

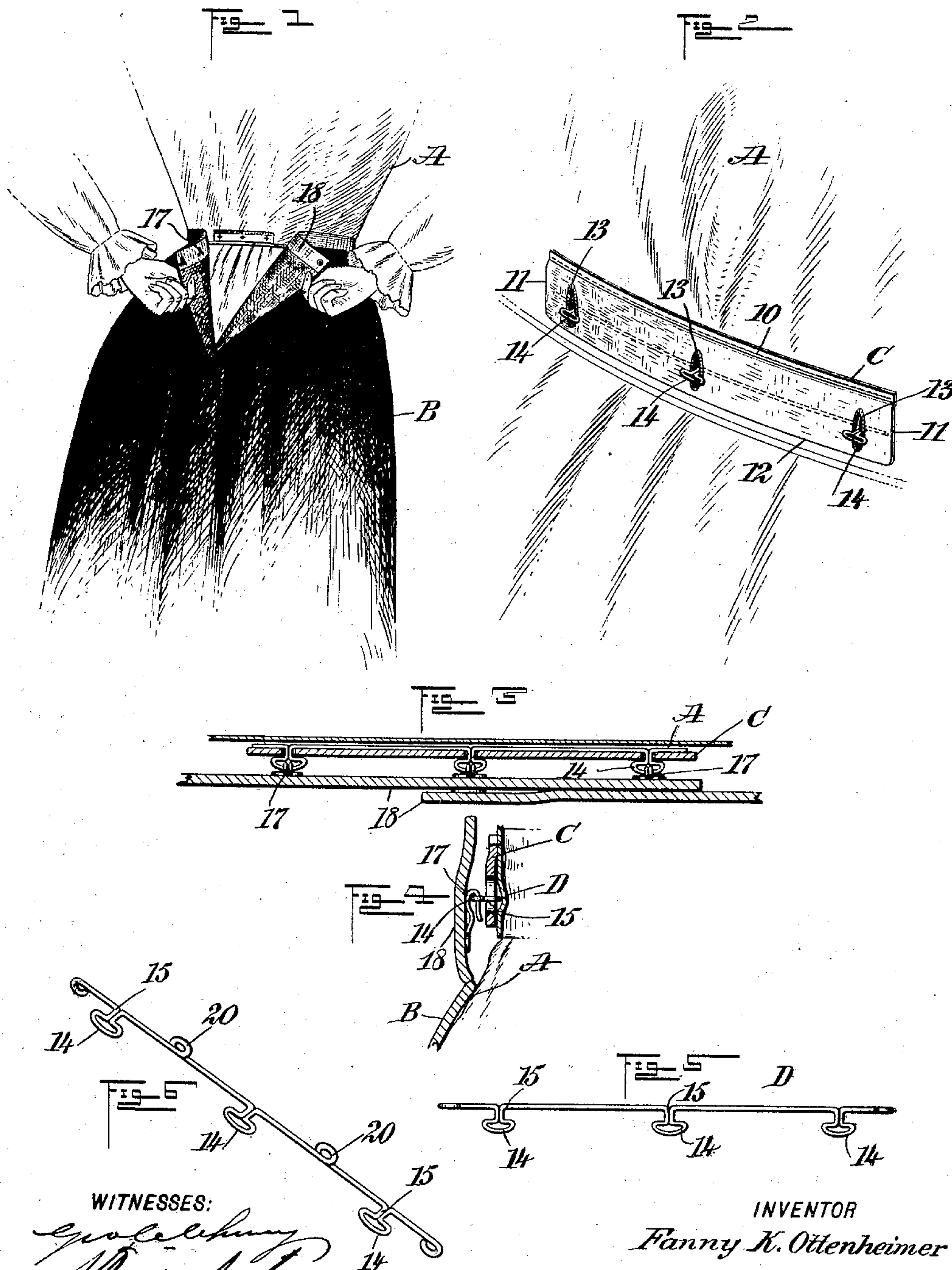
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FANNY K. OTTENHEIMER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Shirt-Waist Holder and Skirt-Supporter, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

10 The purpose of the invention is to provide a very simple, economic, and readily-applicable device which may be made independent of the shirt-waist and removably attached thereto and which may be detachably connected directly to the shirt-waist so that the device
15 may be quickly and conveniently disconnected from the shirt-waist, enabling the latter to be laundered without obstruction.

Another purpose of the invention is to provide a washable keeper for the device which is so secured to the shirt-waist that the device may be so connected therewith that members of the device will extend beyond and rearward of the said washable keeper to be engaged by hooks on the waistband of a skirt without the liability of the device being detached from the keeper under violent movements of the wearer.

30 The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

40 Figure 1 is a rear elevation of a portion of a human figure illustrating the application of the invention, the placket-opening of the dress-skirt being shown opened and the waistband in position for attachment to a shirt-waist. Fig. 2 is a rear view of a shirt-waist at the waist-line, illustrating the application of the device to a shirt-waist. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section through the shirt-waist at the back, the device appearing in plan view, and a horizontal section through a portion of the back part of the waistband of the dress-skirt, illustrating the manner in which the
50 device supports the dress-skirt. Fig. 4 is a

vertical section through a portion of the shirt-waist, the device applied to the shirt-waist, and a vertical section through the waistband of the dress-skirt, showing the manner in which the dress-skirt is attached to the shirt-waist and is vertically supported thereby. Fig. 5 is a detail plan view of the device, and Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the device when constructed for direct attachment to a shirt-waist.

60 A represents a shirt-waist, and B a dress-skirt. At the rear central portion of the shirt-waist A on the waist-line a pliable strip C is secured, preferably by means of a line of stitching, which is carried horizontally along the said strip near its upper longitudinal edge, leaving the ends 11 of the strip free and likewise the lower longitudinal edge 12, so that the bottom portion of said strip may be raised and lowered at will. This strip is provided with any desired number of buttonholes 13, and these buttonholes are transversely produced in the strip, as is especially illustrated in Fig. 2. This strip when employed, as it preferably is, remains attached to the shirt-waist and in no manner interferes with the laundering of the article.

80 The device D is preferably made of one piece of wire, and this wire, which may be a spring-wire, if desired, is of as light a gage as possible consistent with strength. The wire is bent upon itself to form a series of outwardly-extending longitudinally-located loops 14 and shanks 15, the shanks 15 being of any desired length; but said shanks are necessarily of such length as to provide ample space between the inner portions of the loops 14 and the body portion of the holding device, as is clearly shown in Figs. 5 and 6, to permit the shanks to extend through and beyond the material to which the device is applied. The ends of the device are smoothly finished either in the form of a knob or an eye, or said ends may be simply rounded off.

95 The waistband 18 of the dress-skirt B is provided at its rear portion, preferably at one side or at both sides of the placket-opening in the said dress-skirt, with hooks 17, and these hooks are adapted to enter the loops 14, extending rearward from the holding device D. 100

In operation the holding device D is passed beneath the free portion of the pliable strip C, attached to the shirt-waist A, and the loops 14 of the said supporting device are passed 5 out through the buttonholes 13, the said loops then extending across the said buttonholes, as is shown in Fig. 2, thereby lessening the liability of the device being detached from the strip C of the shirt-waist when connected 10 directly therewith under severe strain or under certain movements of the body, and the shanks 15 permit the loops 14 to extend outward from the strip C and assume the position described and shown in Fig. 2, permitting 15 more or less play of the device, the body portion of which is concealed between the shirt-waist and the strip C, as is shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2.

It will be observed that when the hooks 17 20 have been made to enter the loops 14 of the holding device the shirt-waist is held down by the weight of the dress-skirt and that the shirt-waist, through the instrumentality of the holding device, tends to keep the dress- 25 skirt up to a normal line at the waist.

Sometimes it may be desirable to apply the device directly to the shirt-waist without making buttonholes in the waist, in which event the strip C is not employed. To that 30 end I have provided a construction especially illustrated in Fig. 6, in which it will be observed that the material of the body of the holding device is bent upon itself to form series of eyes 20 intermediate of the loops 14, 35 which eyes 20 may be given a forward or a rearward inclination from the body of the device, as in practice it may be deemed best. When the form of the device shown in Fig. 6 is employed, the device is detachably con- 40 nected to the rear of the shirt-waist by stitching the device thereto, the threads passing through the eyes 20, so that when the shirt-waist is to be washed the device may be quickly disconnected from the shirt-waist by 45 severing the threads connecting it thereto and may be readily reapplied after the waist is laundered. The device shown in Fig. 6 is particularly adapted for use with shirt-waists which may not have the provision of the 50 aforesaid strip C.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A shirt-waist holder and skirt-supporter, consisting of a piece of wire bent upon itself 55 to form a plurality of integral loops between its ends, with shanks which connect the loops

with the body portion of the holder and hold them spaced therefrom, an eye between adjacent loops and also at each end of the body 60 portion of the holder, the shanks and loops and body portion all lying in the same plane.

2. A shirt-waist holder and skirt supporter, consisting of a piece of wire bent upon itself to form a plurality of integral loops and connecting-shanks, which latter hold the loops 65 spaced from the body portion of the holder, the loops and shanks lying in the same horizontal plane with the body portion of the holder, the longitudinal extent of the loops being parallel with the longitudinal extent of 70 the body portion, the shanks and loops being on the outer side of said body portion, and integral terminal bends at the extreme ends of said body portion.

3. The combination with a shirt-waist, an 75 elongated pliable strip secured to the rear portion of the shirt-waist at the waist-line, the attachment of the said strip to the shirt-waist being at the upper longitudinal edge only of said strip, the said strip being pro- 80 vided with a series of vertical buttonholes, of a holding device, consisting of a single piece of wire bent upon itself to form a series of loops in the same horizontal plane with the 85 body of the device, and connecting-shanks holding the said loops spaced from the body of said holding device, the said loops being passed through the said buttonholes, extend- 90 ing at a right angle thereto and longitudinally of the strip in which the buttonholes are made, the body portion of the said support being concealed between the strip and the shirt-waist, as described.

4. A shirt-waist holder and skirt-supporter, consisting of a piece of wire bent upon itself 95 to form a plurality of integral loops and eyes and shanks which latter offset the loops from the body portion of the holder, the loops and eyes and shanks and body portion of the holder all lying in the same horizontal plane, 100 the eyes being at the ends of the body portion and also intermediate the loops, the shanks and loops being on the rear side of said body portion, and the intermediate eyes being on the front side thereof. 105

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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