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## Clasps for Ladies' Dress Supporters.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN CLASPS FOR LADIES' DRESS-SUPPORTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EGERTON A. BLISS, of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ladies' Dress-Supporter, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 of drawing is a front elevation, and Fig. 2 a detail view, of clasp with the chain and hook.

A represents the hook that fastens in the lady's girdle; B, the chain, pendent therefrom, and C my improved clasp. The latter is made of a doubled wire, having arms  $c^2$   $c^2$ , that proceed from the ring in which the chain is held, are held at their crossing by a band,  $c^3$ , and then turned inwardly to form reversed hooks

 $c^1$   $c^1$ , the inwardly-bent clamping ends being in the same plane with the shank.

The hook is fastened in the lady's belt or girdle, and connected with the clasp C by the chain B, the dress being lifted from a point below the pendent clasp, and secured therein, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing.

What I claim is-

The dress-holder clamp C, having arms  $e^2$   $e^2$ , held at the crossing by band  $e^3$ , and inwardly bent to form hooks  $e^1$   $e^1$ , all being in the same plane with shank, as shown and described.

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Witnesses:

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