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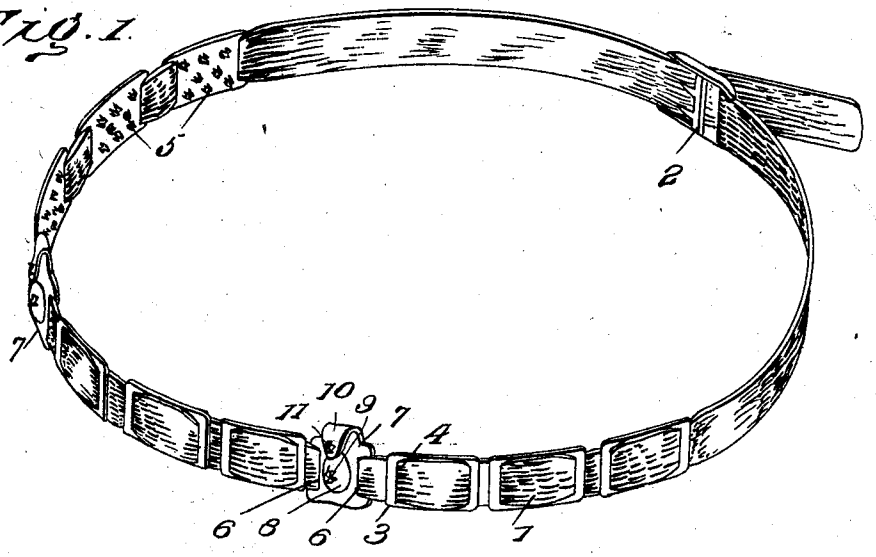


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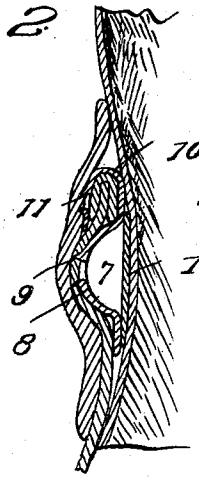


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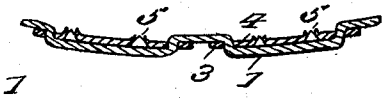


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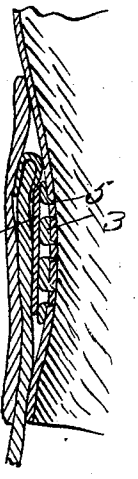


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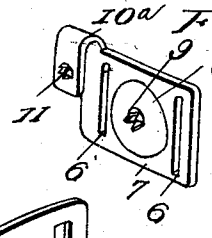


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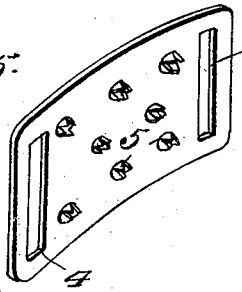
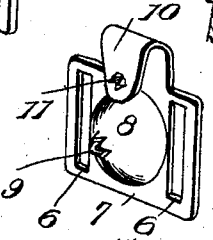


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES CHRYSLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

Ladies and misses experience trouble, annoyance, and discomfort because of the tendency of the wearing-apparel to displacement at the waist, the bodice or like garment creeping upward and the skirt sagging. Many devices have been provided to overcome this difficulty, and the present invention is along this line.

The purpose of the invention is to devise means for retaining the shirt-waist, skirt, and belt in proper position, said means being adapted to the needs of any female and capable of easy adjustment and of being quickly placed in position or removed.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings.

While the invention may be adapted to different forms and conditions by changes in the structure and minor details without departing from the spirit or essential features thereof, still the preferred embodiment is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garment-supporter embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a detail section showing the skirt and belt retainer in operative position. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 of the waist-retainer. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section of the waist-retainer and supporting-band therefor. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the waist-retainer. Fig. 6 is a detail perspective view of the skirt and belt retainer. Fig. 7 is a detail perspective view of a modified form of the skirt and belt retainer.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

The device comprises a waistband 1 and a series of retainers fitted thereon. The waistband may be of any suitable webbing or material best adapted for the purpose and provided with means for securing the end portions after being brought together around the body. As shown, the waistband is supplied with a buckle 2, which is adapted to connect the ends of said band in any desired position.

The waist-retainer 3 consists of a plate having slots 4 at opposite ends, through which the waistband passes. A series of points or spurs 5 project from one side of the plate and are adapted to engage with the shirt-waist when the support is in position, so as to hold it in proper adjusted position. The points or spurs are preferably formed by pressing portions of the plate outward, the same constituting ragged edges surrounding openings formed in the plate. By having the waistband passed through slots 4 at opposite ends of the plate the retainer may move to any position of the waistband, and said means constitute a simple manner of attaching the retainer to the supporting-band. The intermediate portion of the plate studded with the points or spurs faces away from that part of the waistband occupying a position between the slots 4.

The skirt and belt retainer form parts of a single device, the same consisting of a plate or blank having slots 6 at opposite ends to receive the waistband 1 in a manner similar to the slots 4 of the waist-retainer. The middle portion of the plate 7 is pressed outward to form a protuberant portion 8, which is of approximately semispherical form. A series of spurs or points are provided at the outermost portion of the part 8 to engage with the waistband of the skirt and hold the latter in place. The spurs or points 9 are formed in like manner to the points or spurs 5—namely, by pressing portions outward from the plate 7 and forming an opening at the apex of the protuberant portion 8. A hook 10 extends from an edge of the plate 7, and its bill portion is provided with a series of spurs or points 11, pressed outward therefrom. The waistband of the skirt is adapted to enter the space of the hook 10 and pass beneath the bill thereof, so as not to interfere with the spurs or points 11, which are designed to engage with the belt overlying the skirt and shirt-waist and holding it in proper position.

In practice the waistband 1 may be supplied with any number of the retainers, which may be located so as to occupy the most advantageous position according as the exigencies of the case may demand. The peculiar mounting of the retainers admits of their

ready adjustment upon the waistband as may be required and also enables the retainers to be either removed from the waistband or added thereto. When in position, the waistband 1 encircles the lower portion of the bodice or like garment at the waist-line, the points or spurs of the waist-retainer making positive engagement therewith in a manner to hold the garment in the desired position. The waistband of the skirt overlies the waistband 1 and the skirt-retainer, the upper portion entering the hooks 10 and passing between the bill portion thereof. The spurs or points 9 of the skirt-retainer penetrate the waistband of the skirt and hold the latter in place. The belt is worn in the usual manner and extending over the belt-retainer, consisting of the bill portion of the hook 10, is positively engaged by the spurs or points 11, thereby preventing displacement of the belt in any direction.

From the foregoing it will be understood that the supporter is effective for the purposes designed, may be readily adapted to the wearer, and admits of the retainers being adjusted to any position with reference to the supporting-waistband or of any desired number being used. The retainers being constructed of sheet metal may be cheaply manufactured and are extremely light and occupy a minimum amount of space, thereby enabling the clothing to fit close to the person, which is a desideratum.

In the modification shown in Fig. 7 the hook 10^a is located at one corner of the plate and to one side of the protuberant portion 8, thereby admitting of the device being used either with or without a belt. It is also noted that the fold of the hook is about in line with the upper edge of the plate, hence is adapted to be covered by the waistband of the skirt when no belt is to be worn.

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

1. In a garment-supporter, a retainer consisting of a plate having a protuberant portion and having points or spurs at the apex of said protuberant portion.

2. A garment-supporter comprising a plate having terminal slots and having the intermediate portion pressed outward and formed in its apex with an opening surrounded by a plurality of spurs or points.

3. In a garment-supporter, a plate having a protuberant portion provided at its apex with spurs and having a hook at one edge, the bill portion of said hook overhanging said protuberant portion and having outwardly-extended spurs.

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