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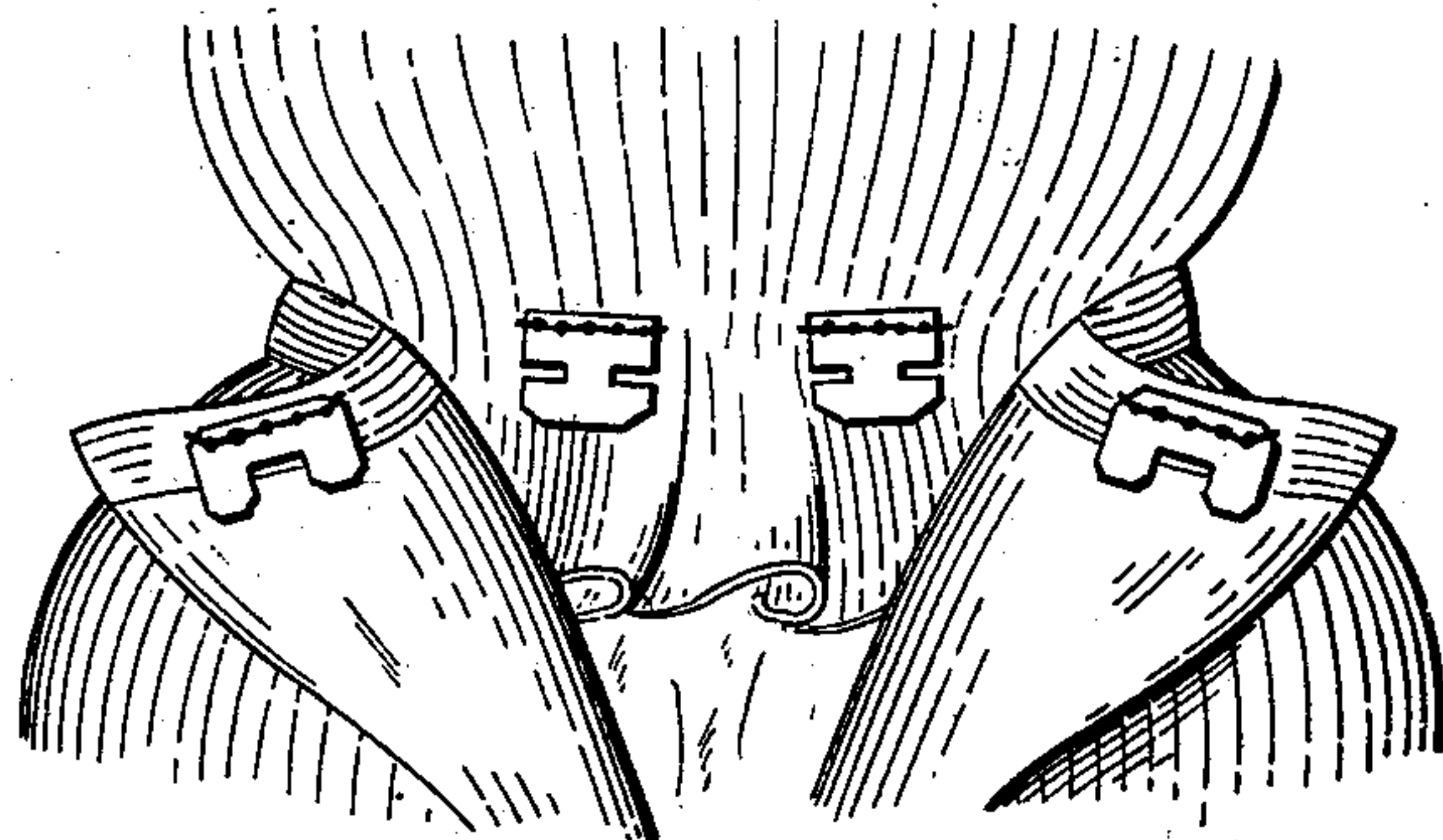


Fig. 1.

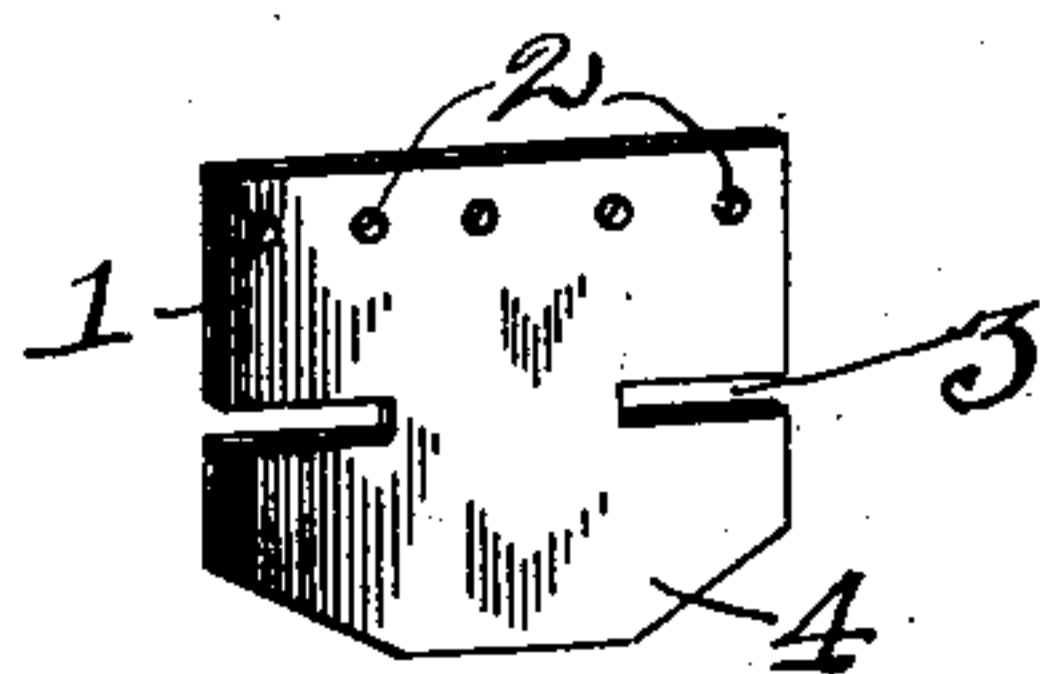


Fig. 2.

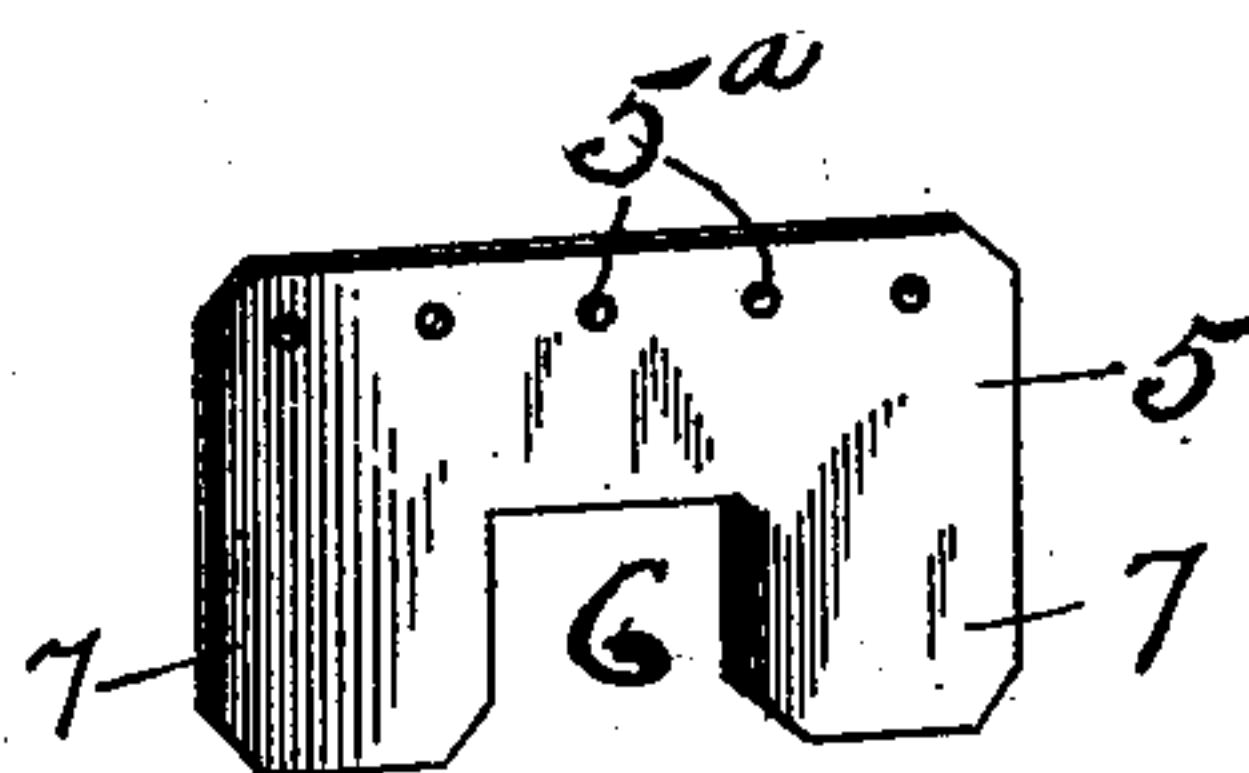


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER G. JOHNSON, of Warren, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt or Garment Supporters; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

This invention relates to the general class of clasps, buckles, and buttons, and particularly to that class thereunder known as "garment-supporters."

An object of this invention is to produce a device primarily designed for use in supporting skirts, though of course it may be utilized in connection with the securing or uniting of other garments, and for that reason limitations with respect to its use will not be indulged in.

Furthermore, an object of the invention is to provide a device of the character noted which will require but a minimum space, will not distort or bulge the clothing or otherwise interfere with its conforming to the contour of the figure.

Furthermore, an object of the invention is to provide a securer or holder of the character noted comprising comparatively few inexpensive parts which can be used without being observed from the outside.

Finally, an object of the invention is to provide a device of the character noted which will possess advantages in points of simplicity, efficiency, and durability, proving at the same time comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists in the details of construction and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth in the claims.

In describing the invention in detail reference will be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, wherein like characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 indicates a view in elevation of a fragment of a waist and skirt with the invention applied. Figs. 2 and 3 are detail views of two of the interlocking plates.

In the drawings, 1 denotes a plate having a series of holes 2 for the reception of the stitching or sewing by which the said plate is secured to the waist or other garment worn on the upper part of the body. The end edges of the plate are provided with slots 3, extending inwardly a suitable distance to form sockets, the central portion of the said plate being undisturbed to form a connection between the main portion of the said plate and the head thereof.

The plate which interlocks with the first-mentioned plate comprises a body portion 5, having a series of holes 5^a for the reception of the stitching or sewing by which the plate is secured to the garment. The edge of the plate opposite the edge having the holes is provided with a recess 6, whereby the tongues 7 are formed, the said tongues being such a distance apart as to fit within the sockets or slots 3 of plate 1 and permitting the recess 6 to receive the portion of the plate 1 lying between the slots or sockets 3.

The plate 1 is designed for use preferably at the waist-line of a waist or bodice, though the device may be used in many other ways—as, for instance, for supporting the trousers or pants of children. When the plate 1 has been secured to a waist and the plates 5 secured to the waistband of the skirt in such position that the plates of the skirt will coincide with those on the waist, the tongues 7 of the plate 5 are inserted in the sockets or slots of plate 1, lying between the head of the said plate, form an interlocking connection which cannot well be accidentally displaced and serving to prevent movement of the interlocking plates sidewise.

While I have described two plates, one interlocking with the other, it is very evident that the pairs of said plates may be multiplied and used at different points around the waist, or the said plates may be conveniently used as placket fasteners or retainers.

The plates may be suitably ornamented, or they may be produced from any metal, the only requirement being that the said metal be comparatively thin and possess a fair degree of rigidity. Aluminium, silver, and gold have been found to possess the qualities for a

successful production, though of course other materials might be utilized to accomplish the result.

It will be understood that I do not wish to
5 be limited to the exact details of construction, as it is obvious that the configuration and proportions may be variously modified to suit particular requirements and for successfully carrying the invention into practice.

10 Having fully described the invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a garment-supporter, a plate having a series of holes at its upper edge for the recep-

tion of securing means, the end edges of said 15 plate having corresponding slots dividing the said plate into a body and head, a member interlocking therewith, comprising a plate having holes at its upper edge for the reception of the securing means, the opposite edge of 20 said plate being recessed centrally to produce tongues at each end in such relation as to fit in the slots of the opposite member.

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