

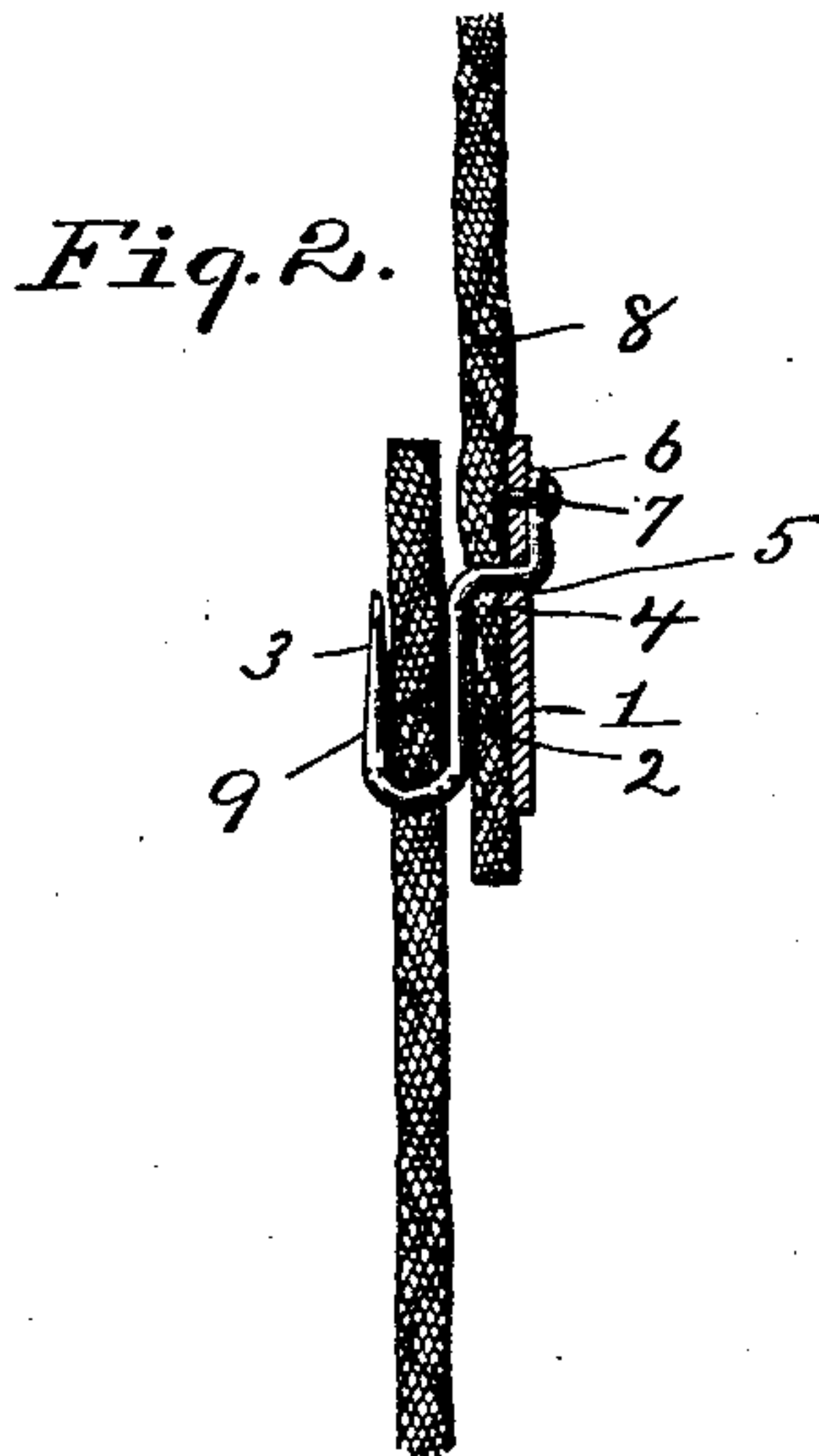
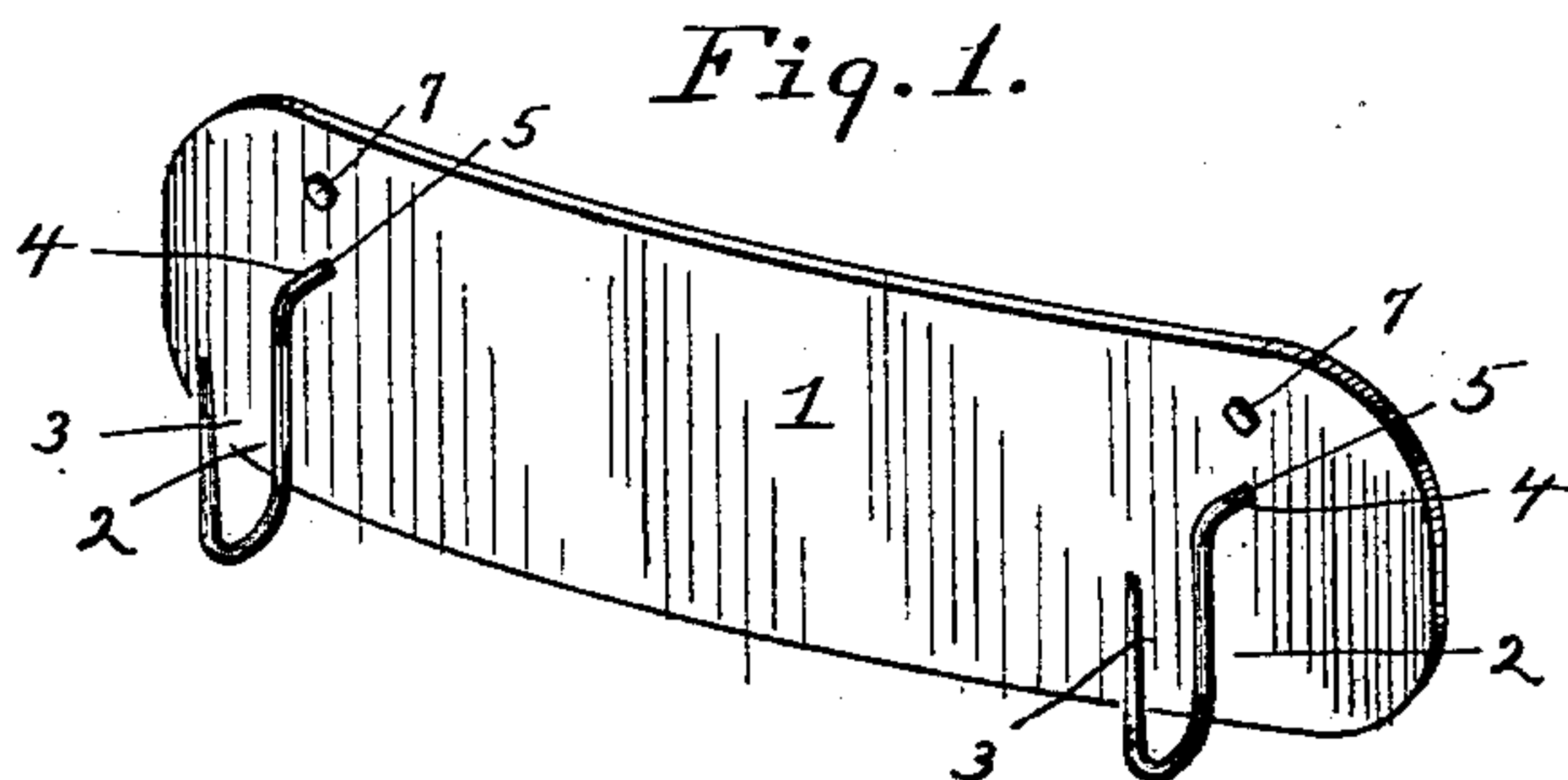
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## SKIRT-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY E. GROVE, a resident of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Skirt-Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a skirt-supporter and waist-holder, and has for its object a device of this character which is simple in construction, inexpensive to make, which will require no preparation of the waist or skirt before applying the same, which will securely hold the two garments in proper relation to each other, which can be easily applied or removed, which has no inwardly-projecting prongs or protuberances to inconvenience the wearer, and which will dispense with a belt or other securing means, except as the same may be used to cover and conceal the band of the skirt.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the skirt-supporter; and Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the same, showing its application to the waist and skirt.

The skirt-supporter comprises a plate 1, which is made of thin flexible metal which will readily bend to conform to the contour of the figure and is preferably made of aluminium, which by reason of its lightness, flexibility, and non-corrosive qualities make it specially desirable for this purpose. This plate is of convenient width and length, preferably about three to three and one-half inches long and about an inch wide. To this plate are secured two hooks 2, the same being formed of suitable nickel-plated wire to prevent the same from corroding. These hooks are provided with the sharp upturned points 3, and at their base are provided with the horizontal projections or necks 4, which extend through suitable openings 5, formed in the plate, and have their outer ends turned up and flattened, as at 6, and secured to the inner upper side of the plate in any convenient manner, such as by means of the rivets 7. The horizontal portion of neck 4 is of such length that when the portion 6 is secured to the plate this neck will hold the body of the hook 2 a suitable distance in

front of the plate 1, thereby leaving a space between the plate 1 and the body of the hook 2 for the waist, so that the latter supports the hook and plate by means of this neck or horizontal portion 4.

In the use of the device the hooks 2 are passed through the waist 8, as shown in Fig. 2, so that the plate 1 lies on the inside thereof, and the waist engages the necks or horizontal portions 4, while the bodies of the hooks lie outside of the waist. The band of the skirt 9 is then hooked upon the projecting points 3, as shown in Fig. 2. It will be readily seen that with this simple device the waist is held against rising, while the skirt is firmly supported against sagging. To complete the finish, a belt will be placed over the skirt-band, and thereby conceal the ends of the hooks as well as the skirt-band. By reason of the upwardly-extending portion 6 of the hooks bearing against the inner upper edges of the plate 1—that is, the device being supported by the necks or horizontal portions 4—it tends to turn about these as a center, thereby causing the upper edge of the plate 1 to tip forward and bear against the waist. The weight of the skirt therefore is not directly down upon the necks 4 of the hooks, which might tend to tear through the waist, but is to a considerable extent borne by the flat surface of the plate 1 bearing against the inside of the waist.

The device is exceedingly simple and cheap to manufacture and at the same time is easy to apply to the waist and skirt, no previous preparation of the garments being required, and firmly and securely holds them in position.

If desired, the fastener may be secured to the corset instead of the waist, the application in that case being precisely the same as to the waist.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a combined waist and skirt holder comprising a thin flat plate having hooks secured thereto, said hooks extending outwardly from said plate whereby necks or offsets are formed, and said hook then extending downwardly and being bent outwardly and upwardly and being provided with sharpened points, where-



by said hooks are adapted to be passed through the waist with the body of the hooks lying in front of the same and the plate lying against the inside of said waist.

5 2. As a new article of manufacture, a combined waist and skirt holder comprising a thin flat plate provided with holes, and hooks projecting through said holes and having their rear ends turned upward and secured to  
10 the inner upper side of said plate, said hooks extending outwardly from the outer face of the plate whereby necks or offsets are formed, said hooks then extending downwardly and being bent outwardly and upwardly and pro-  
15 vided with sharpened points, whereby said hooks are adapted to be passed through the waist with the body of the hooks lying in front of the same and the plate lying against the inner side of the waist.

20 3. As a new article of manufacture, a com-

bined waist and skirt holder comprising a thin flat plate provided with holes, and hooks projecting through said holes and having their inner ends turned upward and flattened, rivets for securing said upturned ends to the  
25 plate, said hooks projecting outwardly from the outer face of the plate whereby necks or offsets are formed, and then extending downwardly and being bent outwardly and upwardly and having sharpened points, whereby  
30 said hooks are adapted to be passed through the waist and have their bodies lie in front of the same and the plate lying against the inner surface of the waist.

In testimony whereof I, the said MARY E. GROVE, have hereunto set my hand.

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