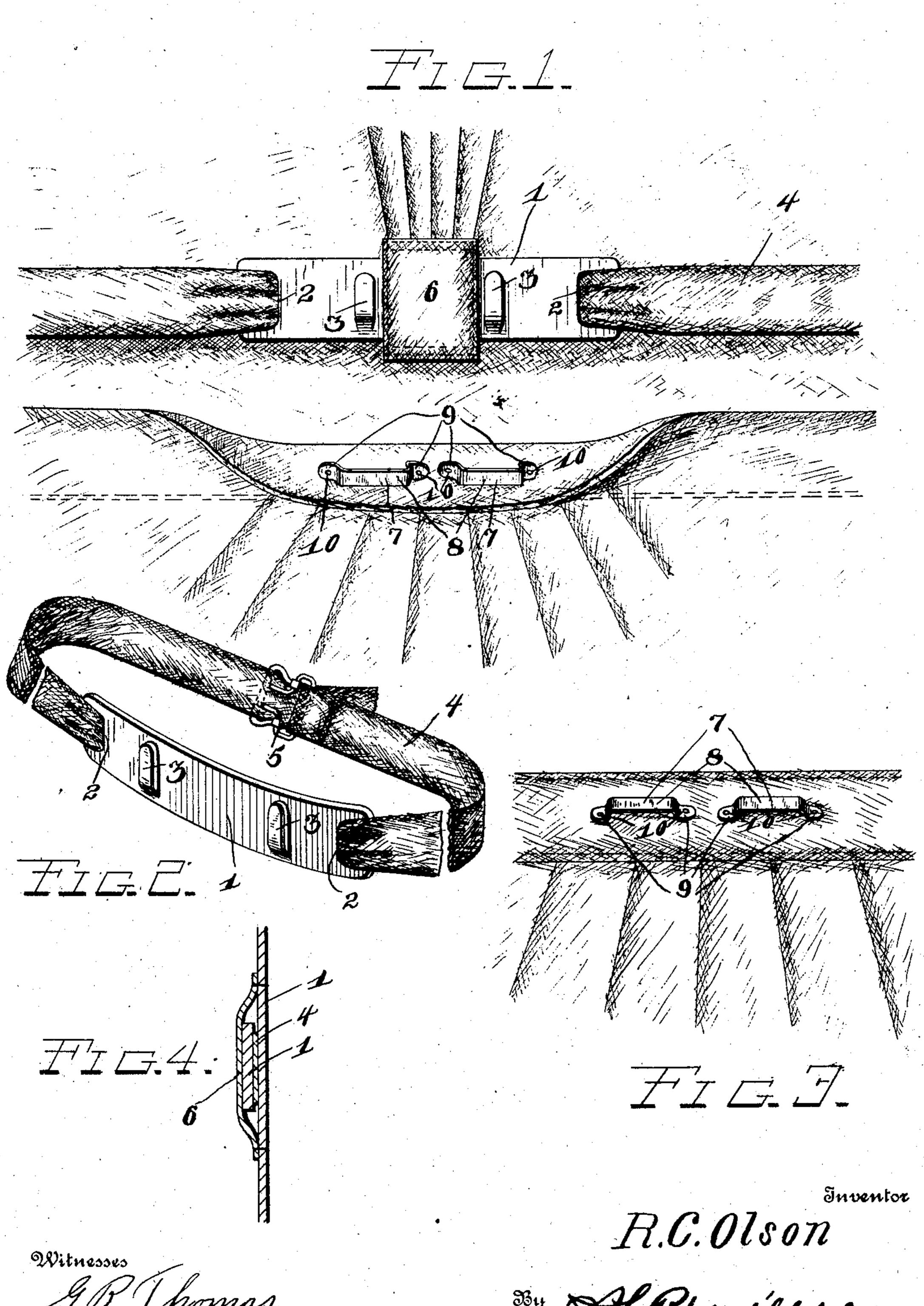
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD C. OLSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illi-5 nois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Supporters and Shirt-Waist Holders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled 10 in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in skirt-supporters and shirt-waist holders.

The object of the invention is to provide a 15 combined skirt-supporter and shirt-waist holder, whereby the skirts may be supported and prevented from sagging at the back and which at the same time will prevent the lower end of the shirt-waist pulling up at the belt, 20 and a further object is to provide a device of this character which will be simple in construction, efficient, inexpensive, and easily applied to garments which have been already made.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a rear view of the lower portion of a shirtwaist and the upper portion of a skirt, showing the application of the device, the upper end or belt of the skirt being turned back to 3° more clearly illustrate the parts. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the waist member of the device having applied thereto a belt or band by which the same is attached to the waist of the wearer. Fig. 3 is a detail per-.35 spective view of the inner side of the skirt belt or band, showing the arrangement of the skirt members of the device. Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view through the lower end of the waist and the waist member of the device.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 denotes the shirt-waist member of the device, which consists of a plate or bar which may be slightly curved to conform to the shape of the wearer's waist and is provided 45 near each end with a vertically-disposed slot 2. On each side of the center of said bar are arranged upwardly-projecting hooks 3, which are preferably formed by cutting tongues from the bar 1 and bending said tongues to 5° form the hooks 3.

Through the slots 2 in the ends of the bar 1 is inserted a belt or band 4, the same being so threaded in said slots that it will lie along the inner side of said bar. The belt or band 4 is provided on one end with a buckle or 55 other connecting device 5, whereby when said belt or band is placed around the waist of the wearer the ends of the same may be buckled or otherwise adjustably connected together to hold said belt and bar 1 in place. 60 In order that the bar 1 may be loosely connected to the shirt-waist strip, the fabric 6 is stitched at its upper and lower edges to the shirt-waist, thereby forming a loop through which the bar 1 is placed. This connection 65 while supporting the bar 1 also permits the shirt-waist fastened to the bar 1 to have a limited sliding movement, one with respect to the other, thereby preventing undue strain or tearing of the parts.

The skirt member of the device consists of a pair of eyes or loops 7, which are preferably formed by bending narrow strips of metal to form right-angularly-disposed bars 8, on the ends of which are formed laterally- 75 projecting lugs 9, in which are formed apertures 10, whereby the same may be sewed or otherwise secured to the waistband of the skirt.

In applying the device the belt or band carrying the bar 1 is arranged in place through 80 the loop 6 and around the wearer's waist, after which the eyes or loops of the skirt member may engage with the hooks on said bar 1, thereby supporting the skirt and also preventing pulling up of the shirt-waist.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

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

A skirt-supporter and shirt-waist holder, consisting of a bar or plate provided with slots 100

formed near its ends, upwardly-projecting hooks struck or stamped out of said plate, a belt or band adapted to be passed through said slots on the inner side of said bar whereby the same may be adjusted and secured in place on the wearer, a loop formed on said shirtwaist whereby said bar may be slidingly connected to the same, loops or eyes formed by bars having right-angularly bent ends, laterally-projecting apertured feet formed on said ends whereby said bars may be secured to the

inner side of a waistband of a skirt, said loops or eyes being adapted to be engaged with said hooks to support said skirt and hold down said shirt-waist, substantially as described.

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

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