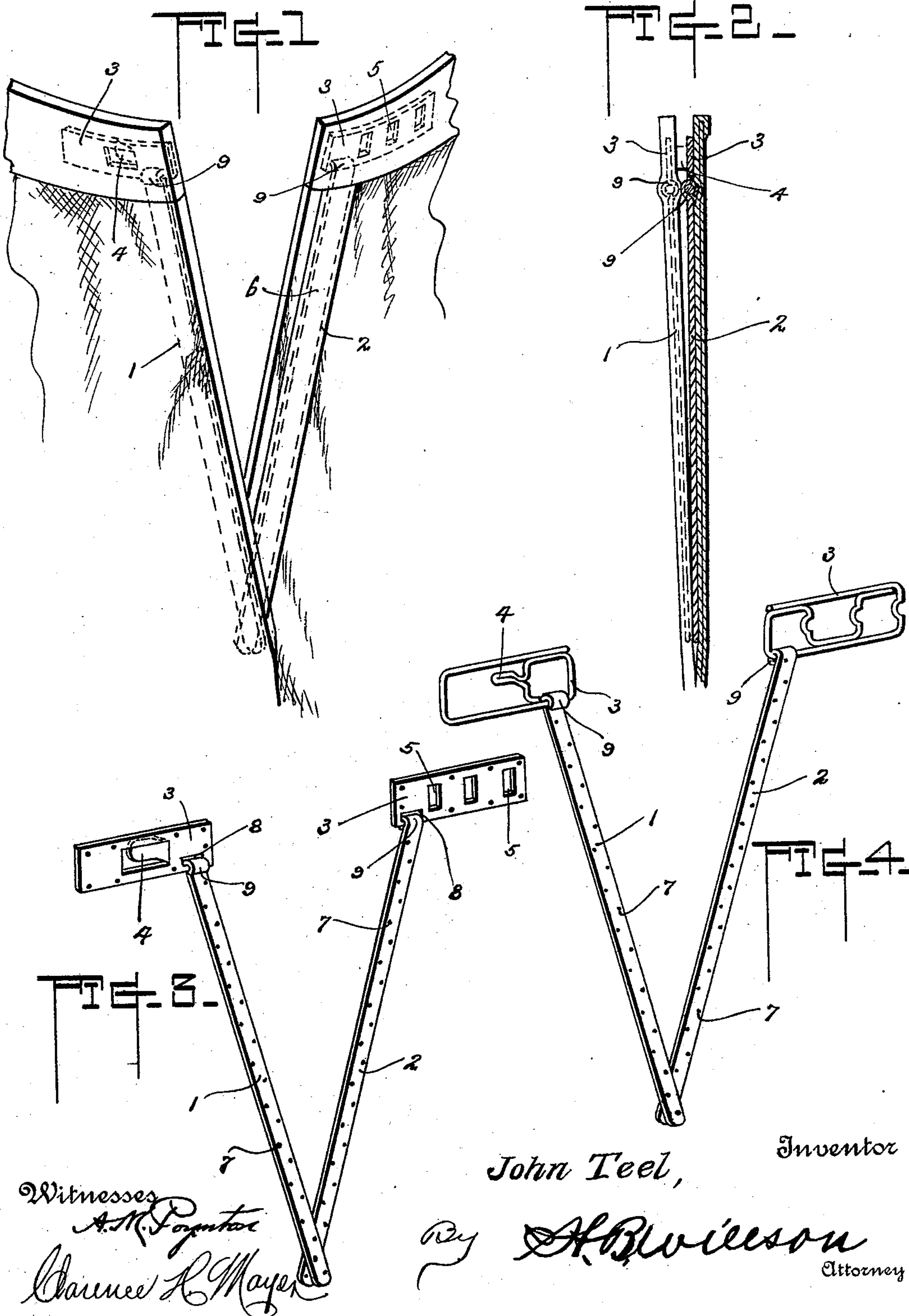


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN TEEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atlanta, in the county of Fulton and State of Georgia, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Placket Fasteners and Supports; 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  
10 which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has relation to a placket support and fastener.

The object of my invention is to provide means by which the placket is held closed  
15 and the ends of the belt of the skirt connected.

With this object in view the invention consists in certain features of construction and combination of parts, which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

20 In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of a fragment of a skirt, showing in dotted lines the placket support and fastener attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view showing in dotted lines one of  
25 the supporting members inclosed within the hem at the edge of the placket instead of being attached to the placket by a braid or tape, as shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the placket-supports removed from the garment, and Fig. 4 is a similar view of the  
30 placket-supports formed of wire instead of sheet metal.

In said drawings, 1 denotes one member of the placket support and fastener, and 2 the  
35 other member. Each member is provided with a head 3, one end of which is provided with a hook 4, struck up from the head and adapted to engage an eye 5 in the head of the other member.

40 As shown in Fig. 1, the supports are secured to the garment by a braid or tape 6, which is a convenient manner of attaching the device to a completed dress-skirt; but in making a dress it may be sewed into the hem,  
45 as shown in Fig. 2. In this case the edges of the device are provided with thread-holes 7. In each case, whether the device be attached

to the garment by a braid or sewed into the hem, the head is located within the belt at the waist, and openings are made in said belt  
50 to allow the hook of one member of the support to project into the eye of the other member.

The heads are hinged to the body portions of the support to swing axially forward and  
55 backward at angles to the length of the plates, so as to allow the belt a free yielding movement about the waist of the person and prevent the lower ends of the plates protruding the skirt. As shown in the drawings, I have  
60 provided the head with a slot 8, into which projects an extension 9, which is bent down to form a hinge-joint.

If desired, instead of making the device of sheet metal, it may be made of wire, as shown  
65 in Fig. 4.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without re-  
70 quiring further explanation. By its employment the placket is held closed and prevented from gaping, and the belt is held firmly about the waist of a person without the requirement of other fastening means, such as pins  
75 and the like.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A placket-fastener consisting of a pair of  
80 disconnected flat plates provided at their upper ends with hooks, and heads pivoted to said hooks so as to have an axially-swinging movement forward and backward at angles to the length of the plates, one of said heads  
85 provided with eyes and the other with a hook, substantially as set forth.

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

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