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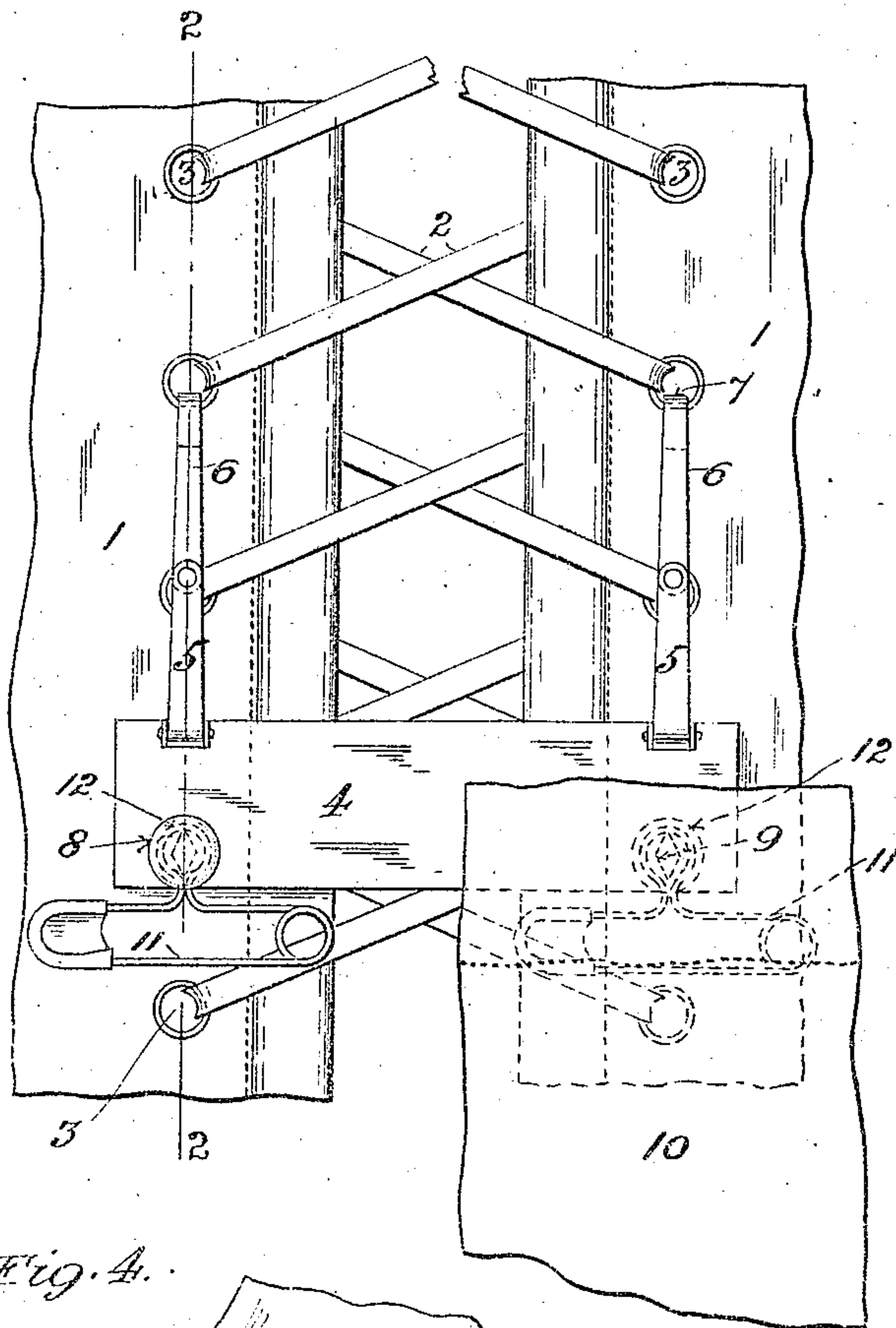


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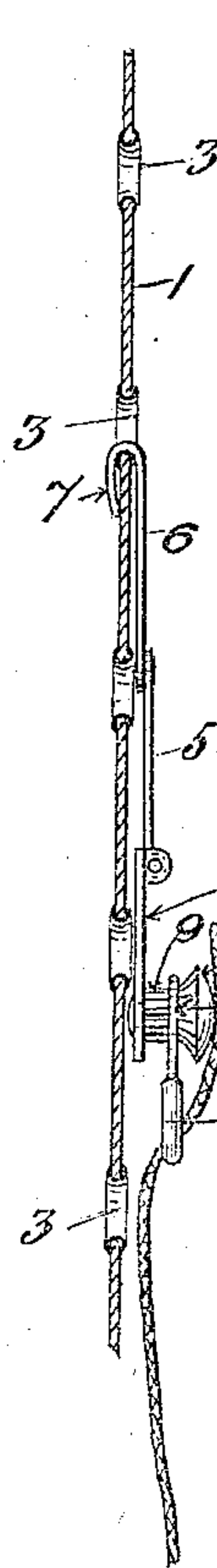


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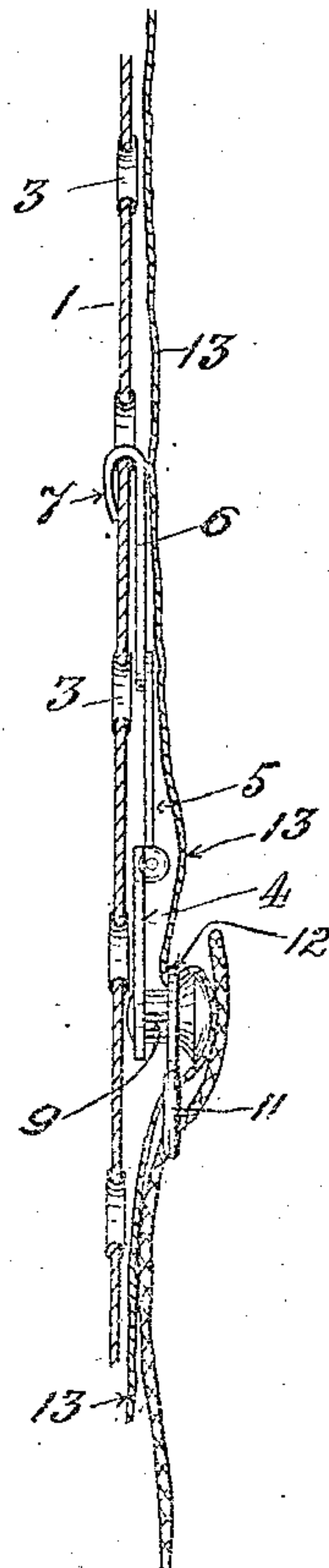


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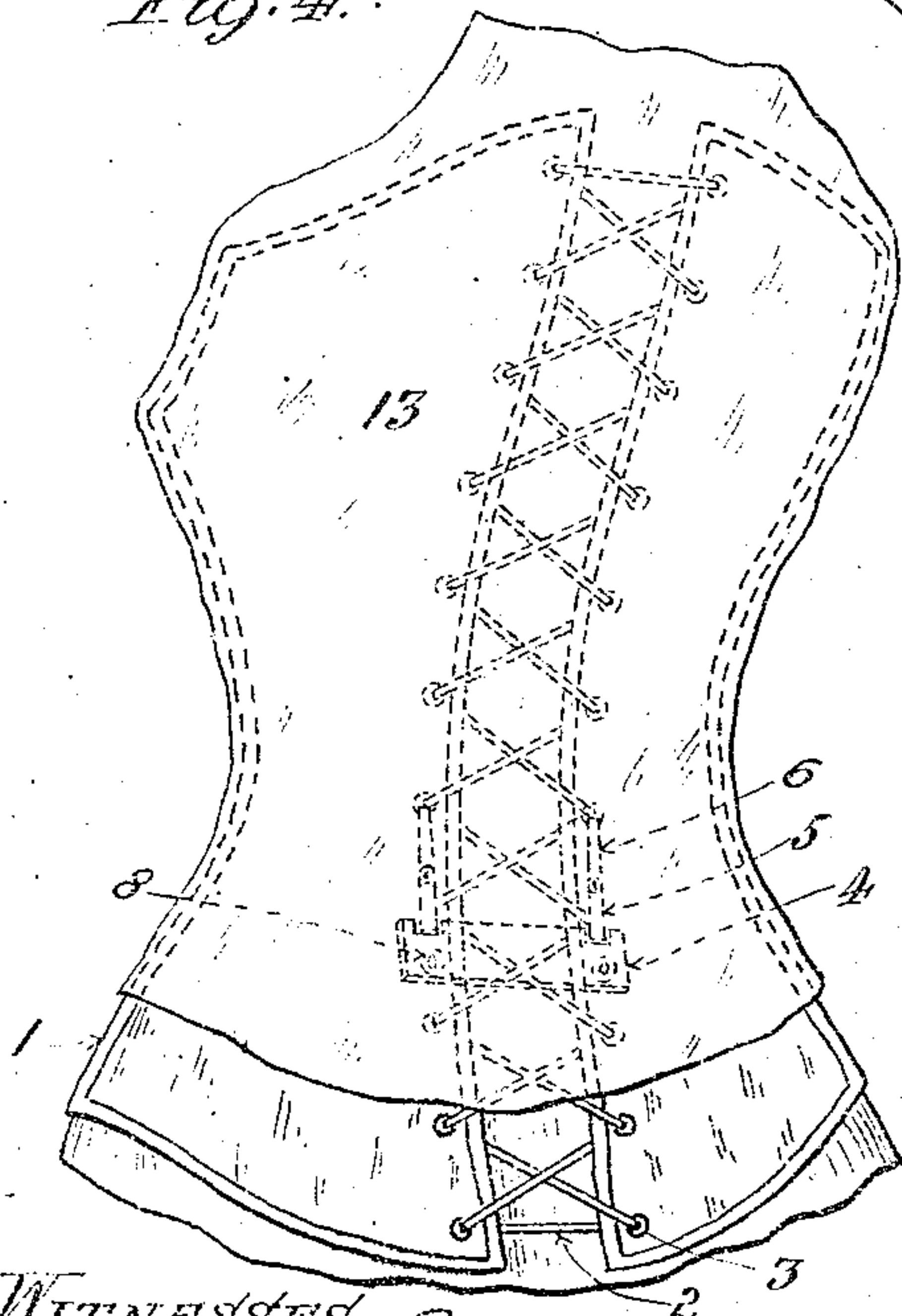
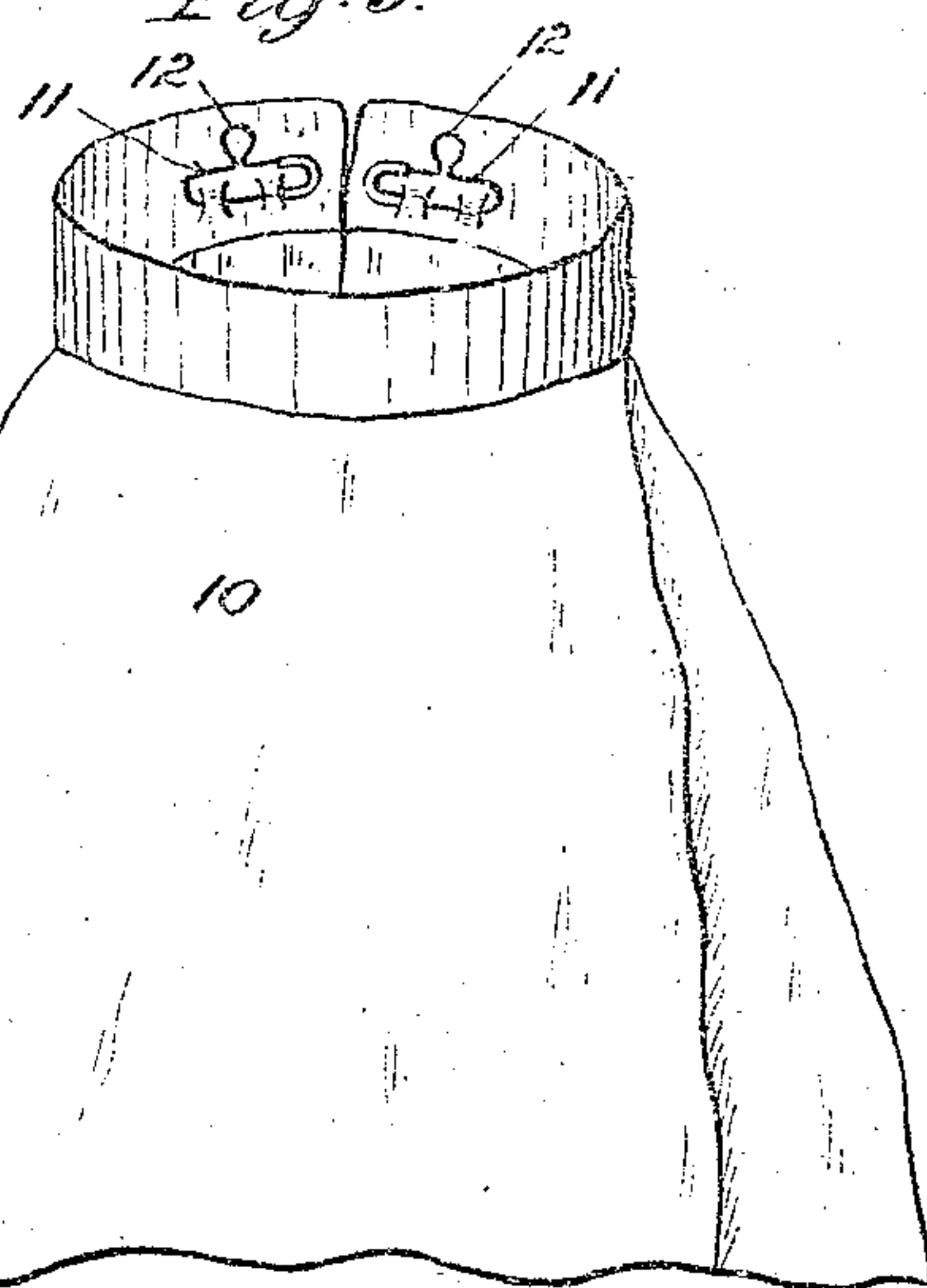


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## COMBINED SKIRT-SUPPORT AND SHIRT-WAIST HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AUGUSTUS M. WOOD, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Skirt-Support and Shirt-Waist Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

My invention has relation to improvements in combined skirt-supports and shirt-waist holders; and it consists in the novel arrangement and combination of parts more fully set forth in the specification and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a rear elevation of a corset-section, showing my device suspended from the eyelets of the corset. Fig. 2 is a section on line 2 2 of Fig. 1, showing the attachment, however, in side elevation. Fig. 3 is a similar section showing, however, the shirt-waist over the corset and passed over the supporting-studs of the body portion or plate of my device. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a bust, showing the relative position my device occupies on the corset and showing also a shirt-waist drawn over the corset; and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a skirt with safety-pins attached.

The object of my invention is to construct a skirt-support which shall at the same time hold the base of the shirt-waist in any predetermined position, thus preventing the latter from working up from under the skirt, an annoyance to which many wearers are ordinarily subjected. In detail the device may be described as follows:

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents a corset, and 2 the lacing, passed through the rear eyelets 3 of the same. Adapted to be suspended from two of the eyelets at points approximately on the waist-line is a plate 4, along whose upper edge are cut and bent outwardly in a plane at right angles to the plate two pairs of ears or lugs, between the members of each pair of which is pivoted an arm 5, adapted to swing in a plane at right angles to the plate, each arm 5 having pivoted to its free end an extension 6, adapted to swing in a plane parallel to the plate. Each extension 6

is provided with a terminal hook 7, by which the plate can be suspended from the eyelets of the corset. The arms 5 swing in the plane referred to, in order that they may accommodate themselves to any stooping posture of the wearer, and the extensions 6 swing to and from each other to accommodate themselves to the variable distances between the rear edges of the corset, depending on the amount the corset may be let out in the back. Projecting from the outer face of each plate 4, at points approximately under the pivotal points of the arms 5, are studs or buttons 8, connected to the plate by shanks 9, substantially diamond-shaped in cross-section, for a purpose to presently appear. Disposed along the inner surface of the waistband of the skirt 10 are safety-pins 11, the stationary wire of each of which is bent into an open loop 12, which is passed over the shank 9 of the button 8, thereby suspending the skirt directly from the plate 4. Where no shirt-waist is worn, the loops of the safety-pins are passed directly over the shanks of the buttons, the yielding sides of the loop slipping over the inclined or beveled surfaces of the sides of the shank and hugging the latter closely when once in place. When a shirt-waist 13 is worn over the corset, the lower portion of the shirt-waist is passed under the skirt and over the buttons or studs, the yielding nature of the shirt-waist enabling the loops of the safety-pins to be passed over the material of the waist and the shanks of the studs over which it is initially passed. (See Fig. 3.)

In Fig. 1 I have shown a section of the skirt supported from the button-shank. In Fig. 3 I have indicated the same with the shirt-waist first passed over the studs and clamped by the safety-pin loop, and in Fig. 4 I have shown the relative position occupied by the device, showing the shirt-waist extending slightly below the waist-line, the skirt (which of course comes over the shirt-waist) being omitted from this view.

It is apparent from the foregoing that not only is the skirt supported directly from the corset, but all danger of the shirt-waist working up from under the skirt is entirely eliminated.



It is obvious, of course, that slight changes might be made in the device without departing from the nature of my invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a combined skirt-support and shirt-waist holder, a suitable plate, arms pivoted along the upper edge of the same and swinging in a plane at right angles to the plane of the plate, extensions pivoted to the free ends of the arms and swinging parallel to the plate, and suitable studs formed with or carried by the plate for the support of the skirt, substantially as set forth.

2. A combined skirt-support and shirt-waist holder comprising a suitable plate, ears bent from the body of the plate along the upper edge thereof and at right angles to said plate, arms pivoted between the ears, extensions pivoted to the arms and swinging in the direction of the plane of the plate, terminal hooks at the free ends of the extensions,

studs having shanks substantially diamond-shaped in cross-section connected to the plate at points below the pivoted ends of the arms, suitable safety-pins the shanks of the studs being embraced by the looped ends of the safety-pins carried by the skirt and the shirt-waist being adapted to be passed or folded about the studs and shanks before the loops of the safety-pins are passed over the same, substantially as set forth.

3. In a combined skirt-support and shirt-waist holder, a suitable plate, suspending arms pivoted thereto, and swinging in planes both parallel to, and at right angles to the plate and studs carried by the plate, substantially as set forth.

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

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