

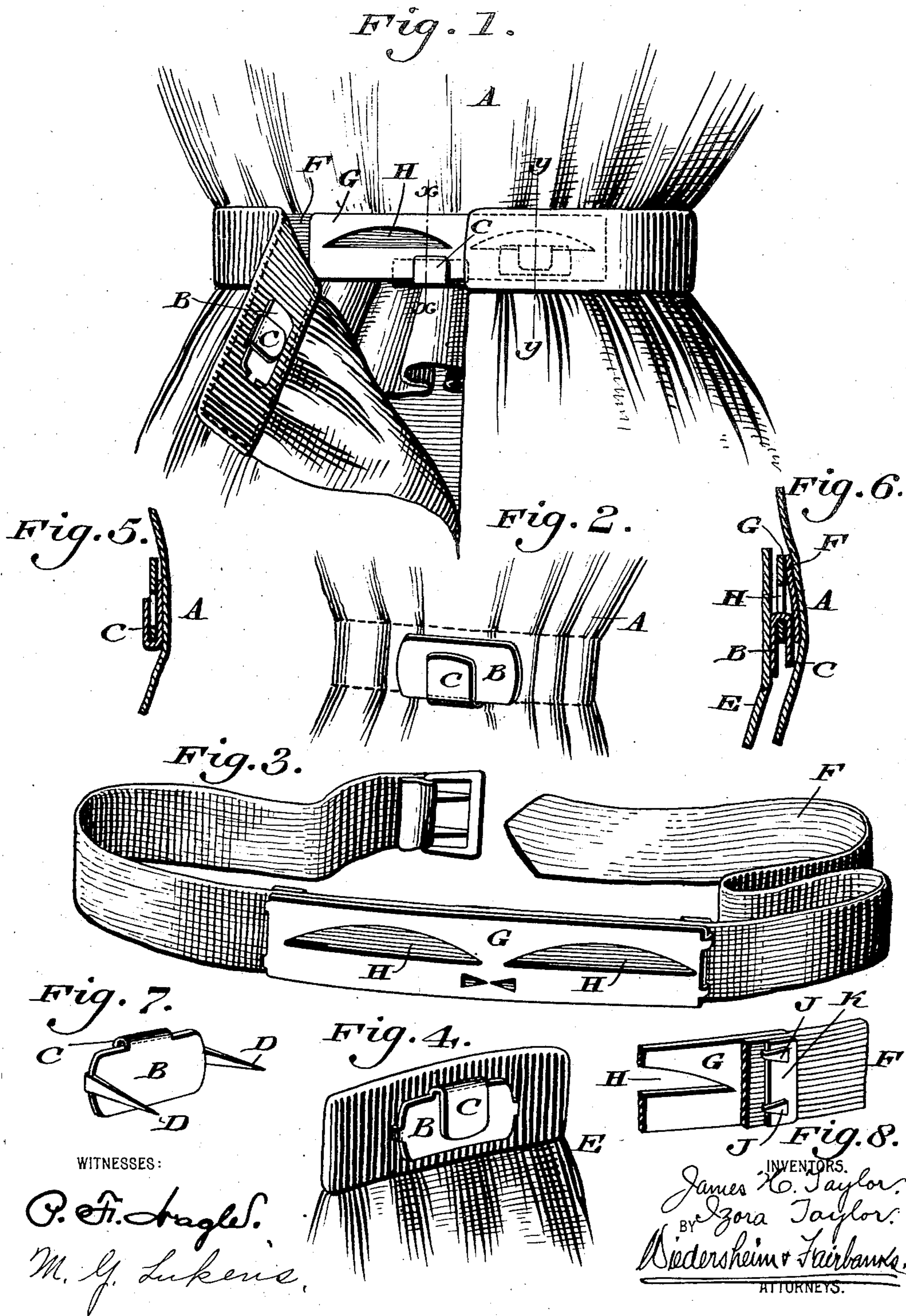
**No. 622,731.**

Patented Apr. 11, 1899.

**J. H. & I. TAYLOR.**  
**SKIRT SUPPORTER.**

(Application filed Feb. 24, 1898.)

(No Model.)



# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JAMES H. TAYLOR AND IZORA TAYLOR, OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

## SKIRT-SUPPORTER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 622,731, dated April 11, 1899.

Application filed February 24, 1898. Serial No. 671,421. (No model.)

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JAMES H. TAYLOR and IZORA TAYLOR, citizens of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Skirt-Supporters, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

Our invention consists of an improvement in skirt-supporters whereby the skirt will be effectively sustained in its proper position and the dress or shirt-waist will be simultaneously held down.

It further consists in providing means whereby sewing of the fastening devices to the garment is obviated.

It further consists of novel details of construction, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 represents an elevation of a skirt-supporter embodying our invention, showing a portion of a shirt-waist and skirt. Fig. 2 represents an elevation of the plate which is attached to the dress or shirt-waist, showing the same in position. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of a belt, to which is attached a part of our supporter. Fig. 4 represents a perspective view of a plate and a portion of a skirt to which said plate is applicable. Fig. 5 represents a vertical sectional view on line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 6 represents a vertical sectional view on line *y y*, Fig. 1. Fig. 7 represents a perspective view of a plate which is attached to the waist and to the skirt. Fig. 8 represents a perspective view of a portion of the belt of the plate, showing the manner of attaching the latter to the belt.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a dress or shirt-waist, to which is attached the plate B, the latter being provided with a lip C and the spurs D, which latter are adapted to pass through the material of the waist and be clenched thereupon, thus securing the plate to said waist.

E designates a skirt, to which are attached plates B, the latter being turned from the position seen in Fig. 2, and it being noticed

that the lip C points in the opposite direction, thereby forming a hook.

F designates a belt which is of usual construction, and has secured thereto a stiffening-plate G, which is provided with the slots H, the upper walls of which are curved, while the lower walls are preferably rectilinear.

J designates spurs on the plate G, which are adapted to pass through the belt and strips K and be clenched thereon, whereby said plate will be securely fastened to the belt.

If desired, additional spurs may be provided on the plate G at different points.

The operation is as follows: A plate B is secured to the shirt-waist, as shown in Fig. 2, and a plurality of plates B are secured to the skirt E, as shown in Fig. 4, the belt being equipped as shown in Fig. 3. After the waist is on the belt F is placed around the same, the plate G being between the plate B and lip C and having its lower edge in said lip, as seen in Figs. 1 and 5. The skirt is now placed in position, and the lip C of one of the plates B carried by said skirt is slipped through the adjacent opening H in the plate G, which is effected by reason of the curved upper wall of said opening, and the lip C supports the skirt, as seen in Figs. 1 and 6, while the lip C on the other plate B, which is attached to the skirt, is adapted to enter the adjacent opening H, it being noted that the lips attached to the skirt cannot be normally disengaged from the opening H until they are in a substantially central position with respect to said opening.

The contraction of the ends of the slots or openings H performs a distinct function in this device, for it permits the hooks to be readily inserted through the central or enlarged portion, while when the waistband of the skirt is released after the hooks are inserted the pressure thereon will draw the hooks to the contracted ends of the said slots or openings, where they are effectually held against accidental disengagement. The bend in the hook is confined between the upper and lower walls of the contracted portion of the opening and the hook is prevented from rising. It is understood, of course, that if the openings H were no longer nor wider than the hooks the latter could still be engaged and

disengaged, but not, however, with the facility possible with the present invention. The slots or openings H are purposely made longer than the hooks to furnish a large central portion and contracted end portions. With this kind of slot or opening the hook can be easily and quickly inserted and without that care which is necessary in placing a hook in a tightly-fitting opening, as will be evident. The hook will be held fast and secure against accidental displacement, however, by the contracted ends of the slot, as before stated.

It will thus be seen that a strong easily-operated skirt-supporter is provided and that the necessity of sewing is obviated.

We do not desire to be limited to the exact construction we have herein shown and described, but desire to make such changes as come within the scope of our invention.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a skirt-supporter, the combination with the waistband of a skirt, and a belt separable therefrom, of fastening devices consisting of hooks or the like upon one of said parts and corresponding longitudinally-extended slots or sockets carried by the other parts, said hooks or the like being adapted to be drawn to the ends of the slots or sockets when the garment is worn by reason of the tension of the waistband, and said ends of the slots or sockets toward which the hooks or like are drawn being contracted.

2. In a skirt-supporter, the combination with the waistband of a skirt, and a belt separable therefrom, of fastening devices consisting of hooks or the like upon the waistband, and longitudinal slots or sockets carried by the belt, said hooks or the like being adapted to be drawn to the ends of the slots or sockets when the garment is worn by reason of the tension of the waistband, and said ends of the slots or sockets toward which said hooks or the like are drawn being contracted.

3. In a skirt-supporter, the combination with the waistband of a skirt, and a belt sep-

arable therefrom, of fastening devices consisting of hooks or the like upon one of said parts and corresponding longitudinally-extended slots or sockets carried by the other part, the members of said fastening devices upon the waistband being situated near the ends of the latter, whereby the hooks or the like are drawn to the ends of the slots or sockets when the garment is worn by reason of the tension of the waistband, and said ends of the slots or sockets toward which said hooks or the like are drawn being contracted.

4. In a skirt-supporter, the combination with the waistband of a skirt, and a belt separable therefrom, of fastening devices consisting of hooks or the like secured to the end portions of the waistband, and a plate secured to said belt and having longitudinal slots or sockets provided with contracted outer ends.

5. In a skirt-supporter, the combination with the waistband of a skirt, and a belt separable therefrom, of fastening devices consisting of hooks or the like upon one of said parts and corresponding longitudinally-extended slots or sockets carried by the other parts, said hooks or the like being adapted to be drawn to the ends of the slots or sockets when the garment is worn by reason of the tension of the waistband, said ends of the slots or sockets toward which the hooks or like are drawn being contracted, and a waist-garment having a hook or the like to engage and support said belt.

6. In a skirt-supporter, the combination with the waistband of a skirt, and a belt separable therefrom, of fastening devices consisting of hooks or the like secured to the end portions of the waistband, and a plate secured to said belt and having longitudinal slots or sockets provided with contracted outer ends, and a waist-garment having a hook or the like to engage said plate and support said belt.

JAMES H. TAYLOR.  
IZORA TAYLOR.

Witnesses:

JOHN A. WIEDERSHEIM,  
WM. C. WIEDERSHEIM.