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SKIRT-SUPPORTER.

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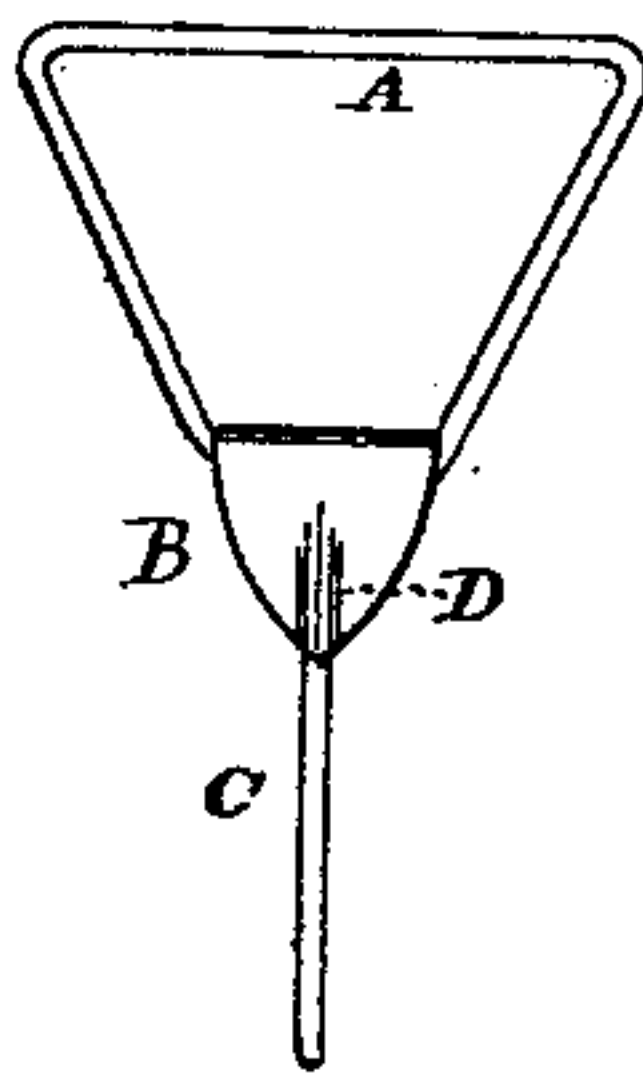


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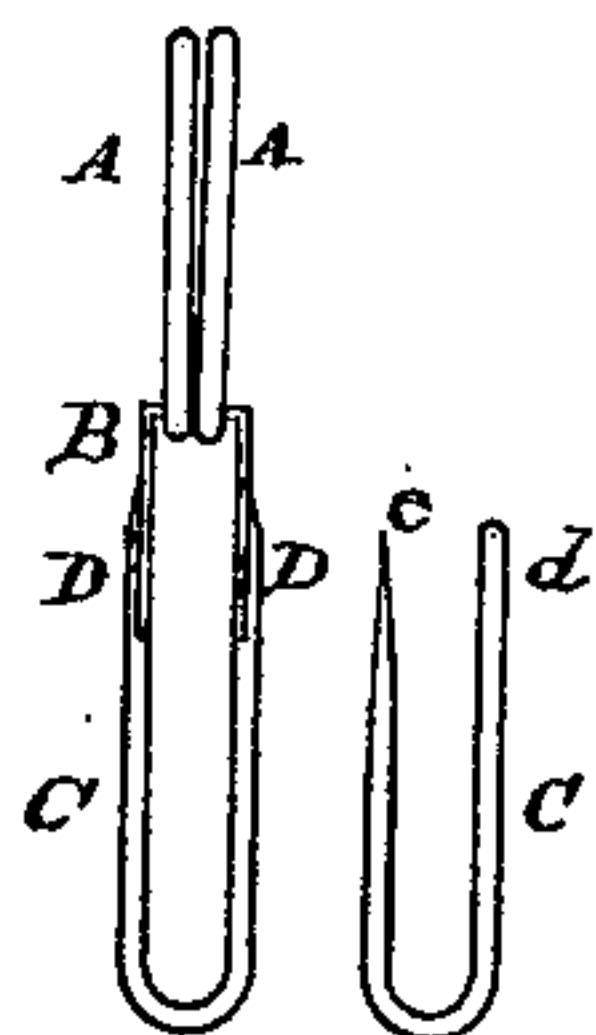


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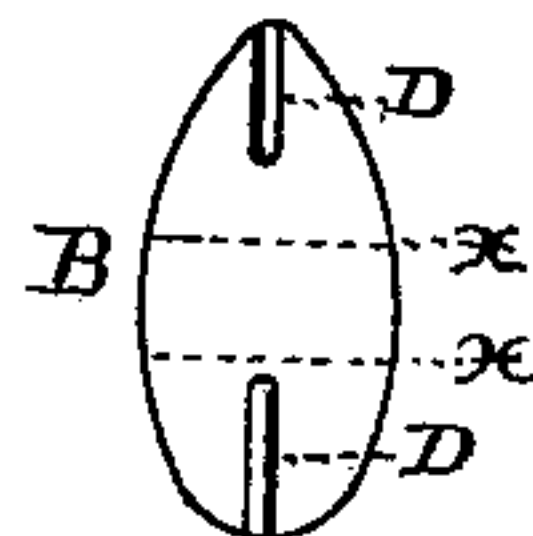


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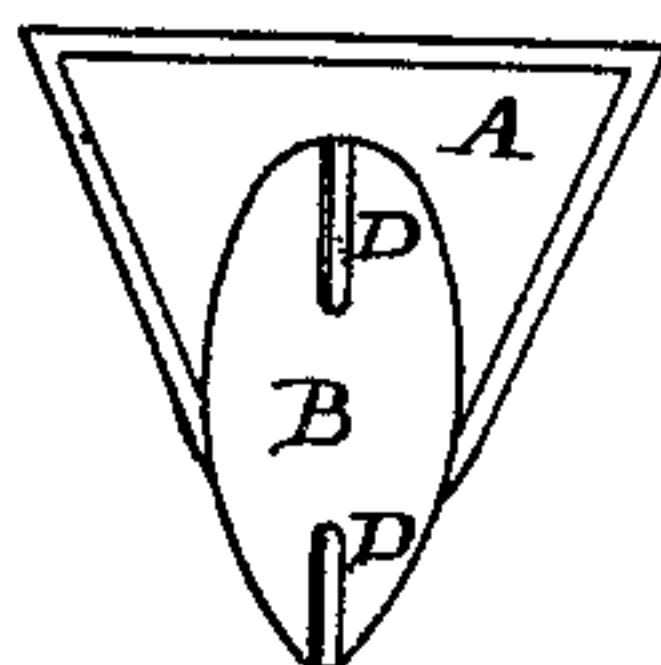


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IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT-SUPPORTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMASA H. PIKE, of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, have invented an Improved Skirt-Supporter; of which the following is a clear and exact description:

My invention relates to that class of skirt-supporters wherein hooks with protected points, known as safety-pins, are employed for the attachment of the skirt or some part of the same to a supporting-tape or other device, so that the same may be readily attached or detached; and it consists, first, in a safety-pin provided with a clamp for the attachment of the suspending-tape, whereby the position of the pin may be shifted up or down without disturbing the attachment with the skirt.

That others may fully understand my invention, I will particularly describe it, having reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my device. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 represents the shield-plate blank. Fig. 4 represents the method of attaching said blank to the buckle.

I am aware that safety-pins have been heretofore employed as skirt-supporters, but I am not aware that such pins have been provided with buckles for the attachment of suspending-tapes so that they could be adjusted up or down without reference to the office of the pin.

In my skirt-supporter, A is the buckle, which I prefer to employ. It consists of two similar triangles of wire laid side by side with the apex downward. A shield-piece, B, is folded transversely at its middle, and the apex

of the buckle A is placed in the fold of said shield and soldered fast therein. The pin C is sharpened at the end *c* and blunt at the end *d*, and has a single bend midway of its length, so that the two parts are parallel and the ends *c d* opposite each other. The shield B has at each end a shallow indentation, D D, into one of which the end *d* of the pin is soldered, while the other or sharp end rests in and is guarded by the other of said indentations, as shown in Fig. 2. The upper part or base of the triangle forms a flat loop for the attachment of the suspending-tape, and is adjustable therein. The pin C is distinct in its functions from the buckle A. Its point is detached from the shield by bending sidewise far enough to clear the edge of the shield. The portion of the skirt-fabric which is inclosed within the bend of the hook encounters only the smooth cylindrical surface of the wire *c*, and therefore is subjected to the least possible wear.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new is—

A skirt-supporter constructed with the buckle A, composed of two similar triangles of wire, having their apexes inclosed within the fold of the shield-plate B, and the hook C, one end whereof is soldered to one end of said shield, and the other or sharpened end guarded under the other end of the same, as set forth.

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