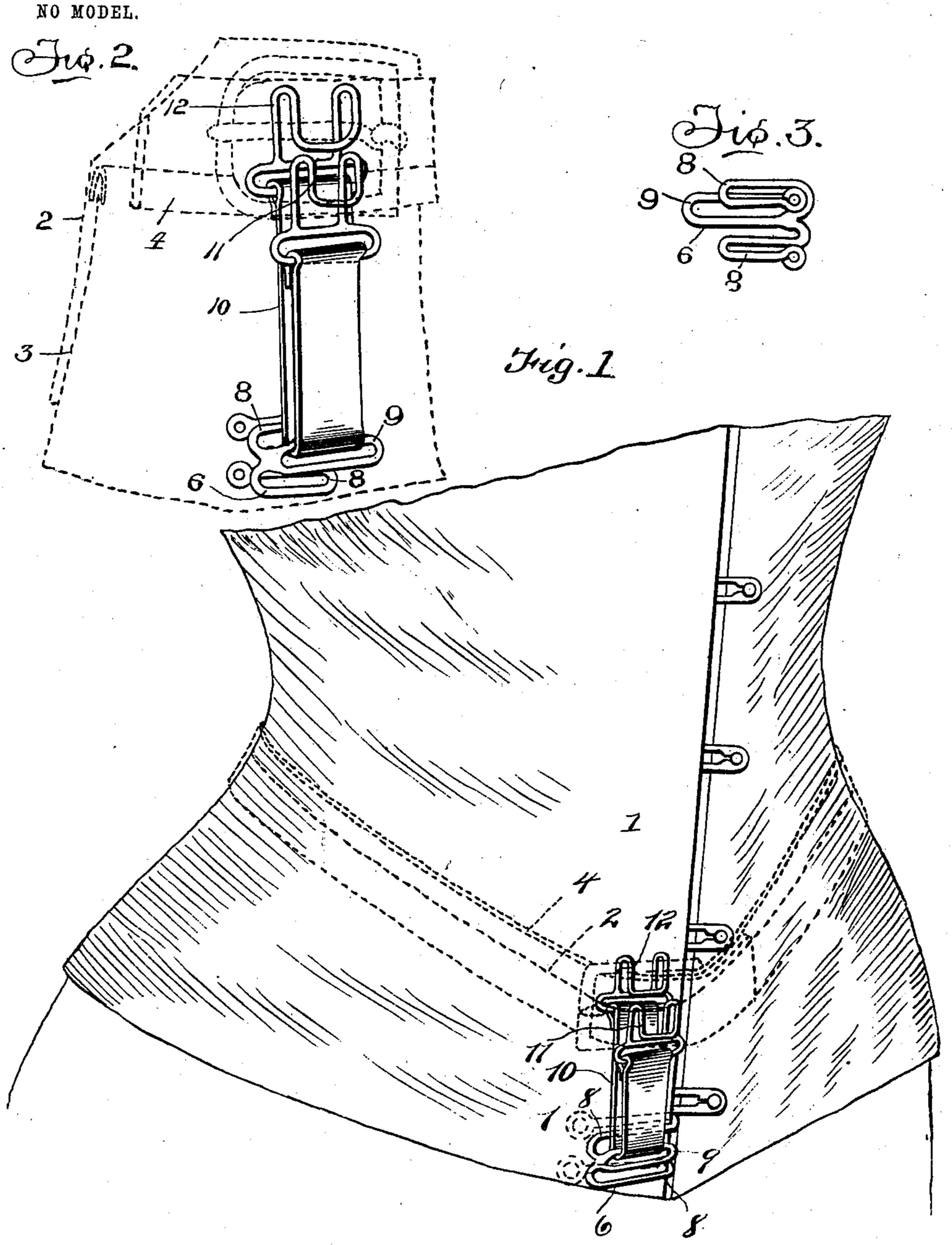
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Annie Buckelew, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lancaster, in the county of Los Angeles and State of 5 California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combination Waist Attachment and Skirt-Supporter, of which the

following is a specification.

My invention relates to a combination waist 10 attachment and skirt-supporter, the object of my invention being to provide a device which will secure the skirt and waist at the front so as to hold the former in any desired position of curvature—as, for instance, in what is 15 known as the "French curve," now in vogue. In this style of wearing the skirt it is necessary that the upper edge of the skirt and the band should be much lower at the front than at the back. While various contrivances are 20 now used by wearers for maintaining these parts low at the front to give this inclination, none of them are satisfactory, so far as my knowledge extends.

The object of my invention is to provide 25 means for accomplishing the above result in the simplest and most effective manner pos-

sible.

My invention therefore resides in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement 30 of parts for the above ends, hereinafter fully specified, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view in elevation of the front device at-35 tached to a corset. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the front support in position on the corset, the garments themselves being shown in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the waist attachment at the front detached.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the corset; 2, the waist; 3, the skirt, and 4 the

belt.

The device for holding down the skirt and belt in front comprises, first, a double hook 45 6, arranged to fit around the front corsetsteel below the lower eye 7 of the corset, said double hook having its central portion between the two hook members 8 formed in a loop 9. Through said loop 9 is passed an 50 elastic strap 10, to the ends of which are attached the broad hooks 11 12. Of these hooks the outer and lower one, 11, passes over the

upper edges of all bands of skirts and of the dress and holds down the same, while the inner and upper hook 12 passes over the upper 55 edge of the outside belt in proper place over

the dress held by the hook 11.

As previously indicated, the double hook 6 is attached to the corset merely by pushing the same onto the edge of the front corset- 60 steel, the short members of the double hook (shown in front in Fig. 3) going behind the corset-steel, as indicated in Fig. 1, while the remaining portion, including the loop 9, comes in front of the corset-steel. It is found that 65 this device remains firmly in position on the corset-steel and cannot be pulled up or down. The advantage of this construction is that the attachment at the front can readily be secured at any height desired within sufficient limits 7° by pushing the double hooks over the edge of the steel at any point below the lowest eye; also by varying the length of the elastic strap 10; also that the skirt and belt are very quickly engaged by said device to be held in 75 their proper relative position. Furthermore, the use of this contrivance dispenses with useless bands, which are a source of annoyance with devices at present used for the above purposes.

I claim—

1. In a device of the character described, the combination of a clamp for clamping the device to a corset, said clamp having a loop, a strap passing loosely through said loop, and 85 extending upward therefrom, and hooks secured on the ends of said strap, bent downwardly and forwardly to engage the edges of the skirt and belt, substantially as described.

2. In a device of the character described, 9° the combination of a double hook adapted to be pushed over the edge of the corset-steel, and having a loop, the strap attached to said double hook by said loop and the hooks at the upper ends of said strap, said hooks extend- 95 ing downwardly and forwardly, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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