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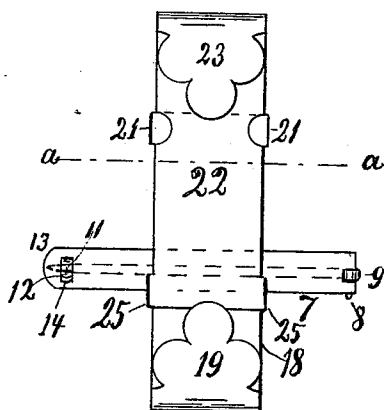


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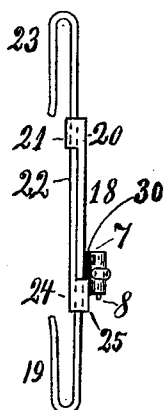


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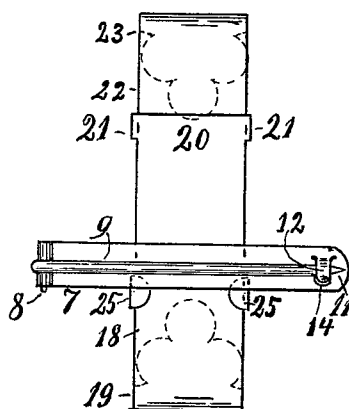


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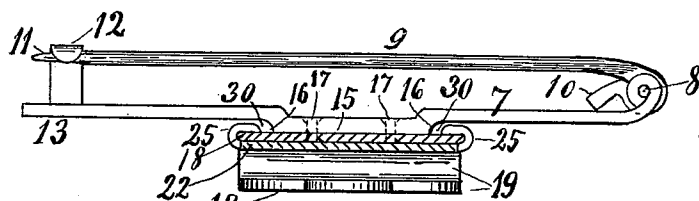


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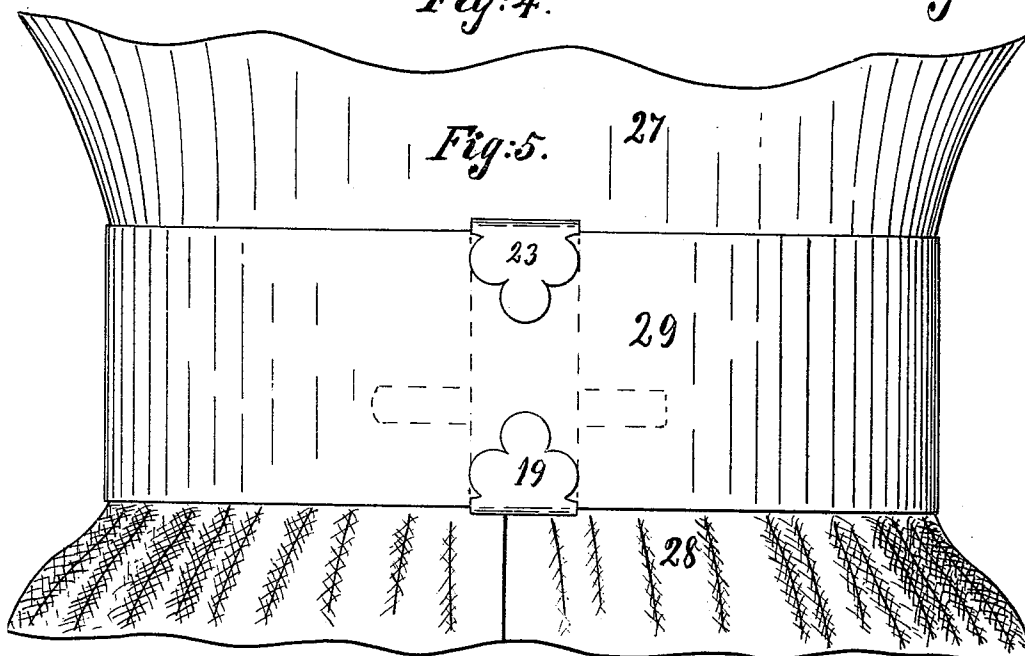


Fig: 5.

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## ADJUSTABLE SKIRT AND BELT FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALICE L. HENDRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Skirt and Belt Fasteners; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in garment-fasteners or means for securing together the various garments worn by a person.

The special object of my invention is to provide a pin which may readily be used for pinning the back of the band of a lady's skirt to the back of the waist and to combine with such pin adjustable hooks adapted to receive and hold in place belts of various sizes of the kind used for covering the joint of the waist and the skirt, as well as for ornamental purposes. I attain this object by the novel construction and arrangement of parts illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a back elevation of my device in the position it appears upon the back of the wearer before the belt is placed into the hooks. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional top view on the line *a a* in Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a back elevation of a portion of a lady's waist and skirt and a belt held by my device in position upon the joint of said two garments. Fig. 6 is a detail end view showing the straight end of either one of the two overlapping plates having the belt-holding hooks formed on their opposite ends.

Referring to the various parts in the drawings by reference-numerals, 7 is a narrow plate or bar, to which I secure by the pivot 8 a pin 9, which is provided with the resisting-arm 10, which serves to keep the free and pointed end 11 of the pin in a spring-held contact with the locking-hook 12, which is provided upon the end 13 of the pin-bar 7. Said hook 12 may be secured upon the bar 7 in any suitable manner. Where the bar 7 is made wide enough

for the purpose the hook 12 may, as in the present instance, be formed integrally with the bar by stamping a tongue out of the bar, as at 14, and form it into a locking-hook, as 12. The pin-bar 7 is near its middle offset away from the pin, so as to form the embossment 15, with the shoulders 16 and clearings 30 for the guiding-hooks 25 to move through in passing the pin-bar.

Across the pin-bar 7 I secure by rivets, as 17, or in any other suitable manner, the elongated plate 18, of which the lower end is formed into an ornamental hook 19, adapted to grab over the lower edge of the belt. The upper end 20 of the plate 18 is provided with the side hooks 21, bent toward each other, so as to slidably grab over the edges of another elongated plate 22, which has its upper end formed into the ornamental hook 23, adapted to take hold of the upper edge of the belt, while the lower end 24 of said plate is provided with the side hooks 25, slidably grabbing over the edges of the plate 18. Before the said two plates 18 and 22 are thus slidably put together their sliding ends 20 and 24 are bulged inward, as shown at 26, between the hooks 25 in Fig. 6. These bulges 26 of both plates meeting against each other, coacting with the hooks 21 and 25, produce a frictional resistance to the sliding of the plates upon each other, so that the hooks will by the frictional contact of their bodies or plates 18 and 22 stay sufficiently tight in the various positions they may be set or adjusted for the various sizes of belts.

In Fig. 5, where 27 represents the waist, 28 the skirt, and 29 the belt, is shown how my device is applied and how it looks when adjusted in its place for use.

In operation the pin 9 is inserted horizontally through the upper edge or band of the skirt and the lower edge of the waist and locked into the hook 12. The belt is then placed into the lower hook 19 and the upper hook 23 is pushed downward upon the upper edge of the belt.

From the above description it will be seen that I provide a simple, cheap, effective, handy, and ornamental device for securing a lady's waist and skirt together and also for holding over the joint of said garments belts of any size worn.

I intend making the device in several sizes and grades. I am aware that this device may be considerably modified as to the shape and connection of the parts without diverging  
5 from the spirit of the invention, so I do not wish to confine myself to the very detailed construction shown in the present drawings. I may, for instance, instead of the guiding-hooks 21 and 25, use slots and guiding pins  
10 or lugs in the plates or bodies of the hooks 19 and 23, make the pin-bar 7 square, round, or half-round, &c.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Pat-  
15 ent, is—

In a device of the kind described, the combination of the belt holding hooks 19, and 23, having the bodies or plates 18, and 22, held in

a sliding position upon each other by hooks as 21, and 25, said plates also having their  
20 bodies bulged toward each other so as to produce frictional resistance for holding the plates and their hooks in position when adjusted; the pin bar 7, secured transversely upon one of the plates or hooks and having  
25 the offset or embossment 15, forming the clearings 30, for the guiding hooks 25, to pass through; the catch 12, and the pin 9, pivoted as at 8, substantially as and for the purpose shown and described.

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

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