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Fig. 1.

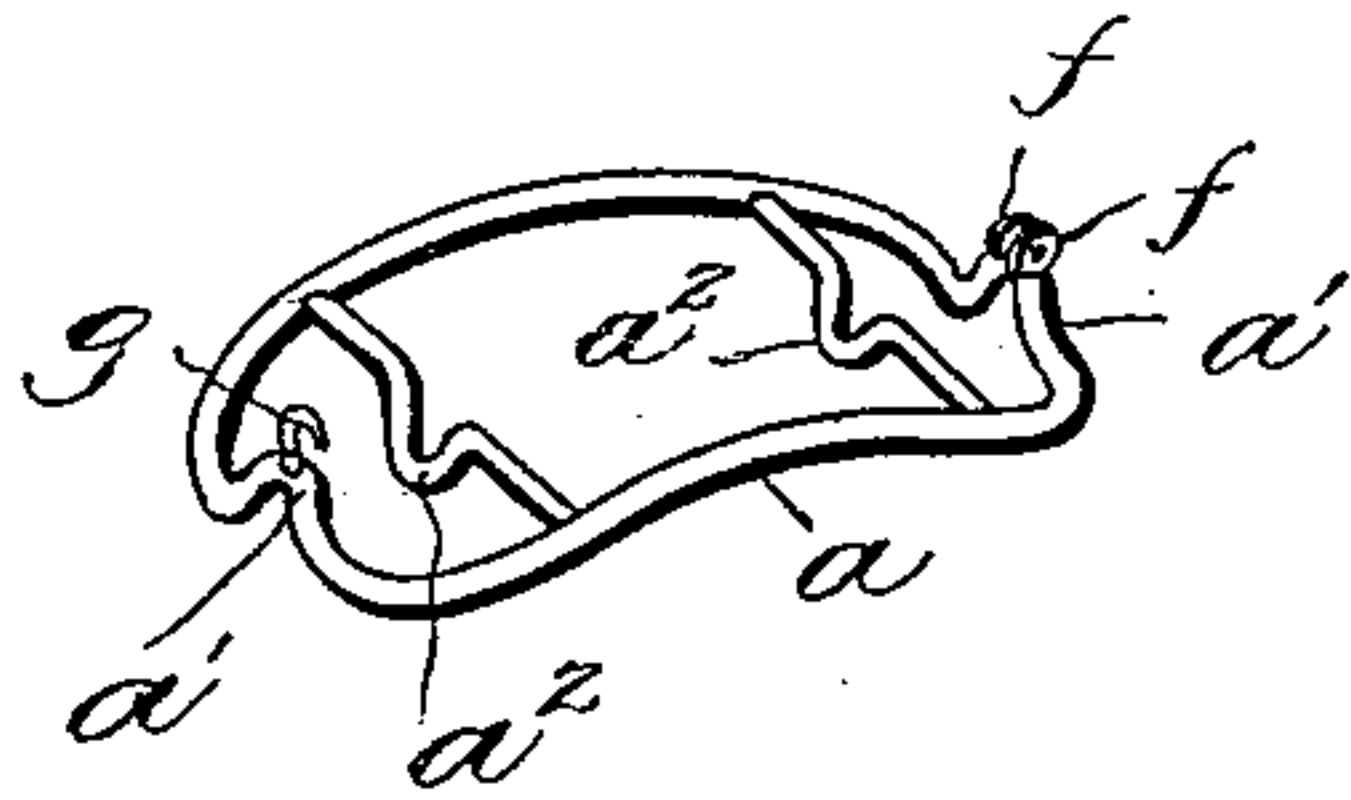


Fig. 2.

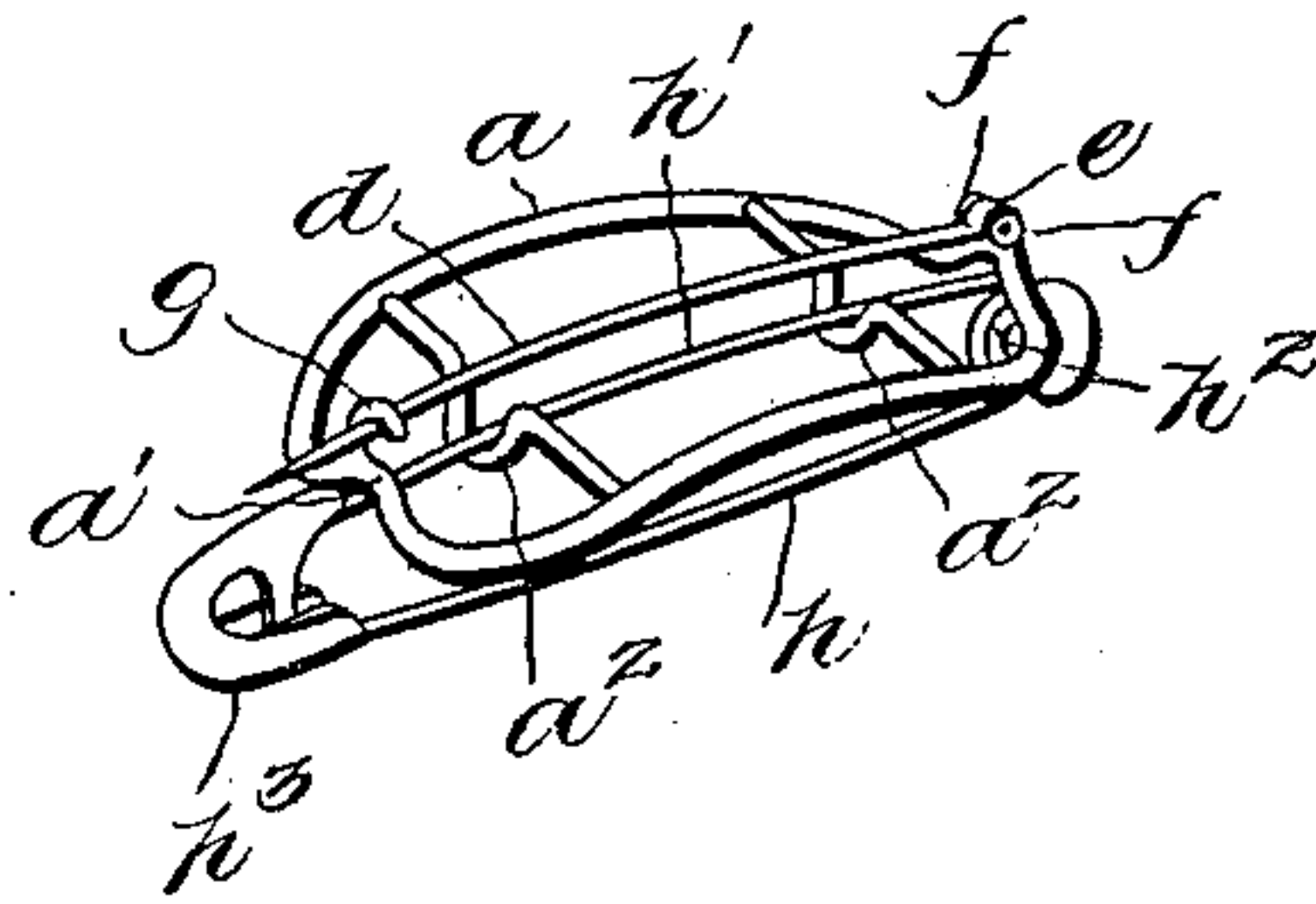


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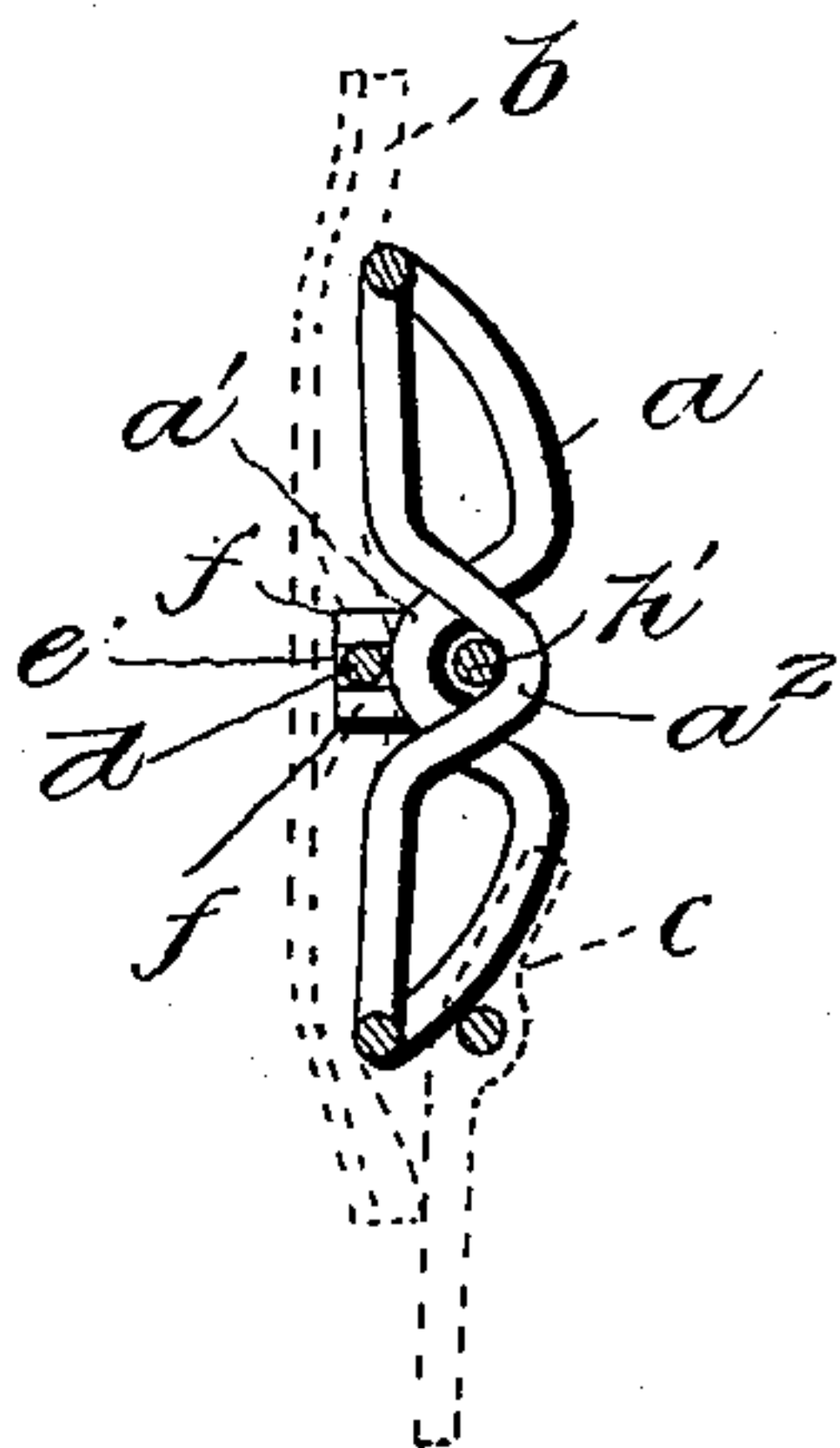


Fig. 4.

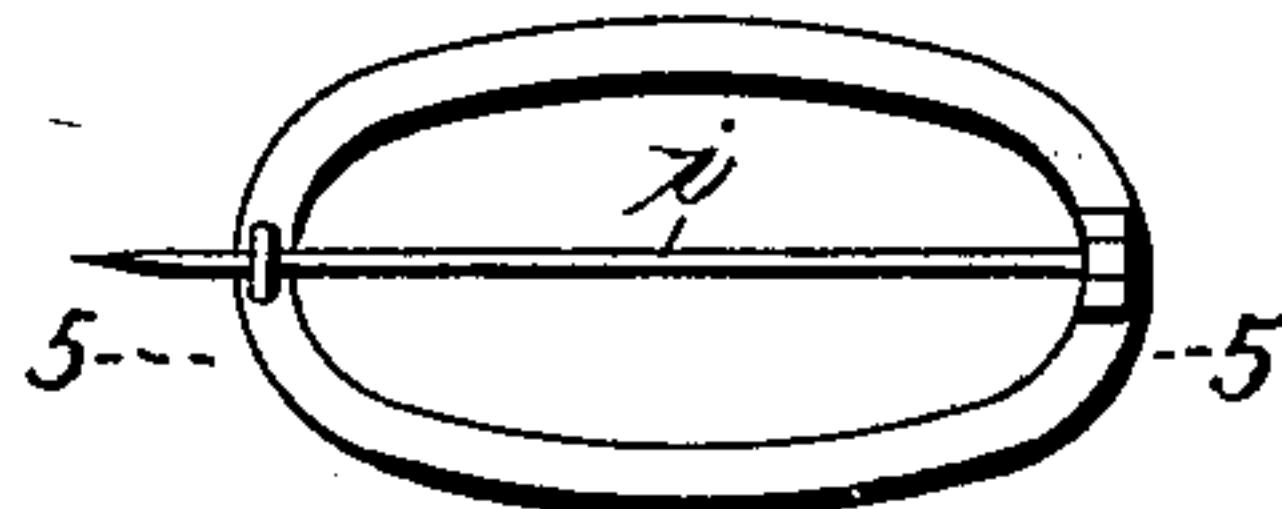
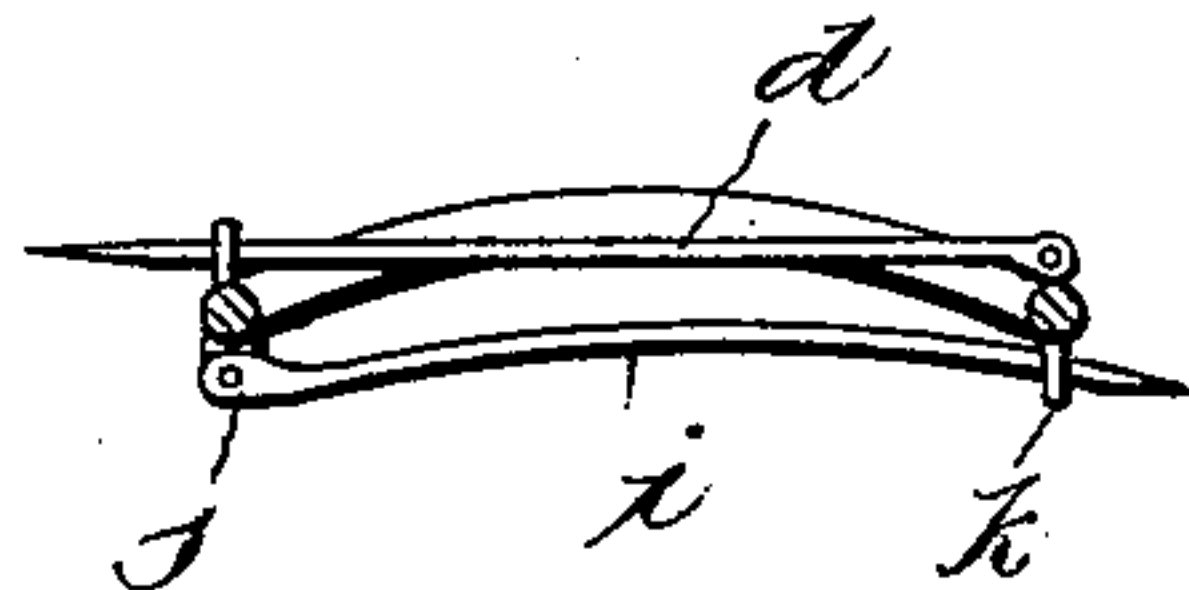


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY R. BARRY, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a simple and effective device for securing the rear portion of an apparel-belt to the rear portion of the waistband of a skirt in such manner that the attaching device shall be practically invisible and covered by the belt.

The invention consists in the improvements which I will now proceed to describe and claim.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the frame or pin-holding portion of my improved garment-supporter, the pins being removed. Fig. 2 represents a similar view of a complete supporter embodying my invention. Fig. 3 represents an enlarged transverse section of the same, showing the belt and the skirt-waistband on dotted lines. Fig. 4 represents an inner side view of a different form of fastener embodying my invention. Fig. 5 represents a section in line 5 5, Fig. 4.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all the drawings.

My improved garment-supporter comprises a frame *a*, formed to be interposed between a belt *b* and the waistband *c* of a skirt. The frame is provided at its outer side with a pin adapted to engage the belt and at its inner side with another pin adapted to engage the waistband, the form and arrangement of said parts being such that they are concealed, or practically so, by the belt when in use.

In the embodiment of my invention shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3 the outer or belt-engaging pin *d* is hinged at *e* to ears *f f*, formed on one end of the frame, the other end of the frame having a catch *g* for the pin. The inner pin *h* is the pin member of an ordinary safety-pin, which comprises the back member *h'*, the coil *h²*, connecting the members *h* and *h'*, and the guard member *h³*, affixed to one end of the member *h'* and formed to receive the pointed end of the pin member *h*. The said safety-

pin is engaged with the frame *a* by means of outwardly - projecting loops *a'* on the end cross-bars of the frame and inwardly-projecting loops *a²* on intermediate cross-bars, said loops being formed and relatively arranged to receive the back member *h'*, as shown in Fig. 2. The said back member is adapted to turn freely in the loops *a'* *a²*, so that the pin *h* may hang downwardly and lie beside the lower longitudinal bar of the frame, as shown in Fig. 3, thus reducing the thickness of the supporter to the minimum.

In using the described device the pin *d* is first engaged with the belt, and then the pin *h* is engaged with the waistband. When the belt is in place, it covers the frame and its pins, the belt being made of such thickness that the pin *d* may be engaged with it without appearing on the outer surface of the belt.

In Figs. 4 and 5 I show the frame provided with an outer belt-engaging pin *d*, similar to that above described, and an inner skirt-engaging pin *i*, which is hinged at *j* to one end of the frame, the opposite end of the frame having a catch *k* for said pin.

The frame *a* is preferably curved longitudinally, as shown on Fig. 5, to accommodate it to the curvature of the wearer's back. The pin *i* may be correspondingly curved.

In both forms shown the frame or pin-holder is laterally extended in area, so as to rest flat against the inner garment, and thereby steady the outer pin, which is hinged thereto, and therefore cannot roll or turn to inconvenient positions for manipulation.

I claim—

1. A garment-supporter comprising two parallel pins and an interposed frame supporting said pins, the frame being curved longitudinally to conform to the back of the wearer and the pins extending lengthwise of the frame, whereby the device may be attached by one pin to a belt with the frame concealed by said belt, the pin on the opposite side of the frame being supported in position to be engaged with a waistband.

2. A garment-supporter comprising a frame or pin-holder formed to be interposed between a waist-belt and the body of the wearer, and having at its outer side a pin adapted to en-

gage the belt, and two sets of cross-bars, the bars of one set having outwardly-projecting loops, while the bars of the other set have inwardly - projecting loops, said loops being
5 formed and relatively arranged to hold and permit the lateral oscillation of a safety-pin at the inner side of the frame.

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

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