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SKIRT SUPPORTER.

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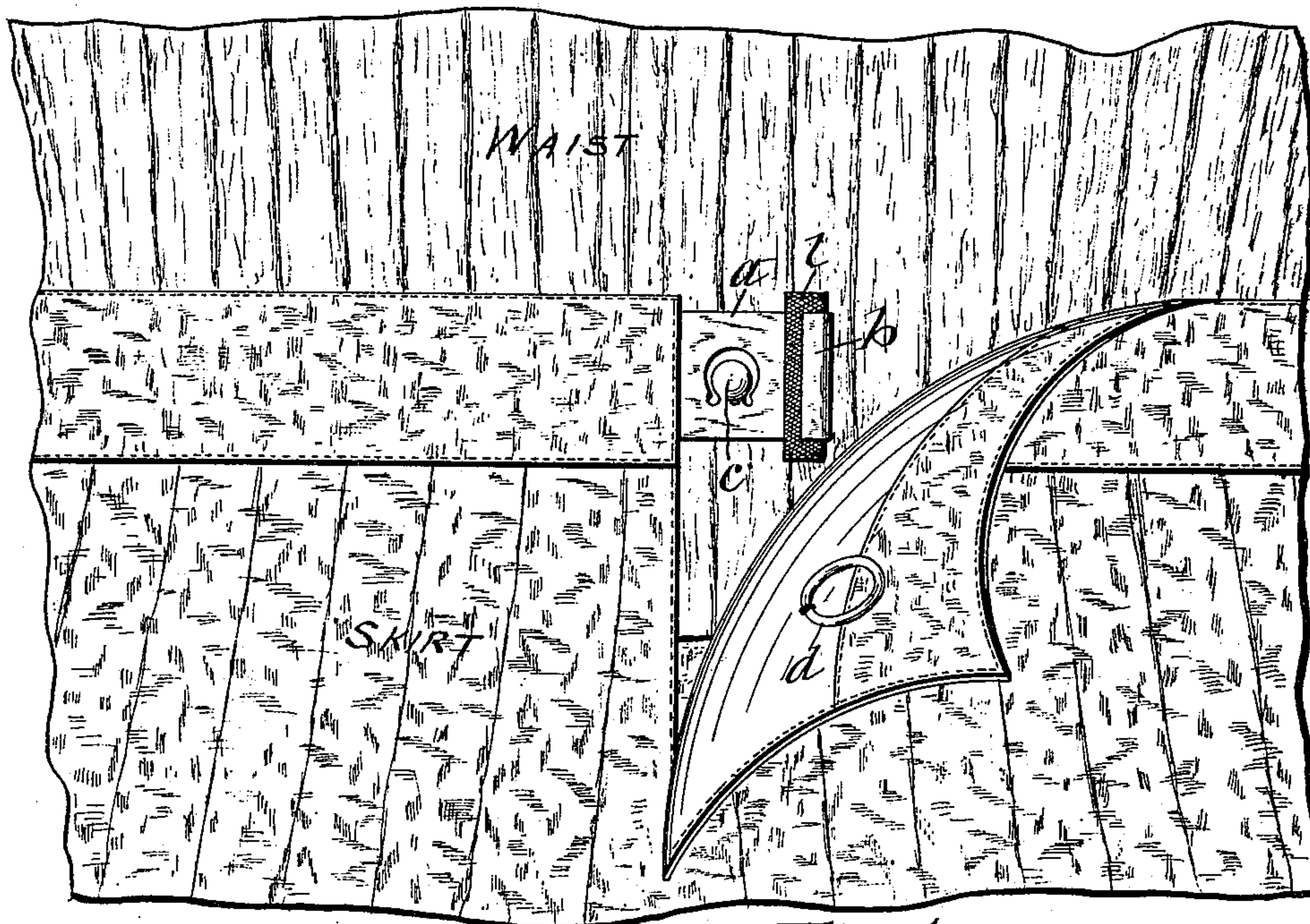


Fig. 1

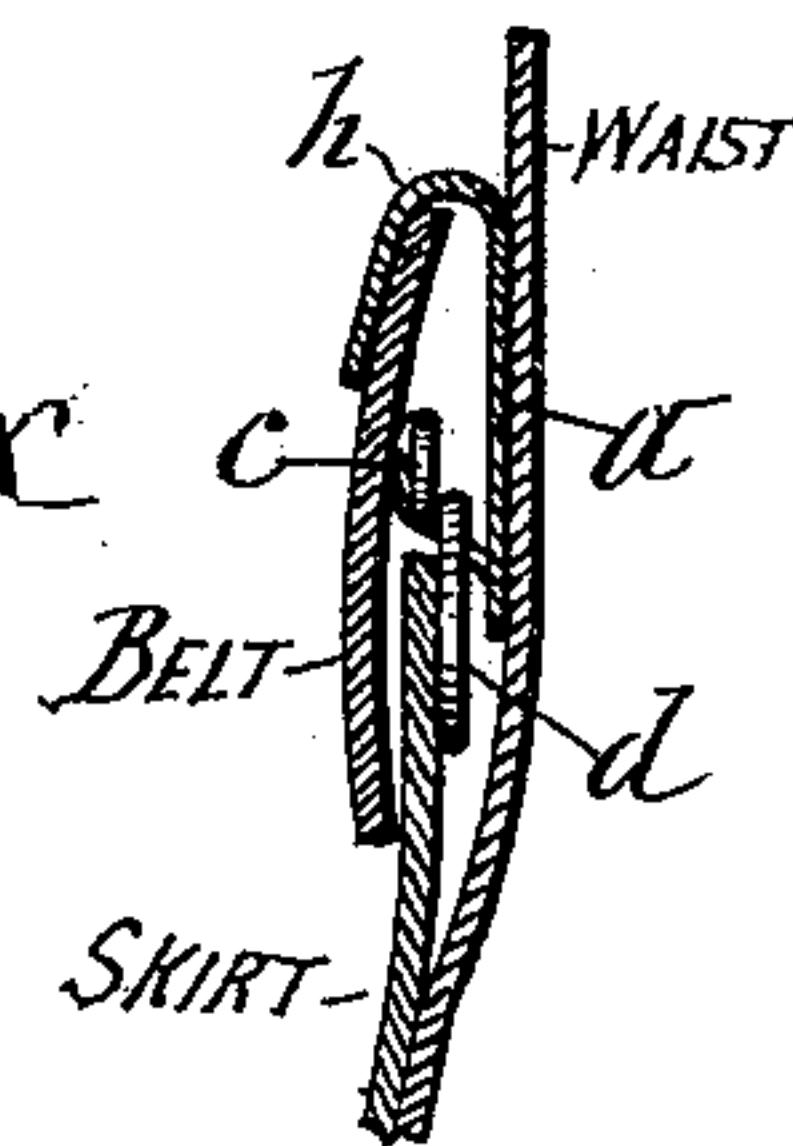
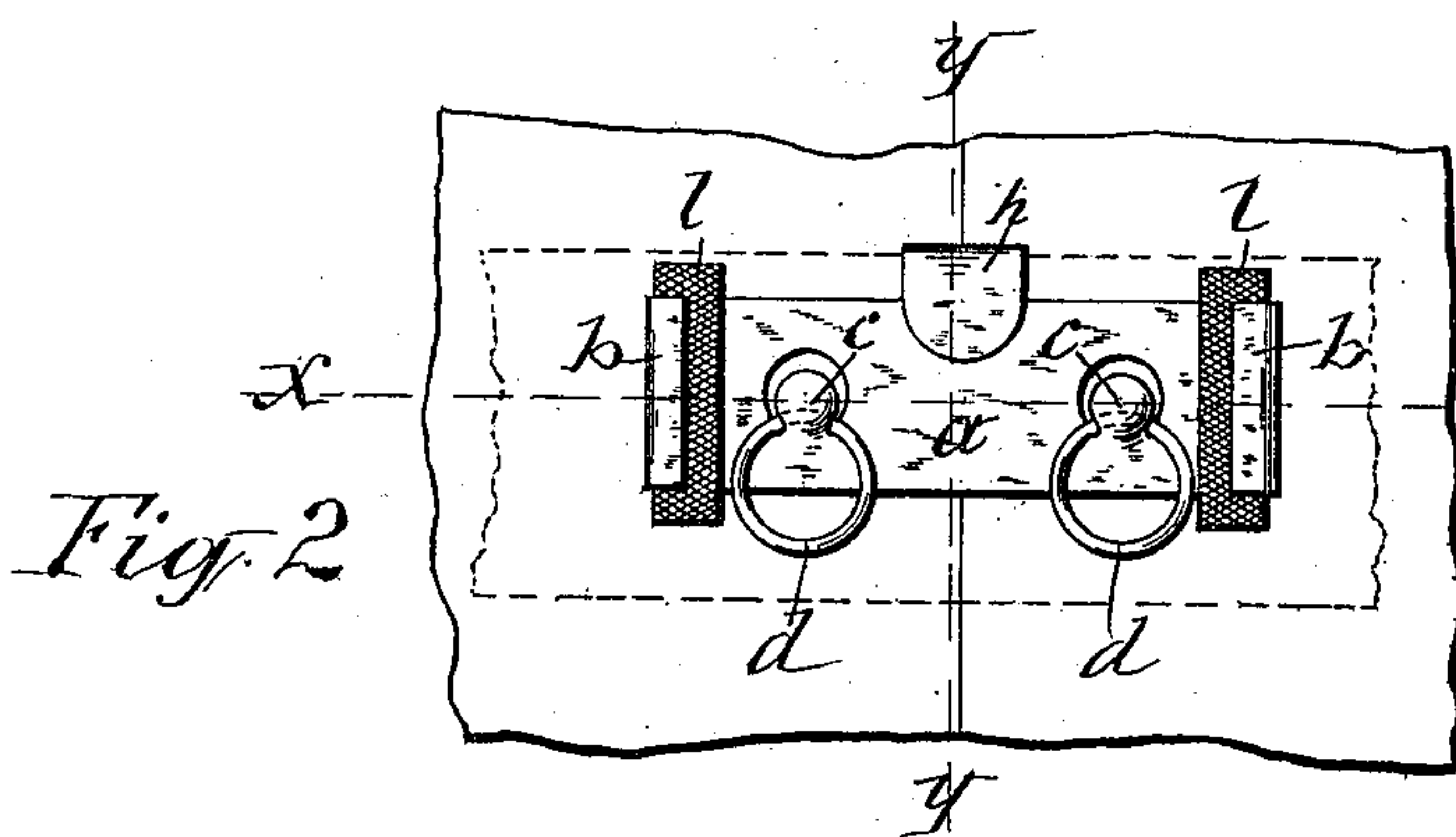


Fig. 4

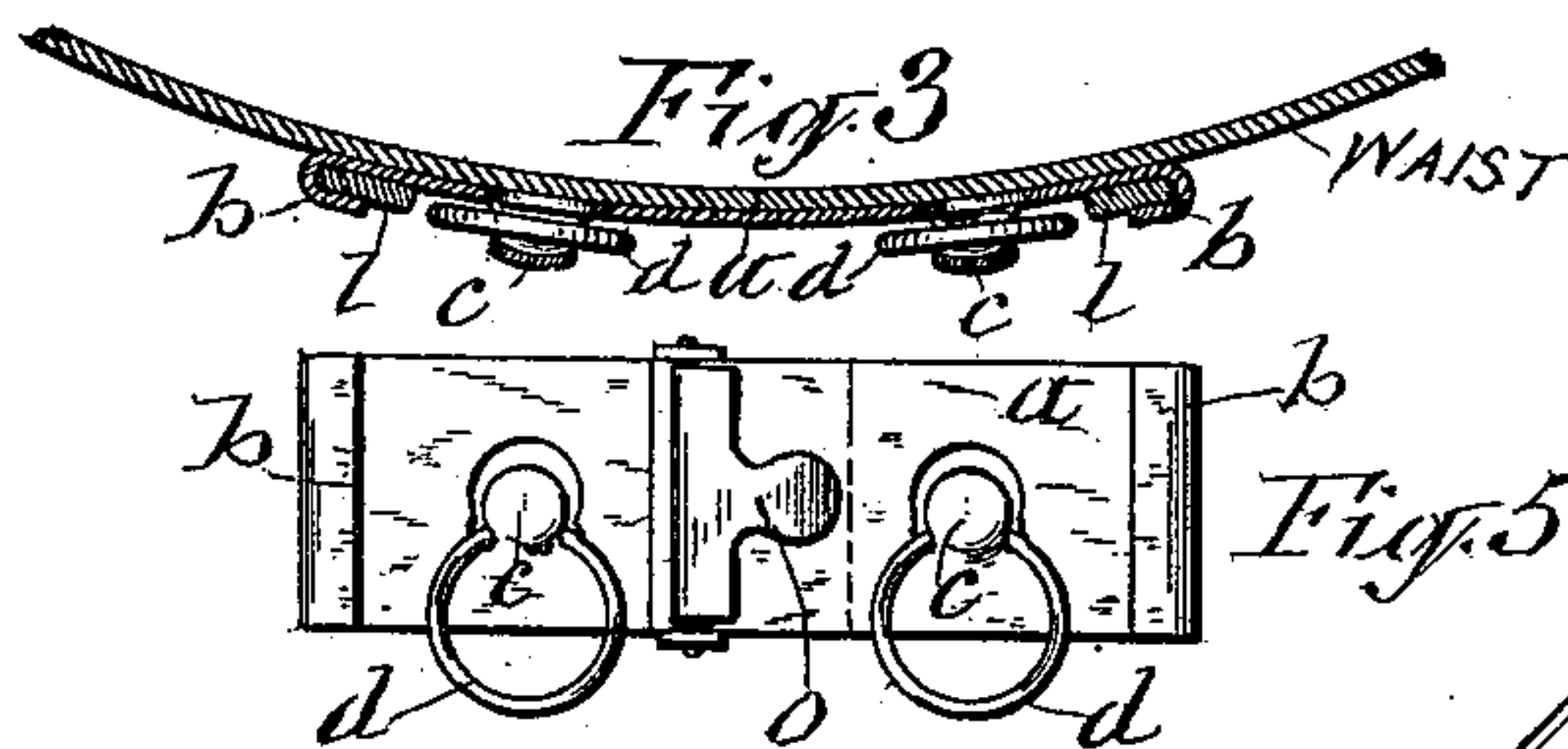
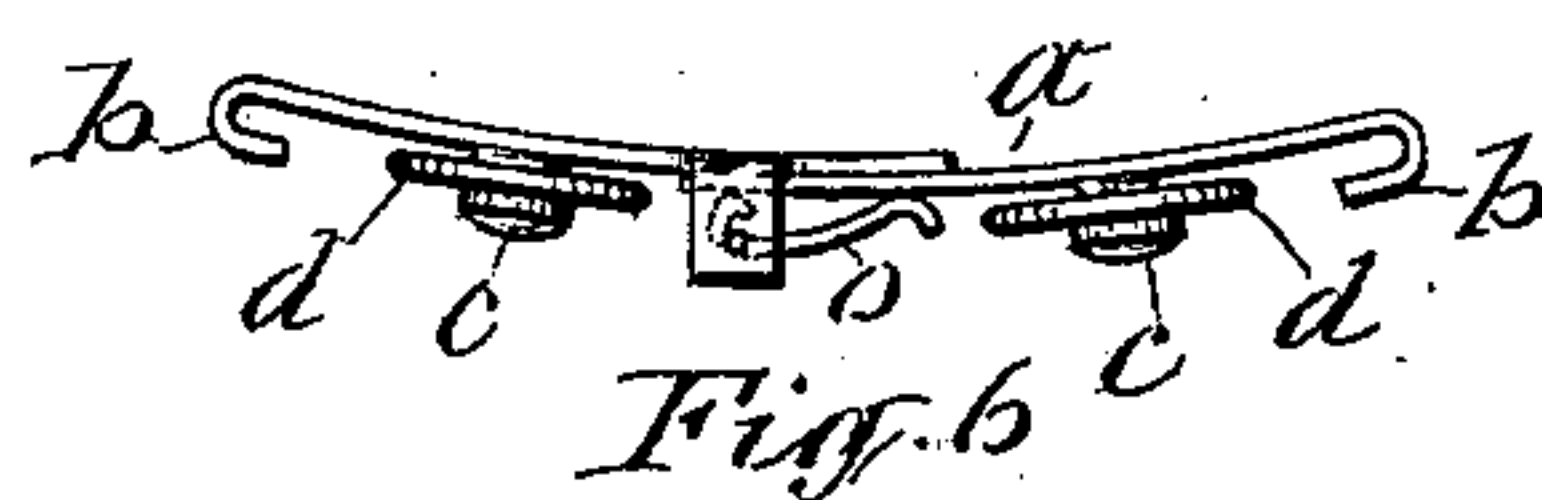


Fig. 5



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SKIRT-SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SYDNEY BENDA, of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful
5 Improvements in Skirt-Supporters, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of this invention is to provide
15 simple, inexpensive, convenient, and efficient means for supporting the skirt on the waist and which shall dispense with pins or spurs or other metallic fastening devices penetrating the garment and tending to tear the same;
15 and to that end the invention consists, essentially, of a plate provided with hooks on opposite ends to engage loops fastened to one of the garments and hooks projecting from the face of the plate, in combination with
20 rings or loops attached to the other garment and hung on said projecting hooks, as hereinafter more fully described, and set forth in the claims.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a face
25 view of my improved skirt-supporter, partly covered by a portion of the skirt connected to said supporter, the belt attachment being omitted. Fig. 2 is a detached face view of the skirt-supporter. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section on line X X with garment connected to the
30 supporter. Fig. 4 is a transverse section on line Y Y, showing the garment connected as aforesaid; and Figs. 5 and 6 are face and edge views, respectively, of further improvements in my skirt-supporter.
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Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

a represents the supporting-plate, which is formed of suitable sheet metal and preferably rectangular-shaped. The two end portions of said plate are bent transversely over the adjacent main portions of the plate, so as to form the hooks *b b*, which are over the same side of the plate and project toward
45 each other. The main portion of said plate, between the hooks *b b*, is provided with two hook-shaped tongues *c c*, preferably stamped up from the plate, so as to maintain them integral with the plate on corresponding ends
50 of the tongues and cause both to project with their free ends in the same direction toward

one of the longitudinal edges of the plate. This edge of the plate is formed with a hook *h* for hanging the plate onto the belt. *d d* denote rings or loops which are to be sewed
55 or securely fastened to the skirt and hung onto the hook-shaped tongues *c c* on the supporting-plate *a*. This plate is secured to the waist by means of loops *l l*, sewed or otherwise suitably attached to the waist and receiving under them the end portions of the
60 plate *a*. The hooks *b b* on the ends of said plate engaging the loops *l l* serve to retain the plate under said loops.

The described supporting-plate is readily
65 stamped out of sheet metal by means of suitable dies and is easily bent into its requisite shape by another set of dies, and thus said plate constitutes a simple and inexpensive article of manufacture.
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The plate *a* may be made expansible by forming it of two end sections which are adjustably clamped together by means of a cam-lever *o*, pivoted to one section and pinching the other section of the plate, or by the
75 suitable clamping devices.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. The combination with the waist having loops fastened thereto, and the skirt, of a skirt-supporter consisting of a plate having
80 its two end portions bent transversely and forming hooks projecting toward each other and engaging said loops, hook-shaped tongues stamped up from the main portion of said plate, and rings secured to skirt and hung on
85 said tongues substantially as described.

2. In a skirt-supporter, an expansible plate comprising two sections and provided with devices for adjustably clamping said sections together, said plate being secured to one gar-
90 ment and formed with hook-shaped tongues stamped up from the main portion of each section, in combination with rings secured to the other garment and hung on said tongues substantially as set forth.
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3. The combination with the waist having loops fastened thereto, and the skirt, of a skirt-supporter consisting of an expansible plate comprising two sections and provided with means for adjustably clamping said sec-
100 tions together, the outer end portion of each section being bent transversely and forming

a hook projecting toward the other hook, which hooks engage the aforesaid loops, a hook-shaped tongue stamped up from the main portion of each section, and rings secured to the other garment and hung on said tongues substantially as set forth.

4. In a skirt-supporter, an expansible plate comprising two sections, a cam-lever pivoted to one section and pinching the other section whereby said sections are adjustably clamped together, said plate being secured to one garment and formed with a hook-shaped tongue stamped up from the main portion of each section, in combination with rings secured to the other garment and hung on said tongues substantially as set forth.

5. The combination with the waist having

loops fastened thereto, and the skirt, of a skirt-supporter consisting of an expansible plate comprising two sections, each bent transversely at its outer end and forming a hook by which said plate is attached to said loops, a cam-lever pivoted to one section and pinching the other section whereby said sections are adjustably clamped together, a hook-shaped tongue stamped up from the main portion of each section, and rings secured to the skirt and hung on said tongues substantially as set forth.

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