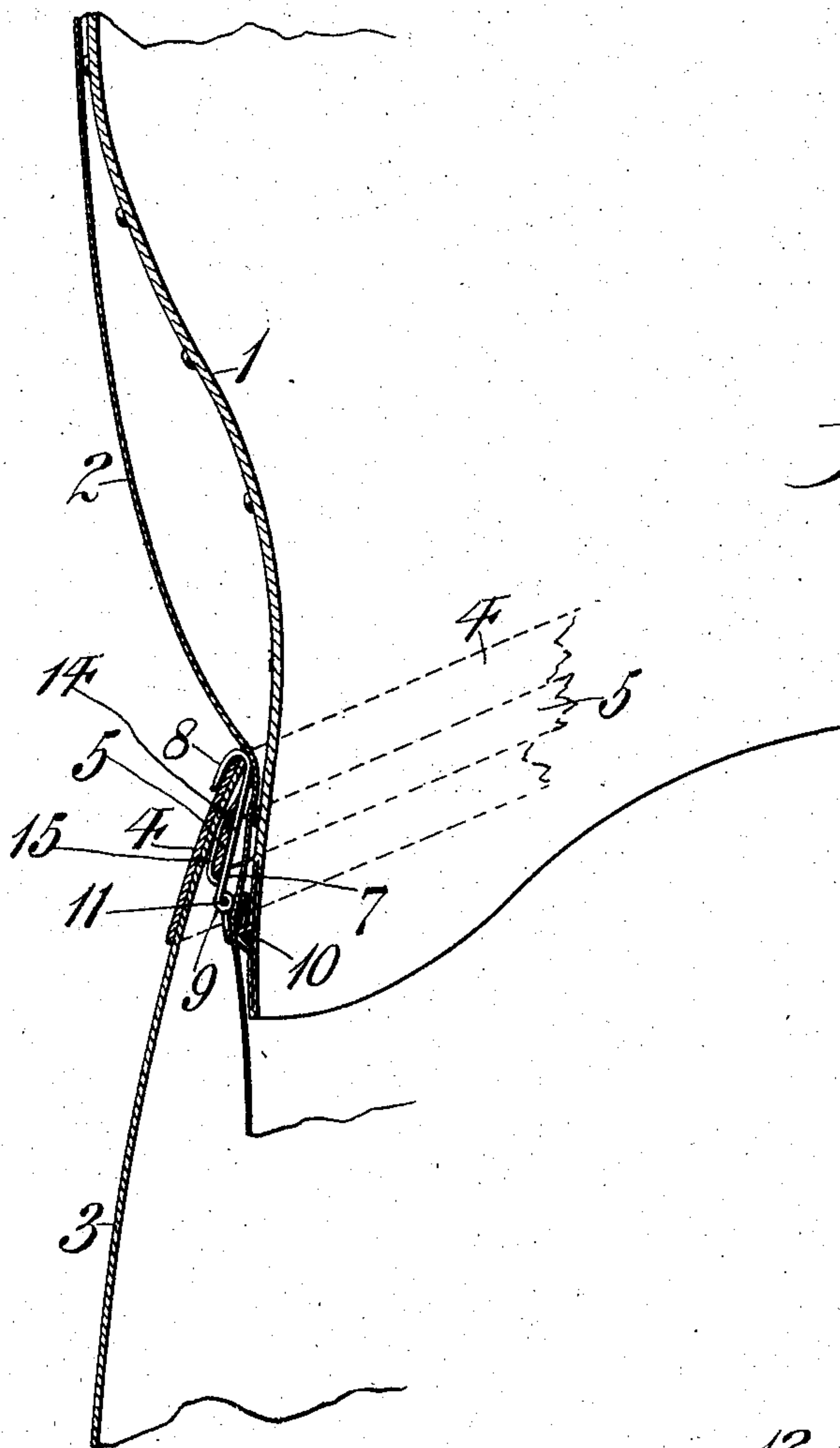


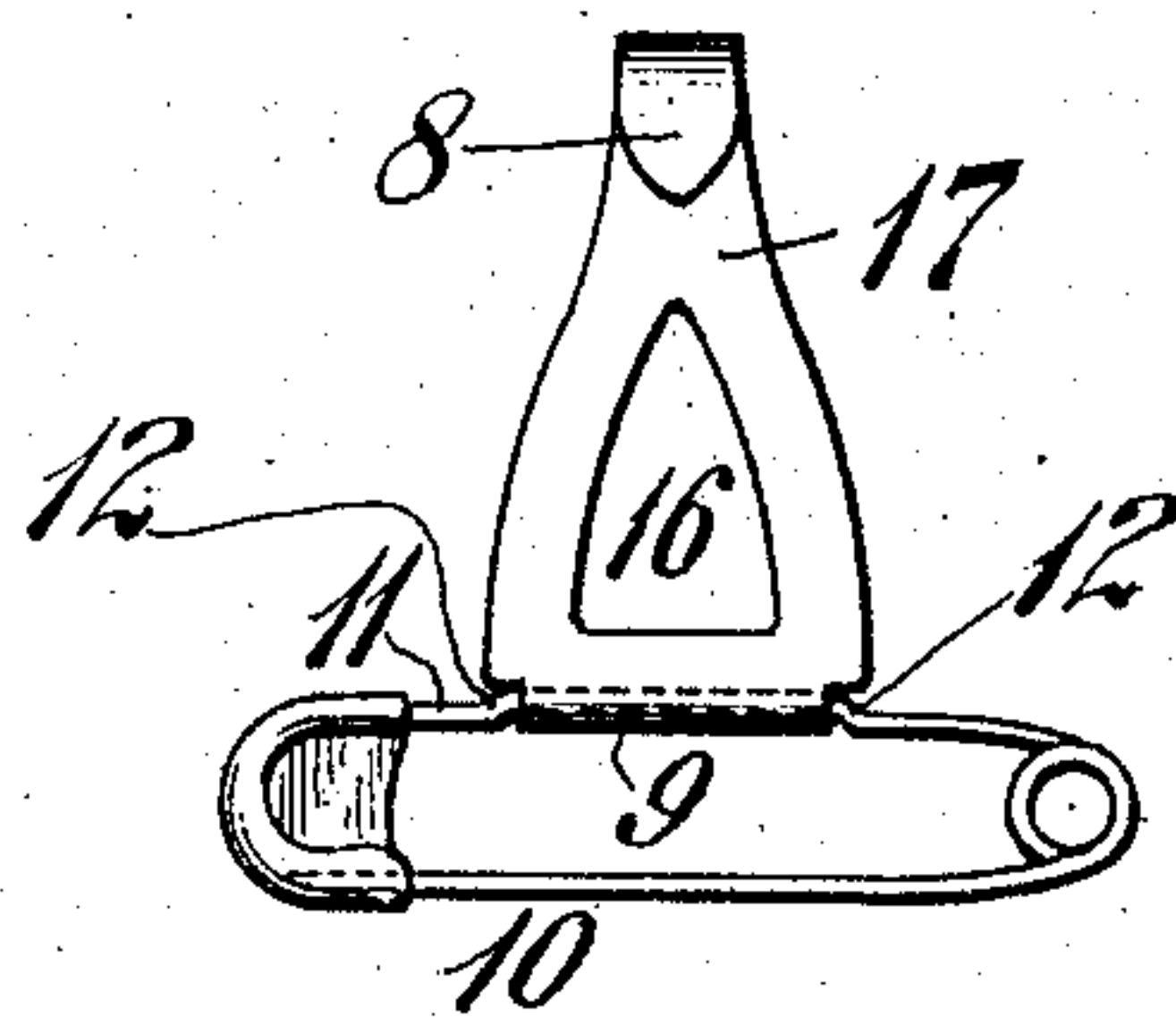
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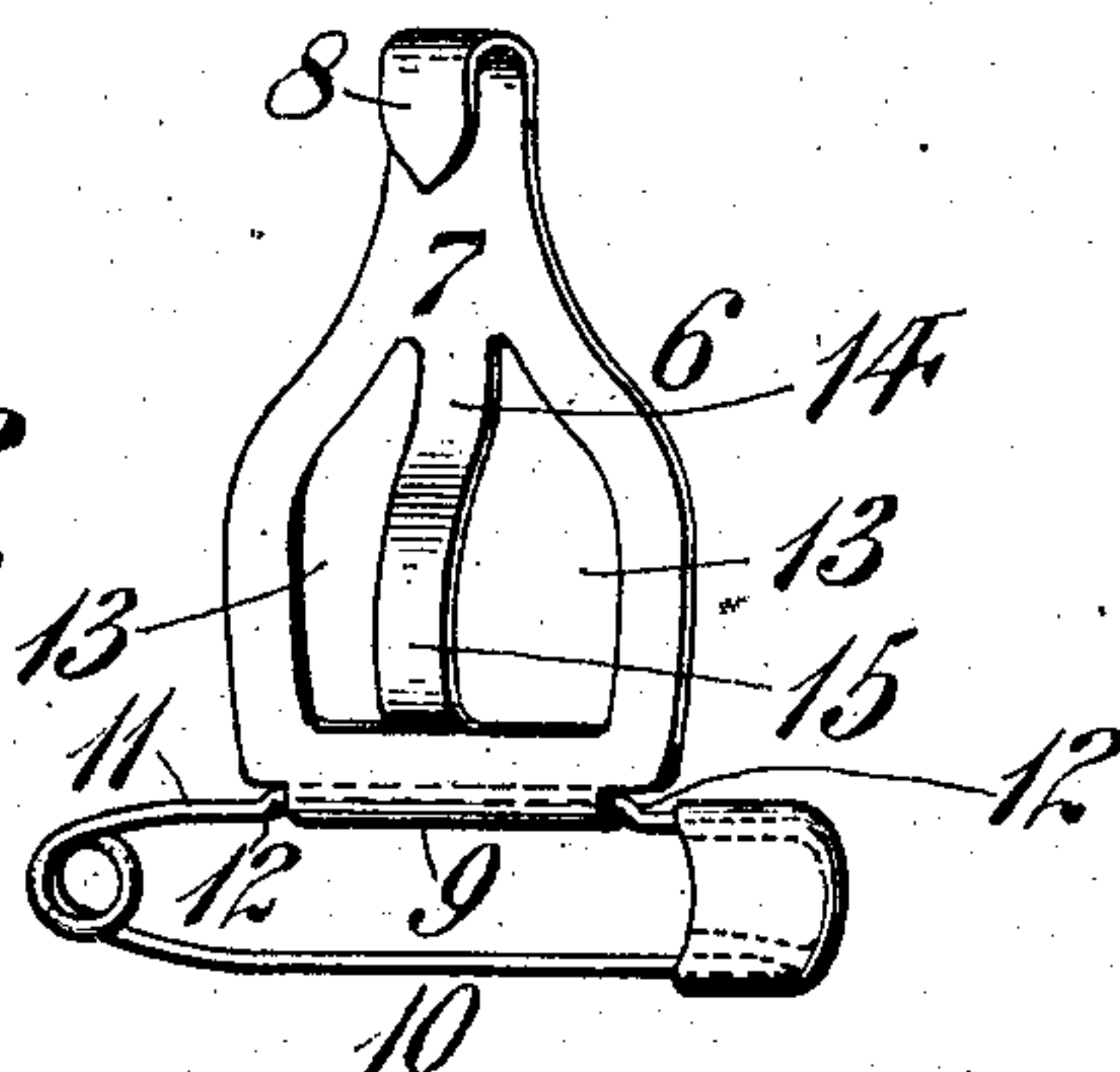


*fig. 1.*



*fig. 3.*

*fig. 2.*



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## WAIST-LENGTHENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JAMES H. TAYLOR and IZORA TAYLOR, citizens of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Waist-Lengtheners, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to waist-lengtheners.

It consists of a device for engaging with the corset or other garment by which the blouse or waist and the skirt are held down below the normal waist-line.

It further consists of means for engaging the belt and of novel means for preventing lateral movement of the device when in position.

It further consists of other novel features of construction, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

Figure 1 represents a partial vertical section of a lady's garments held in position by a device embodying our invention. Figs. 2 and 3 represent in perspective views of our device, showing slightly different forms.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, 1 designates a corset, 2 a waist or blouse, and 3 a skirt, of which 4 is the band.

5 designates a belt, and 6 the waist-lengthener or connecting device of which our invention consists. This provides a plate 7, having a hook 8 at its upper end and a rolled portion forming substantially a tube 9 at its lower end and adapted to engage with a safety-pin 10, the upper bar 11 of which is bent downward to form shoulders 12, engaging at each end of the rolled portion 9. Slots or openings 13 are cut or otherwise formed in the plate 7, leaving a bar 14 between them, the lower portion of which is offset forwardly, so that it projects beyond the plane of the plate, as shown at 15.

The operation of the device will be clearly seen by an inspection of Fig. 1 of the drawings. The safety-pin 10 is secured through the lower portion of the front of the blouse or shirt-waist and through the lower portion of

the corset at the front, with the plate 7 projecting thereabove. As shown, a belt 5 is passed over the plate 7 and beneath the offset portion 15, while the hook portion 8 at the upper end of the plate 7 engages over the upper edge of the skirt-band 4.

It will be seen that both the waist and skirt are prevented from rising, being firmly held in position by the safety-pin 10 and hook 8, respectively. It will also be seen that the fastening device may be moved longitudinally of the belt 5, which passes freely through the lower forwardly-projecting portion of the bar 15, and that after the skirt and waist are adjusted the belt may be engaged behind the upper portion of the bar 15, which is practically in the same plane as the plate 7, so that further movement of the plate on the belt is prevented.

In the other form of device (shown in Fig. 3) only a single aperture 16 is made in the plate 17, the central bar being omitted.

It is obvious that the function of the device so far as its engagement with the shirt-waist and skirt is unchanged. In this case the belt may engage with the skirt-band under the hook 8.

It is evident that various changes may be made by those skilled in the art which will come within the scope of our invention, and we do not, therefore, desire to be limited in every instance to the exact construction herein shown and described.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A garment-fastener comprising a plate, means at the lower end thereof for securing the same to a garment, a bar on said plate having a projecting portion beyond the plane of said plate forming a space for a belt between said plate and said bar and a hook at the upper portion of said plate in line with said bar, the back of said hook being in the same plane as said plate, and the upper portion of said bar being in the same plane as said plate.

2. A garment-fastener comprising a plate, means at the lower end thereof for securing



the same to a garment, means for preventing relative lateral motion of said plate and said means, a hook at the upper portion of said plate, the back portion of said hook being in  
5 the same plane as said plate and a bar on said plate having a projecting portion beyond the plane of said plate, the upper portion of said bar being in the same plane as said plate, whereby a portion of the garment can be  
10 seated between said hook and said plate, the projecting portion tending to force out the garment against said hook to maintain engagement between said garment and said hook.

3. A garment-fastening device, comprising  
15 a plate, a rolled portion forming a tube at

the lower end of said plate, a safety-pin, one arm of which is passed through said tube and bent downwardly at each end thereof, a hook at the upper portion of said plate, the back of said hook being in the same plane as said  
20 plate and a bar on said plate having a projecting portion beyond the plane of said plate, the upper portion of said bar being in the same plane as said plate.

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