

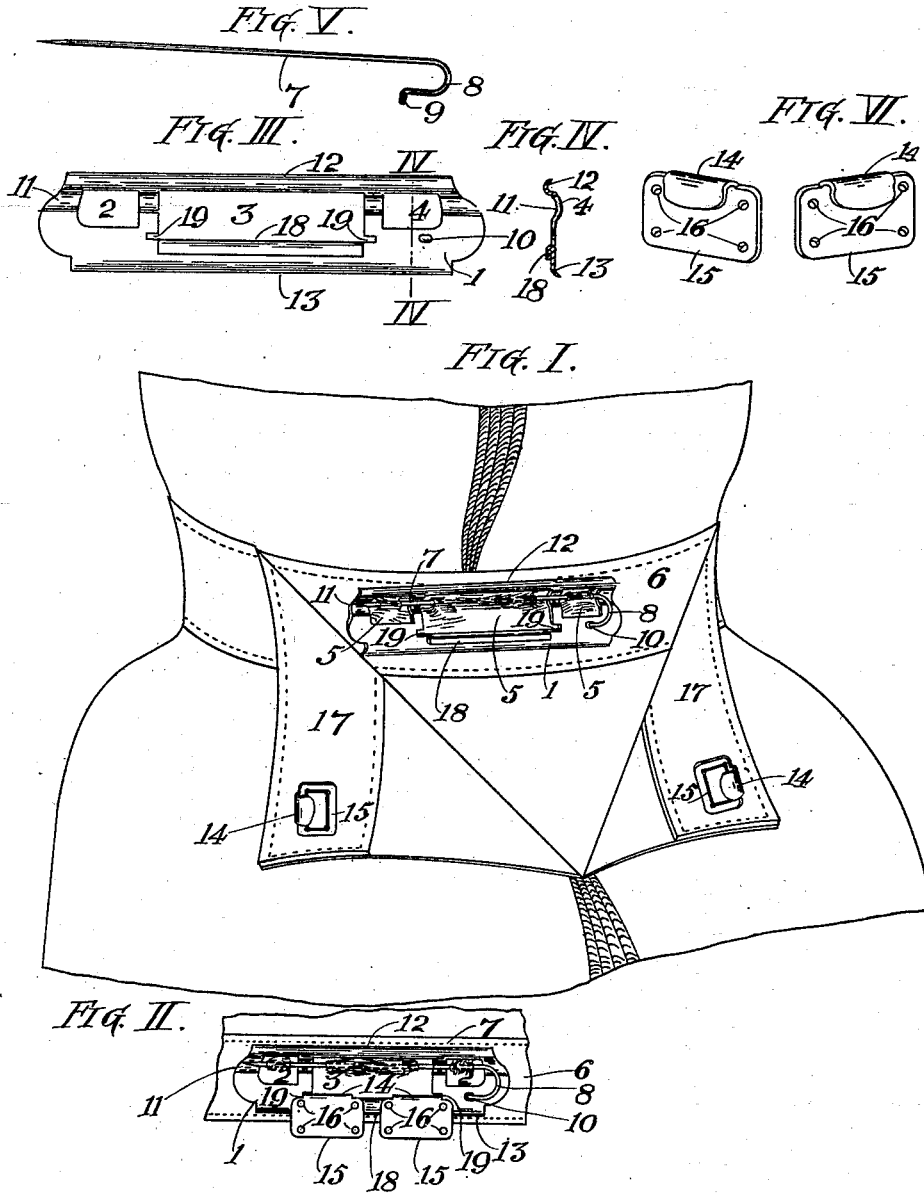
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WARREN HILL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Supporters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention has for its object to provide a simple device to prevent ladies' skirts from sagging or pulling out of place at the back of the waist, thus forming a combination fastener and skirt-supporter. The device being removable may be readily changed from one garment to another, or a number of skirts may be provided with the hooks shown, so that they may be readily attachable to the body of the supporter, thus enabling the wearer to attach a series of skirts to the same waist without removing or changing the body of the supporter; and my invention consists in certain features of novelty hereinafter described and claimed.

Figure I is a detail perspective of a waist and skirt, showing my improved supporter attached thereto, the placket of the skirt being folded back in order to show the supporting-hooks secured to the inner side of the skirt-band. Fig. II is a plan view showing skirt-hooks connected with the body of the supporter. Fig. III is a plan view showing the supporter-plate. Fig. IV is a transverse section taken on line IV-IV, Fig. III. Fig. V is a perspective view of the retaining-pin. Fig. VI is a perspective view of the skirt-hooks.

In forming my supporter I preferably take any suitable sheet metal of proper thickness and punch it out into the desired form, after which I form at or near the center one or more apertures, preferably three, as shown in the drawings, thus allowing the fabric to enter the apertures, the retaining-pin to pass through the fabric, and the supporter-plate to be fixed securely to the back of the waistband. I also provide one or more skirt-hooks having eyeholes whereby they may be secured on the inner side of the skirt-band. I preferably use two skirt-hooks, which engage the supporter-plate at the lower edge of one of

the apertures, said aperture having slots at its opposite ends, so that when the skirt-hooks are placed in position the weight of the skirt and pressure of the body draws the hooks firmly back into the slots and the skirt is held firmly and securely in place. At or near the center of the supporter-plate I form a horizontal concave groove, making a suitable seat for the retaining-pin and to more readily facilitate the placing it in position and securing the supporter-plate to the waistband.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the supporter-plate, having a series of apertures 2 3 4, through which the fabric 5 of the waistband 6 may extend when the supporter-plate has been pressed against the same. (See Fig. I.)

7 represents a retaining-pin which may be inserted through the fabric of the waistband that extends through the apertures 2 3 4 in order to securely hold the supporter-plate in proper position. The retaining-pin 7 is provided with a return-bend 8, having a stud 9 formed at its inner end, the pin being firmly held from withdrawal by inserting the stud 9 in an aperture 10 in the supporter-plate, the return-bend of the pin 7 forming a spring that permits of considerable play in the end of the return-bend, thus permitting the stud to be readily inserted in the aperture 10, even if the pin 7 is not always placed through the fabric at the same point.

The supporter-plate 1 is preferably formed throughout its length with a concave groove 11, which permits the pin 7 to be more readily inserted in the fabric extending through the apertures. The supporter-plate 1 is preferably formed on its upper side with a corrugated ridge 12, adding strength to the plate, and its lower edge preferably turned in, as shown at 13, forming a neat finish and avoiding any prominent edge where the skirt is attached.

14 represents the skirt-hooks, having flat bases 15, with eyeholes 16, whereby they may be sewed fast to the skirt-band 17. The edge of the supporter-plate 1 at the lower end of the aperture 3 is preferably reinforced, as shown at 18, thus forming a firm seat for the hooks 14.

19 represents slots in the supporter-plate at

the respective ends of the aperture 3 and on line with the reinforcing-strip 18 of the supporter-plate. When the skirt-hooks 14 have been hooked over the strip 18, the weight of the skirt will naturally carry them to the end of the aperture 3, the sides of the hooks slipping into the slots 19 holding the hooks firmly from any displacement. (See Fig. II.)

I claim as my invention—

1. In a skirt-supporter, the combination of a supporter-plate having a series of three apertures through which the fabric extends, a pin adapted to pierce the fabric which projects through the apertures, and skirt-hooks adapted to engage in the central aperture of the supporter-plate, substantially as set forth.

2. In a skirt-supporter, the combination of a supporter-plate having a series of three apertures through which the fabric extends, a retaining-pin and means for securing said pin to the supporter-plate after its insertion in the fabric, substantially as set forth.

3. In a skirt-supporter, the combination of a supporter-plate having apertures through which the fabric extends, a longitudinal concave groove, and a stud-aperture, a retaining-pin adapted to slide in the groove and having a spring return-bend and a stud on the return-bend, adapted to be inserted in the stud-aperture, substantially as set forth.

4. In a skirt-supporter, the combination of a supporter-plate having a series of three apertures, and slots at the ends of the central aperture, a retaining-pin, having means for securing it to the plate, skirt-hooks adapted to engage the central groove of the supporter-plate and pass into the slots; substantially as set forth.

5. In a skirt-supporter, the combination of a supporter-plate having apertures, a concave groove, a corrugated ridge at its upper side, and its lower side bent inwardly and a retaining-pin adapted to slide in the groove, and having means for securing it to the supporter-plate, substantially as set forth.

6. In a skirt-supporter, the combination of a supporter-plate having a central aperture, and side apertures through which the fabric of a waistband may extend, and horizontal

slots at the ends of the central aperture, a pin for engaging the fabric, a reinforcing-strip at the lower side of the central aperture, skirt-hooks adapted to hook over said strip and to enter the horizontal slots, substantially as set forth.

7. In a skirt-supporter, the combination of a supporter-plate having a series of three apertures, and a stud-aperture, a retaining-pin having a curved end and a right-angle extension thereon for engaging the stud-aperture and skirt-hooks for connecting a skirt with the central aperture of the supporter-plate, substantially as set forth.

8. A skirt-supporter comprising a plate constructed for supporting a skirt in substantially the manner set forth, provided with a longitudinal groove or corrugation and apertured through the portion of the plate in which the longitudinal groove or corrugation extends, and a pin 7 adapted to lie in the groove or corrugation and to pass through fabric projected through the plate along the line of said groove or corrugation, as herein explained.

9. A skirt-supporter comprising an apertured plate through which the fabric is projected, a pin extending across the aperture and through the fabric projecting there-through, and a reinforcing rib or strip 18 extending along the lower edge of the aperture of the plate and increasing the dimension of said edge to form a seat for skirt-hooks, substantially as herein explained.

10. The herein-described skirt-supporter comprising a plate 1, having end and intermediate apertures 5 through which fabric may be projected, a pin extending longitudinally of said plate across said apertures and through the fabric projected therethrough and a reinforcing rib or strip 18 along the lower edge of the intermediate opening, and increasing the dimension of said lower edge, and hooks 14 fitted over said edge and rib for the purpose set forth.

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