

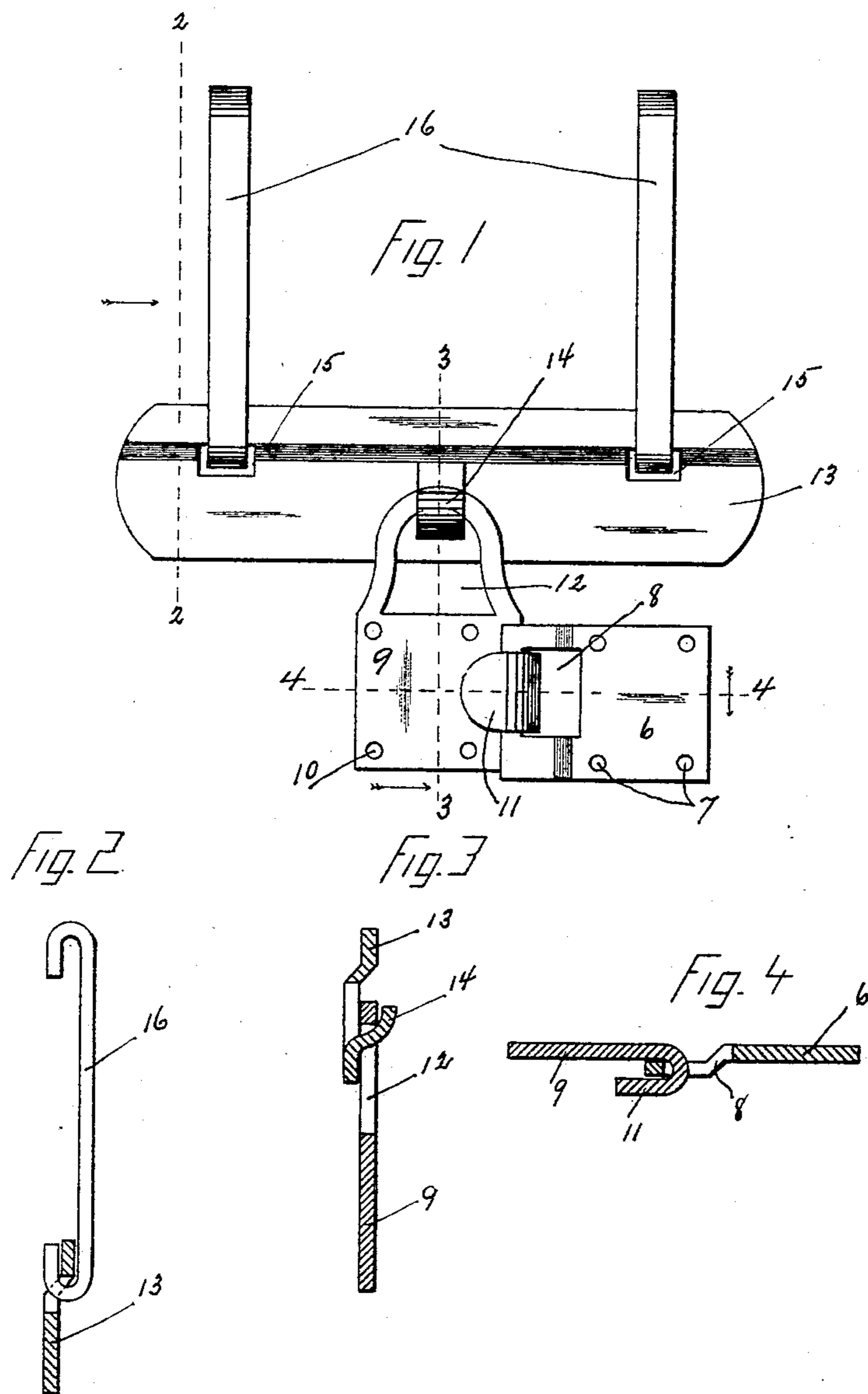
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HARRY V. PADFIELD and JOSEPH F. TUMALTY, citizens of the United States, residing in St. Louis, Missouri, have invented an Improvement in Skirt Fasteners and Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of a skirt fastener and supporter constructed in accordance with the principles of our invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional detail on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional detail on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a sectional detail on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1.

Our object is to construct a skirt fastener and supporter which will hold the ends of the skirt-band together, hold the waist down, and hold the skirt up; and our invention consists of a plate adapted to be attached to one end of the skirt-band and having an opening forming an eye, a second plate adapted to be attached to the opposite end of the skirt-band and having a hook to engage said eye and hold the ends of the skirt-band together and having an opening serving as a second eye, a horizontal bar having a hook at its center to engage said second eye and support the skirt and also hold the waist down, and hooks attached to each end of said horizontal bar and adapted to engage in the eyelets of the corset.

Referring by numerals to the drawings, the plate 6 is adapted to be attached to one end of the skirt-band by sewing through the openings 7 and has an opening 8, forming an eye, which is offset, as shown in Fig. 4. The plate 9 is adapted to be attached to the opposite end of the skirt-band by sewing through the openings 10 and has the hook 11 to engage the eye 8 and hold the ends of the skirt-band together and has the opening 12, forming a second eye. The horizontal bar 13 has a hook 14 projecting from its center to engage the second eye 12 and support the skirt and

also hold the waist down. There are openings 15 in each end of the horizontal bar. The hooks 16 are adapted to engage the eyes of the corset and are connected to the horizontal bar 13 by hooking into the openings 15. The upper part of the horizontal bar is offset, as shown in Fig. 2. The hook 14 is formed by cutting a tongue from the horizontal bar.

As before suggested, the plates 6 and 9 are sewed to the ends of the skirt-band and the hook 14 is attached to the corset. The waist is brought down over the hook 14 and a portion of the material is tucked through the second eye 12, thus holding the waist down by the weight of the skirt. The same result may be accomplished by making an opening in the waist for the hook 14.

The essentials are a hook and eye adapted to connect the ends of the skirt-band and having a second eye and a second hook adapted to be connected to the corset, engaging said second eye.

We claim—

A skirt fastener and supporter consisting of the plate 6 having the openings 7 and the eye 8, said eye being offset; the plate 9 having the openings 10; the hook 11 extending from the plate 9 to engage the eye 8; the second eye having the opening 12 extending upwardly from the plate 9; the horizontal bar 13; the hook 14 projecting from the center of the horizontal bar to engage the eye 12, there being openings 15 in each end of said horizontal bar and the upper part of said horizontal bar being offset outwardly relative to the lower part; and the hook 16 engaging in the openings 15 and designed to engage the eyes of a corset, substantially as specified.

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