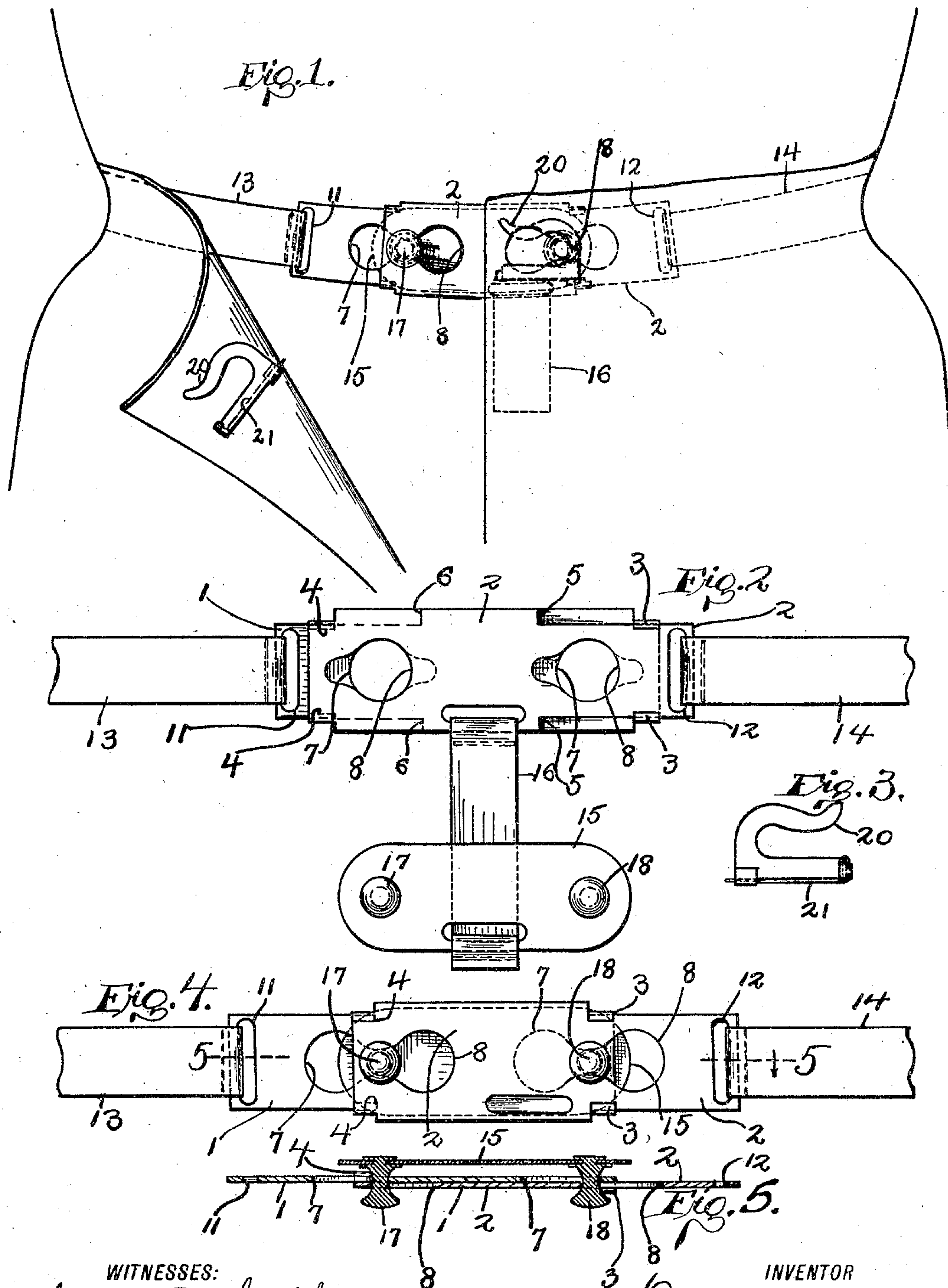


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID H. CROSSER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporting Devices; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a supporting device, and especially a device for supporting a skirt or similar garment.

The object of this invention is to provide a device of this character which can be readily adjusted and which, while forming a secure support for the skirt, will also assist in preventing the waist from creeping up or becoming otherwise disarranged on the wearer.

My invention therefore consists in the features of construction and combination of parts, as described in the specification, pointed out in the claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows my device attached to the waist and to one side of the skirt. Fig. 2 shows my device in its open position detached from skirt and waist. Fig. 3 shows one of the hooks for securing my device to the skirt. Fig. 4 is a similar view to Fig. 2, showing device closed. Fig. 5 is a section on line 5 5, Fig. 4.

Again referring to the drawings, 1 and 2 represent two thin metallic plates, which are practically identical in shape and together form what I term my "outer member." On the plates 1 and 2 are formed small turned-over flanges 3 and 4, respectively, which secure the said plates together and permit them to slide freely on each other, and also shoulders 5 and 6, which prevent the plates from being drawn apart. In the plates 1 and 2 are formed openings 7 and 8, respectively, preferably keyhole-shaped, and the said openings are so arranged that when the said plates coincide with each other the larger parts of the said openings will register with each other, and when the said plates are drawn apart lengthwise the reduced portions of said openings will register with each other. At the opposite ends of the plates 1 and 2 are formed slots 11 and 12, in which are secured strips 13 and 14 of tape, ribbon, or similar material, which are designed to pass around the

waist of the wearer and be secured together at the front in any suitable manner.

My inner member consists of a thin metallic plate 15, which is preferably secured to the outer member by means of a tape 16, which serves to prevent the members becoming separated and lost, and said tape 16 is made sufficiently long so that it can be doubled around the lower end of the shirt-waist. On the plate 15 are formed two studs 17 and 18, which are arranged to pass through the openings 7 and 8 in the outer member when the larger parts of said openings are in registration and will be secured therein when the smaller parts of said openings are brought into registration.

Hooks 20 are secured to the skirt at each side of the placket-opening by means of clasp-pins 21, formed integral therewith. The hooks 20 are arranged to engage with the studs 17 and 18.

The use of my device is as follows: The inner member or plate 15 is placed on the inside of the shirt-waist at about the point where the waistband of the skirt will come and the outside member is then pressed down on the inside member with the larger parts of the openings 7 and 8 in registration, so that the studs 17 and 18 and the material of the shirt-waist covering the studs project through the said openings 7 and 8 in the outside member. The plates 1 and 2 are then drawn apart, bringing the reduced portions of the openings 7 and 8 in registration, thereby locking the studs in the said openings. The plates 1 and 2 are of course drawn apart by means of the strips 13 and 14, and when the studs are securely locked in the outer member the said strips are secured together in any desired manner, thereby preventing the plates 1 and 2 from moving back on each other and freeing the studs. The skirt is then adjusted and the hooks 20, which have been previously secured thereto, are caused to engage with the studs 17 and 18.

Although my device is especially suitable for the purpose described and illustrated, it will be understood that it can be adapted to other uses with equal efficiency—as, for instance, as a means for securing coverings or upholstery on furniture and the like.

What I claim is—

1. In a device of the character indicated, the combination with a waist and skirt, of a member arranged on the inside of the waist

and provided with a plurality of studs, a member arranged on the outside of the waist comprising two plates operatively secured together so as to slide freely on each other and provided with keyhole-shaped openings adapted to receive the studs on the inner member and the arrangement is such that when the said plates are drawn lengthwise on each other the said openings will be reduced in size, a flexible band connecting the inner and outer members, means for supporting the outer member in its operative position and hooks arranged on the skirt and adapted to engage with the studs on the inner member, substantially as described and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a device of the character indicated, the combination with a waist and a skirt provided with a series of hooks of a member arranged on the inside of the waist and provided

with a plurality of studs, a member arranged on the outside of the waist comprising two plates operatively secured together so as to slide freely on each other, said plates having openings adapted to receive the studs on the inner member, and the arrangement is such that when the said plates are drawn lengthwise on each other they will lock the said studs in said openings, means for preventing the plates from moving back on each other after the studs have been locked in said openings and a flexible band connecting said inner and outer members.

In testimony whereof I sign the foregoing specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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