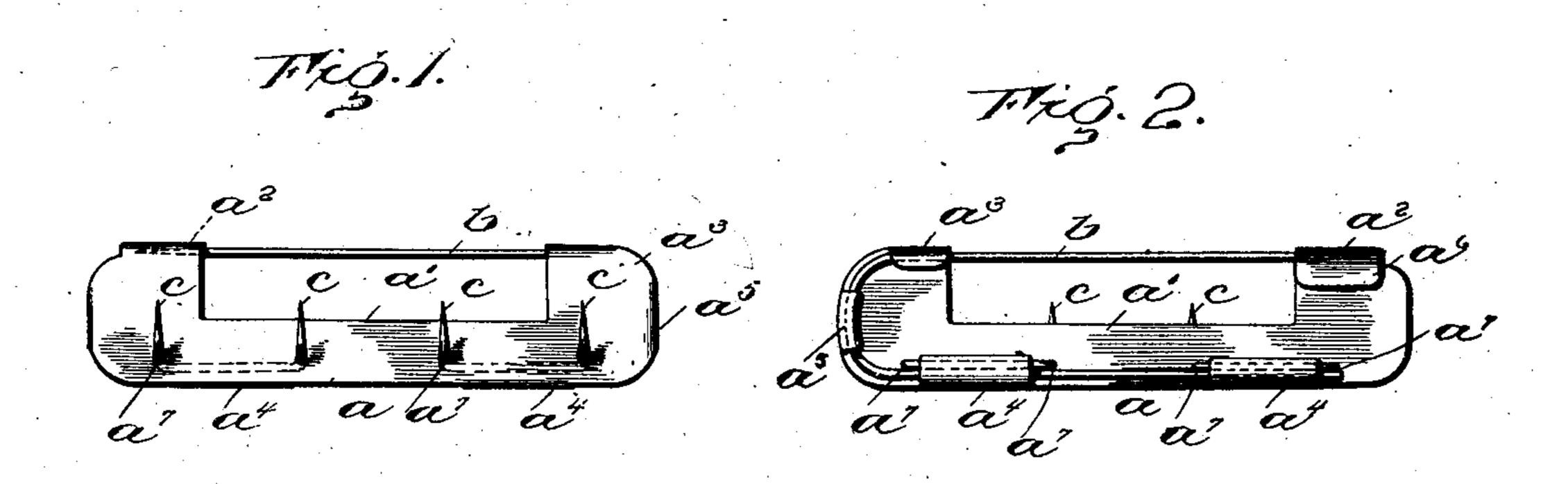
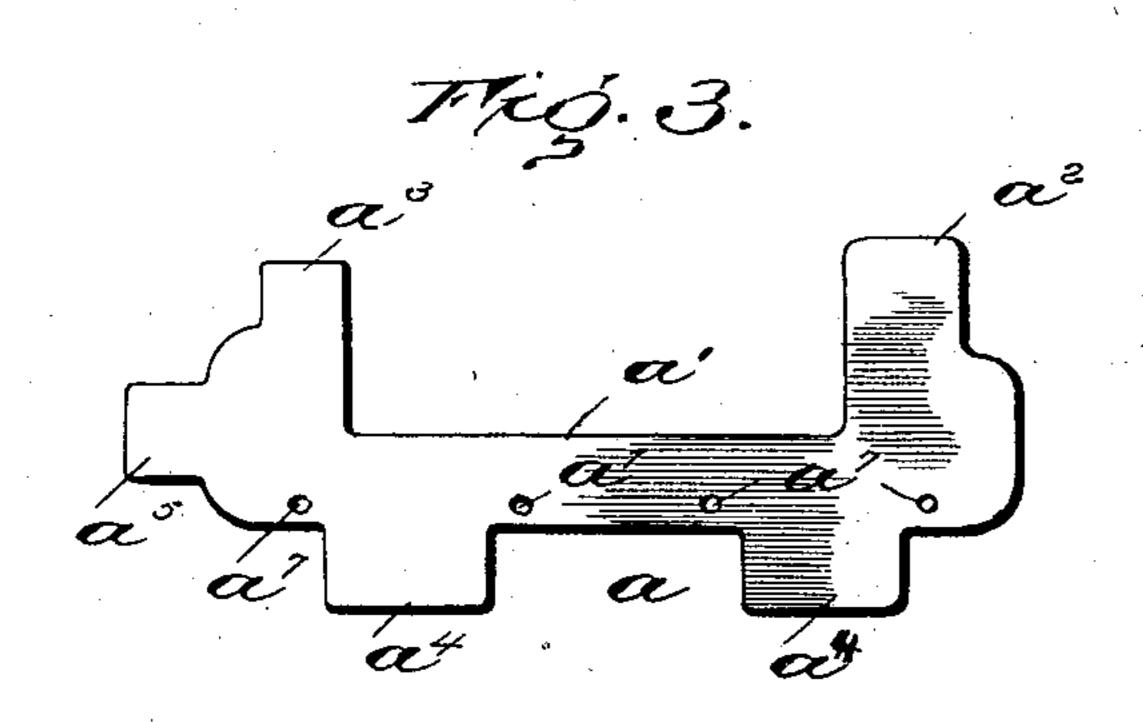
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## PIN FOR SUPPORTING SKIRTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HAIDEE MILLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fremont, in the county of Sandusky and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pins for Supporting Skirts; and I do hereby 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in devices for supporting skirts and similar garments; and its object is to provide a simple and effective device that can be securely fastened to a shirt-waist and upon which a skirt or skirts may be fastened to support the same.

The invention consists generally of the novel combination and general arrangement and peculiar construction of the several parts, as will be hereinafter described, and stated in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved device. Fig. 2 is a rear view; Fig. 3, a plan view of the blank forming the body portion of the device, and Fig. 4 a person spective view of one of the pairs of hooks.

Referring to the several views, the letter a indicates a metal plate from which a portion of the metal is cut away, as at a', to form upwardly-projecting ears  $a^2$  and  $a^3$ . The lower edge of the plate a is provided with integral tangs  $a^4$   $a^4$ , which perform a double function, as will be hereinafter explained.

Secured to the rear face of the plate is a pin b, consisting of a single piece of spring
wire bent over upon itself and having one of its arms firmly secured to the plate by bending the tangs a<sup>4</sup> a<sup>4</sup> over upon it. To provide the pin with the proper spring-like action, a tang a<sup>5</sup> is formed at one end of the plate and bent over upon the pin and confines its free arm to the plate. a<sup>6</sup> is a suitable tang which

is bent over to form a catch for the free end of the pin.

Secured to the lower portion of the plate are a plurálity of pointed hooks cccc, preferably 50 made in pairs in the form of staples from a single piece of wire, as shown in Fig. 4. Instead of in pairs these hooks may be made single, as is evident. The pointed ends of the hooks are passed through holes  $a^7$  in the 55 plate a and being properly bent have their points extending upward preferably a slight distance above the edge of the cut-away portion, so as to permit the ready adjustment of the skirt upon the hooks, which is facilitated 60 by their relation to the said cut-away portion. The hooks are secured against accidental displacement by means of the bent-over tangs  $a^4$ , which inclose the body or horizontal portion of the hooks, as well as of the pin, and 65 hold them in their proper position. Thus it will be seen that the tangs  $a^4$  perform a double function.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

As an article of manufacture, a skirt-supporter, consisting of a metal plate having a portion of its metal cut away to form upwardly-extending ears, one of said ears being provided with a catch for the free end of the 75 pin, said plate being also provided with tangs projecting from its lower edge, a pin formed of a single piece of spring-wire, and a plurality of pointed hooks near the bottom of said plate and extending upward slightly 80 above the edge of said cut-away portion, whereby an easy and ready adjustment of the skirt-band on said hooks may be had, said pin and hooks being secured to the plate by bending the lower projecting tangs over 85 upon the rear face of said plate.

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

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