

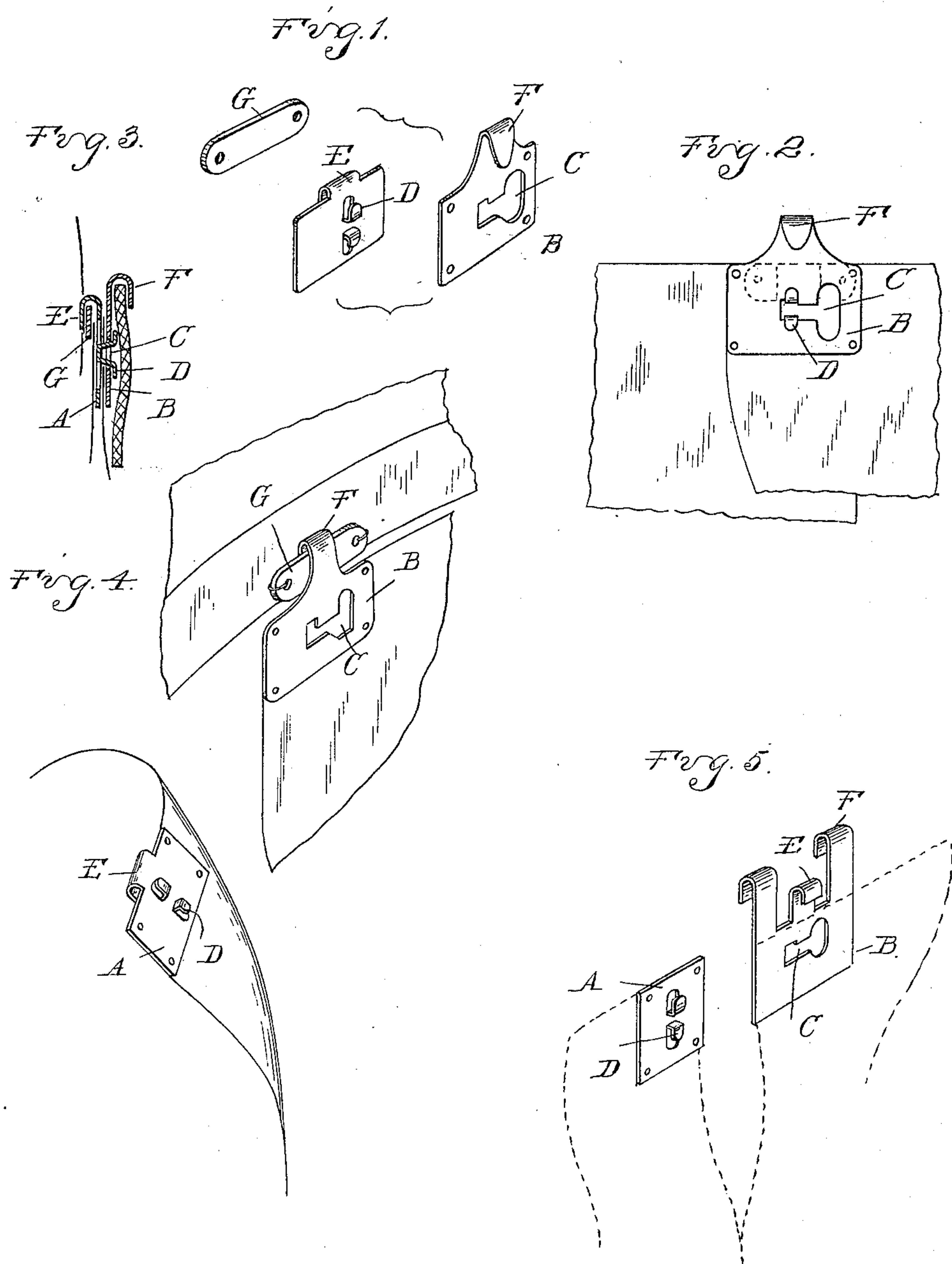
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLEMENT A. DUNBAR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Clasps, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The invention consists in the construction of a combined placket-fastening and skirt-holder which comprises two members adapted to be secured, respectively, to the opposite ends of the skirt-band upon opposite sides of the placket-opening, these members carrying oppositely-turned vertical hooks adapted to engage an eye or bearing upon the waist and to engage over the belt, respectively, the two members being provided with interlocking means to close the placket-opening, all as more fully hereinafter described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention, showing the parts detached in position for engagement. Fig. 2 is an elevation showing the parts interlocked as in use, the waist and belt not being shown. Fig. 3 is a vertical section through the parts as in use, one hook engaging with an eye or bearing on the outside of the waist and the other hook engaging over the belt. Fig. 4 is a perspective view looking from the inside and showing the two edges of the skirt-band with my invention applied thereto, in this case the device engaging an eye or bar on the inside of the waist. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a slightly-modified form of the two parts.

A and B are two members adapted to be secured to opposite ends of the skirt-band and having interlocking means to detachably secure them together. The interlocking means I have shown in this case is formed by a T-shaped opening C in the plate B and the oppositely-bent hooks D on the plate A, adapted to be engaged in the slot C and be locked therein by endwise movement, as will be plainly seen by inspecting the drawings, the parts being shown locked, as in Fig. 2, the parts thus far described forming, in effect, a hook and eye for simply holding the placket-opening closed. I desire to add to this hook and eye means which may be adapted to connect the skirt with the waist, so as to hold on the waist and support the skirt and means to engage over the belt of the wearer, so as to

hold the belt in proper relation to the waist. These means consist of the two oppositely-turned hooks E and F, preferably on different planes—that is, at different heights, as shown in Fig. 1. In Fig. 1 I have shown these hooks, one on each of the members A and B. They may be arranged, however, although I do not think it as a desirable structure, on a single member, as shown, for instance, in Fig. 5, where I have shown two hooks F turned outward for engagement with the belt, arranged at opposite ends of the member B, and a single hook E in the middle turned inwardly for engagement with the bearing, such as G, secured to the waist on the outside, as will be plainly seen by examining Fig. 3. In case of a side-opening skirt an ordinary hook and eye may be used at the side to engage the band together, and the plate B, as shown in Fig. 5, arranged at the back, with its double hooks to support the skirt on the waist and the other to engage the belt.

In Fig. 4 I have shown my device as in use when the wearer uses the eye or bar G on the inside of the waist. In this construction the inner hook may be, if desired, engaged with an eye or bearing on the corset-waist, and while I have shown the specific form of my device I do not wish to be limited thereto, as I believe I am the first to construct a device of this kind consisting of the two members adapted to be interlocked and having oppositely turned vertical hooks for the purpose described.

What I claim as my invention is—

A combined placket-fastener and skirt-holder, consisting of a supporting-plate attachable to the waist, and two complementary buckle-plates or members, one of said plates carrying a hook adapted to engage over the supporting-plate and having an eye formed therein below the hook, and the complementary plate terminating at its top in an oppositely-turned belt-hook and having formed thereon a double hook adapted to engage with the eye.

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

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