

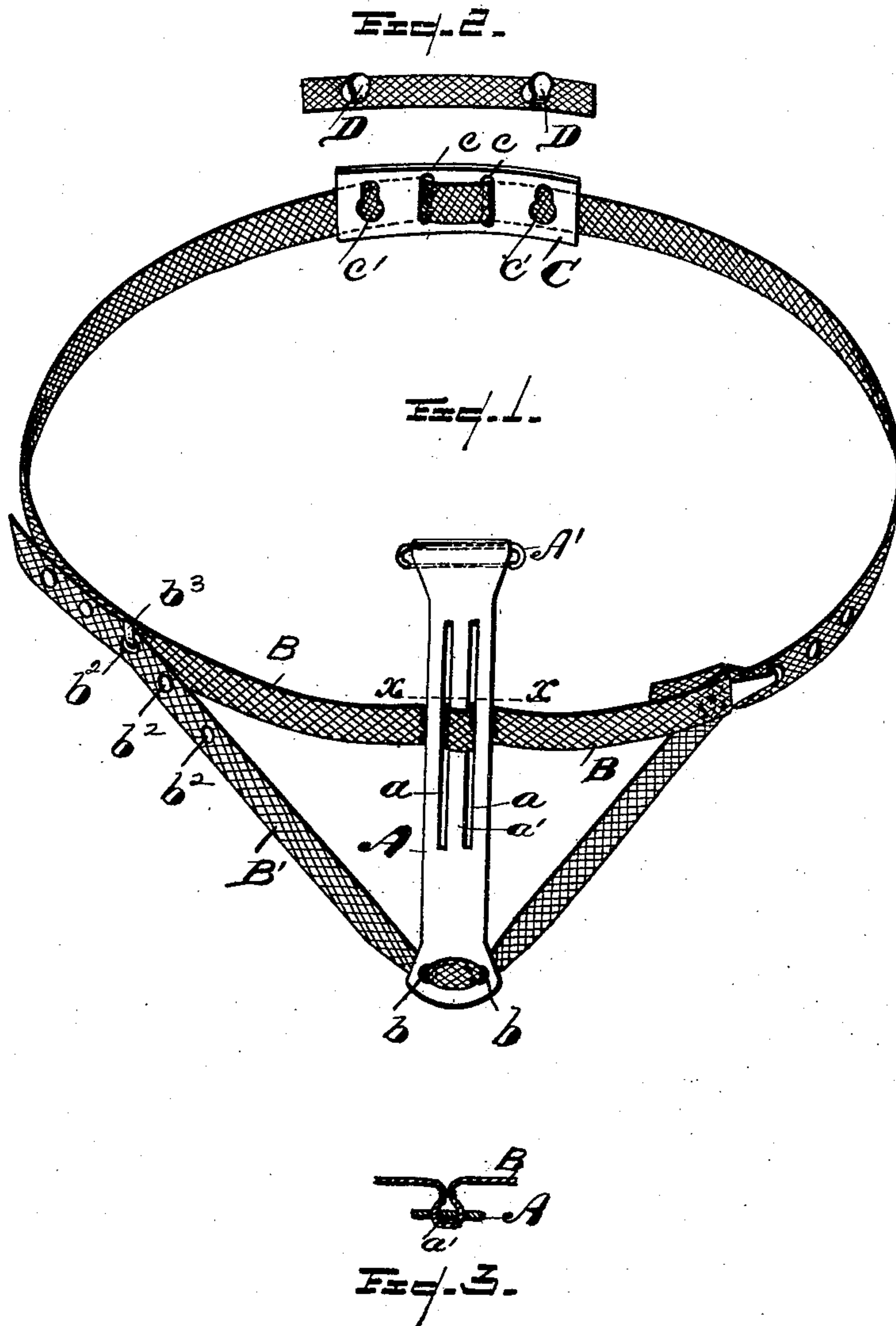
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MINNIE C. BECKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Skirt-Supporters and Waist-Distenders; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in waist-distenders, in combination with means for holding the waist in position at the back and supporting the skirt, as shown in the accompanying drawings and more particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the device as it would appear when in use. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the hooks which are designed to be attached to the skirt and to the back of the shirt-waist. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view on line *x x* of Fig. 1.

My invention is designed to insure the long-waist effect now in vogue by means which can not be accidentally disengaged or displaced and which is capable of adjustment to the requirements of the wearer; at the same time providing means to hold the waist down in the back and support the skirt.

Referring to the letters of reference employed in the drawings, A represents a metallic strip to which is secured at the top a safety-pin A', by means of which the strip is attached to the front of the corset or other article of apparel.

a a are parallel longitudinal slits cut in the strip A, through which the belt B passes. The belt B is preferably looped around the middle bar *a'* of the strip A and sewed, as shown in Fig. 3, to insure it against disengagement, but permitting the strip A to be adjusted higher or lower with reference to the belt, as the requirements of the case demand.

B' is a strap secured to the belt at one end and engaged with the strip A by passing through two eyelets *b b*, provided for that purpose at the lower end of the strip A, the strap being provided with eyelets *b²* or other means of engaging it to the fastening device *b³* on the belt

B. The belt B is also provided with suitable fastening devices, consisting, preferably, of a hook and a series of eyelets, as shown in the drawings, and means whereby it may be adjusted for waists of different sizes.

C is a plate provided with slots *c c*, through which the belt B passes, whereby a sliding engagement of the same is obtained, and *c' c'* are eyelets in the plate C, whereby hooks D D, attached to a piece of tape of suitable length, as shown in Fig. 2, and secured to the waist, may engage the plate C and hold the waist down in the back. So, also, similar hooks may be attached to the skirt-band adapted to engage the upper edge of the plate C for supporting the skirt.

It will be seen that by making the plate C adjustable on the belt B it can be moved so as to register with the hooks secured to the waist or skirt. Two or more of the plates C may be employed, if desired.

To put the device to use the belt is caused to encircle the waist and its ends engaged. The strip A is then adjusted so that the lower end marks the lowermost position of the waist-line in front. It is then pinned to the corset. The strap B' is then engaged with the belt B and the strip adjusted so as to stand upright. The plate C is adjusted at the back so as to receive the hooks on the skirt and waist, as before explained. The waistband is now tucked under the strap B' and under the lower end of the strip A. It will thus be seen that the lower line of the shirt-waist will conform to the line produced by the belt B and the strap B', drawn from the lower point of the strip A, thus insuring the waist-line following the line demanded by the present mode.

What I claim is—

1. In a shirt-waist distender the combination with a belt of a metallic distending-plate provided at one end with means for attaching it to a corset or other garment and midway with an elongated slot with which the belt is engaged, said slot of greater length than the width of the belt, substantially as described.

2. In a shirt-waist distender the combination with a belt of a metallic distending-plate provided at its upper end with means for engaging it to a corset or other garment, and midway between the ends with an elongated

slot through which the belt passes, said slot of greater length than the width of the belt, and tapes connecting the lower end of the distending-plate with the belt, substantially as described.

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3. In a shirt-waist distender, the combination of a metallic distending-plate provided at one end with a suitable safety-pin for attaching it to a corset or other garment and
10 midway with an elongated slot with which the

belt is engaged, said slot of greater length than the width of the belt, and tapes connecting the lower end of the distending-plate with the belt, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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