulation, in which the pull or anchoring is so effected that the stocking is held up in a smooth condition without any possibility of producing runs or tears in the stocking.

An embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the lower portion of the garter detached from the wearer.

Figure 2 is a rear view of a corset with the garter in position showing the wearer in a standing position.

Figure 3 is a side view showing the position assumed by the garter when the leg is raised.

Referring to the drawings, it will be seen that the corset 1 is a skirted corset or one that extends down below the hips of the wearer. To the rear of the corset a pair of downwardly extending straps 2 are attached, as shown clearly in Figure 2. These straps are looped through an eyelet formed in the upper portion or apex of a triangular attaching member 3. Any desired type of clasp 4 is secured to the free end of the strap and thus provide an adjustable loop whereby the length of the strap may be regulated.

A band 5 has its ends attached to the lower end or corner of the triangular bearing member 3, as shown in Figure 1 and 2, and encircles the leg of the wearer externally of the stocking. This band is provided with the usual adjusting clasp 6 and with interengaging fastening means 7.

In using the device the wearer draws the stocking upwardly to the desired extent and thereafter passes the straps 5 around the stockings below the knee. It is to be noted that when the wearer is in a standing position, as shown in Figure 2, that the straps pull downwardly on the rear of the corset and prevent the formation of a ridge or bulge in the clothing of the wearer at the edge of the corset.

It is to be noted that the upward pull of the straps 2 tilts the bands 5 and causes them to tightly engage the stocking and bind it against the front of the leg of the wearer below the knees. This prevents the placing of any localized strain upon the stocking with the resulting, inevitable runs or tears. In addition to this, it is well known that this portion of the leg may be engaged without interfering with the free and normal circulation and without occasioning any discomfort to the wearer. When the wearer is seated, the legs are raised relatively to the body of the corset but the straps 2 are maintained under tension, as will be seen from Figure 3.

The straps 5 bind against the forward portion of the leg below the knee and hold the stocking in position while at the same time pulling the rear skirt portion of the corset downwardly into a smooth condition against the body of the wearer.

Obviously the straps may be made of any desired material as well as the attaching member 3. They may be, for instance, formed of elastic or non-elastic material, webbing or other suitable material.

It is to be noted that the triangular member or pad-like member 3 is reenforced by lines of stitching around its margin, and is rendered relatively strong and sturdy. It is to be particularly noted also that the ends of the garters or leg encircling members 5 are attached to the opposite lower ends of the triangular pad-like member 3 and extend downwardly at an angle from such member. By means of this construction, the line of pull from the garter ends is in the general direction of the upward line of pull of the strap 2 and consequently the member 3 has no tendency to pucker, but remains extended and free from puckering at all times. Further, by having a single supporting strap for each of the garter devices, there is no tendency to pucker the skirt por-

tion or rear portion of the corset as would be the case where two or more straps were employed.

It is to be noted further from reference to Figure 2 of the drawings, that the straps 2 are attached to the rear skirt portion of the corset at points spaced upwardly a material distance from the lower edge.

This construction prevents puckering of the lower edge or holding it out away from the body. Instead, the lower edge is free from the strap and may assume the contour desired without interference from the strap.

It will thus be seen that a garter construction has been provided which will insure the retention of the stockings in position without danger of runs or tears, which will hold the rear skirt portion of the corset in a smooth even condition against the body of the wearer irrespective of the position assumed by the wearer, and which will not hinder or restrict the free, easy motion and normal condition of the wearer.

Although the invention has been described in considerable detail, it is to be understood that the invention may be variously embodied and is, therefore, to be limited only as claimed.

I claim:

The combination of a corset, and a pair of garter devices, each garter device comprising a single strap secured to the rear of the corset at a point spaced a slight distance from the rear lower edge of the corset and extending downwardly directly rearwardly of the leg of the wearer, a substantially triangular attaching member having an upper corner secured to said strap, and a garter adapted to encircle the leg of the wearer just below the knee and having its ends secured to the opposite lower ends of said triangular member with each end of said garter extending outwardly and downwardly from said triangular member.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin.

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