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Fig. 1.

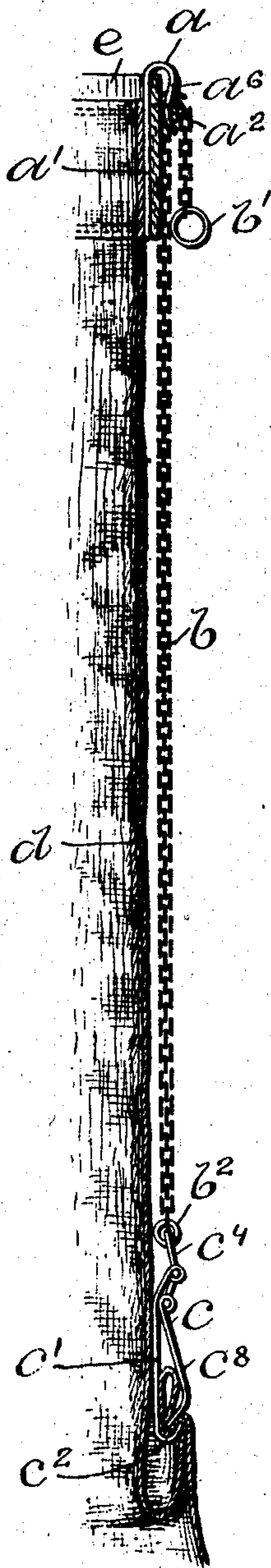


Fig. 2.

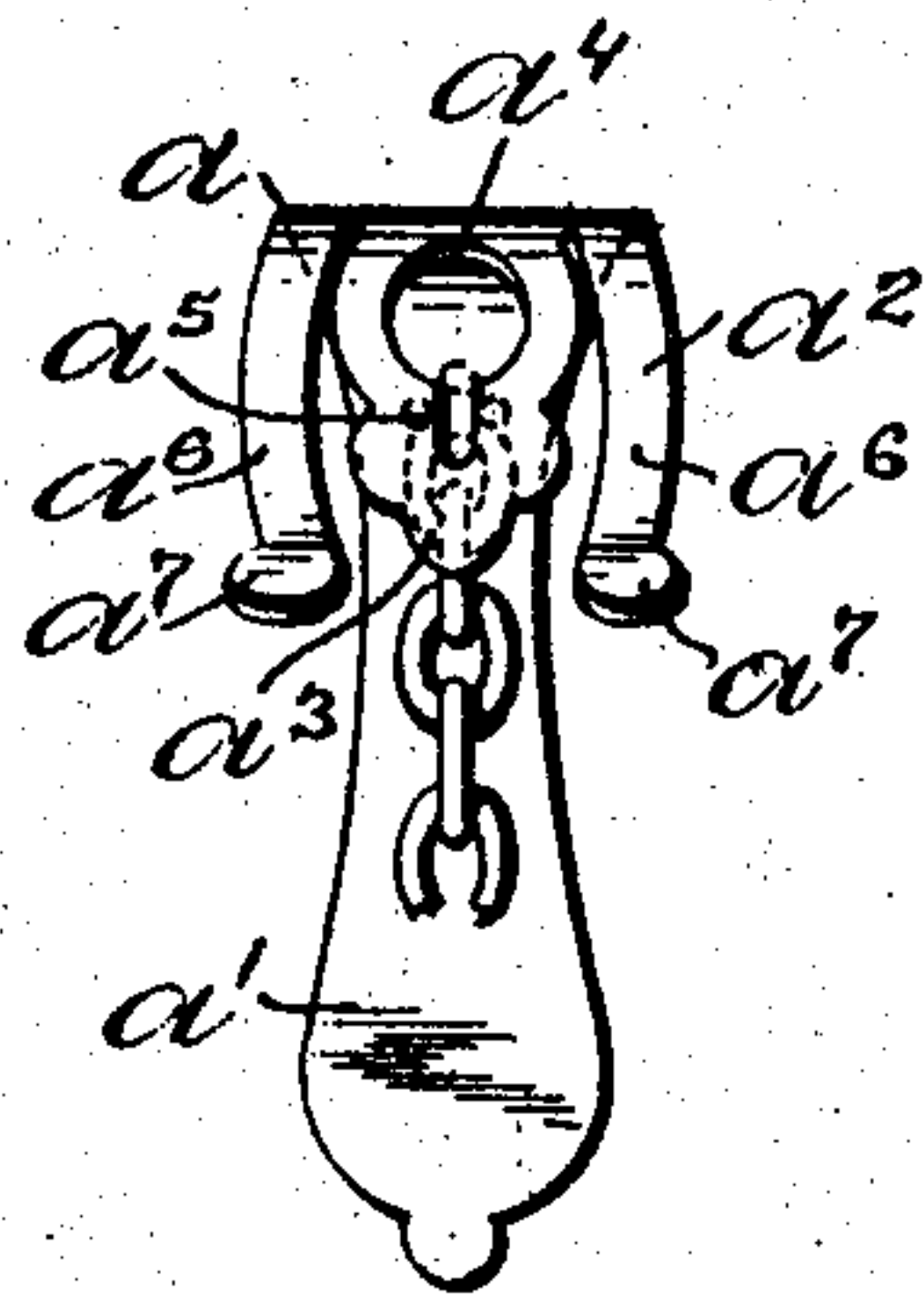


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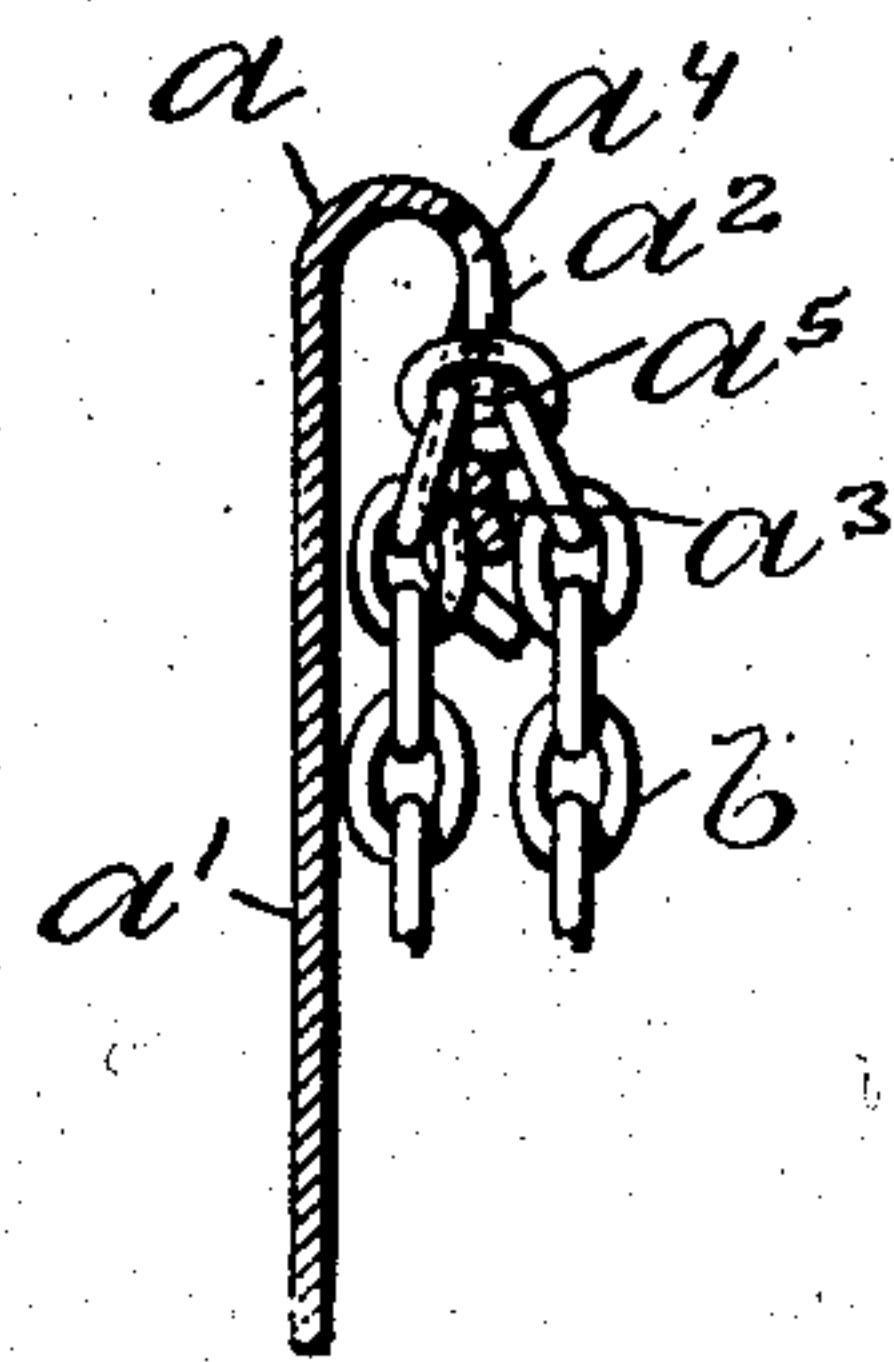


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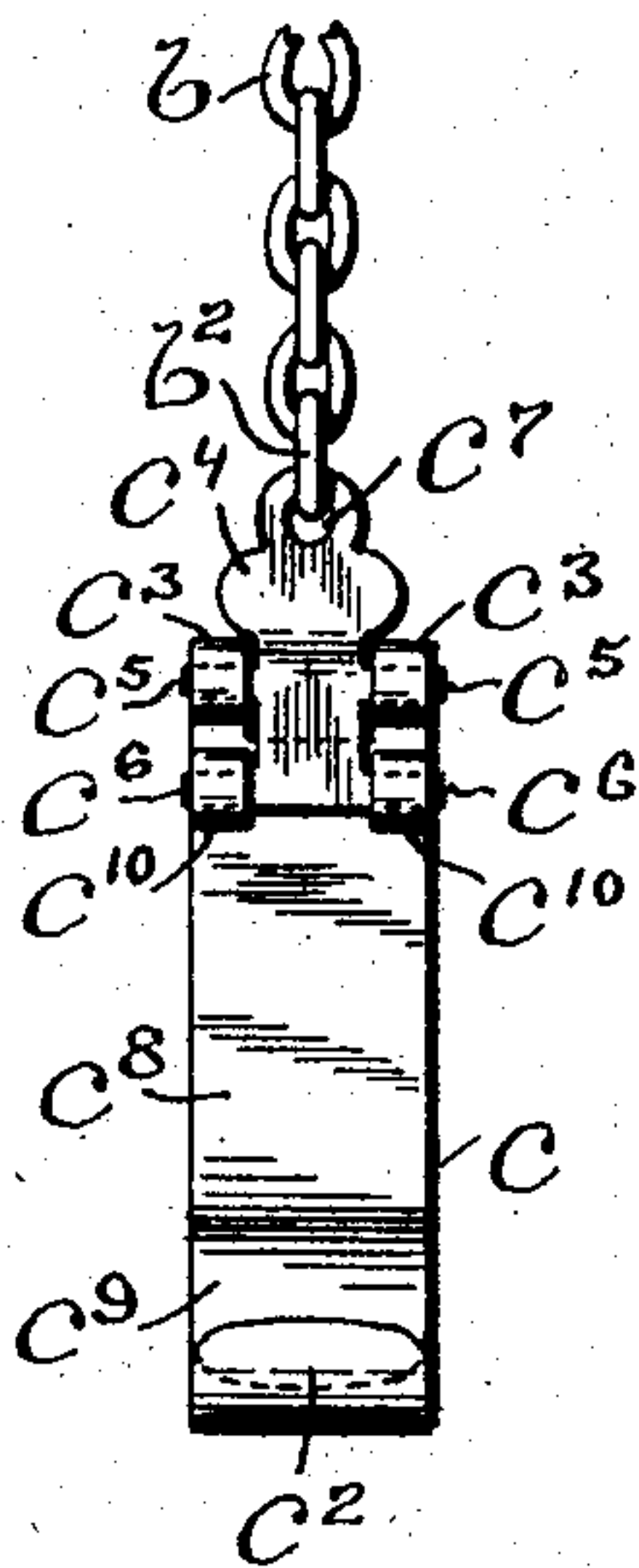
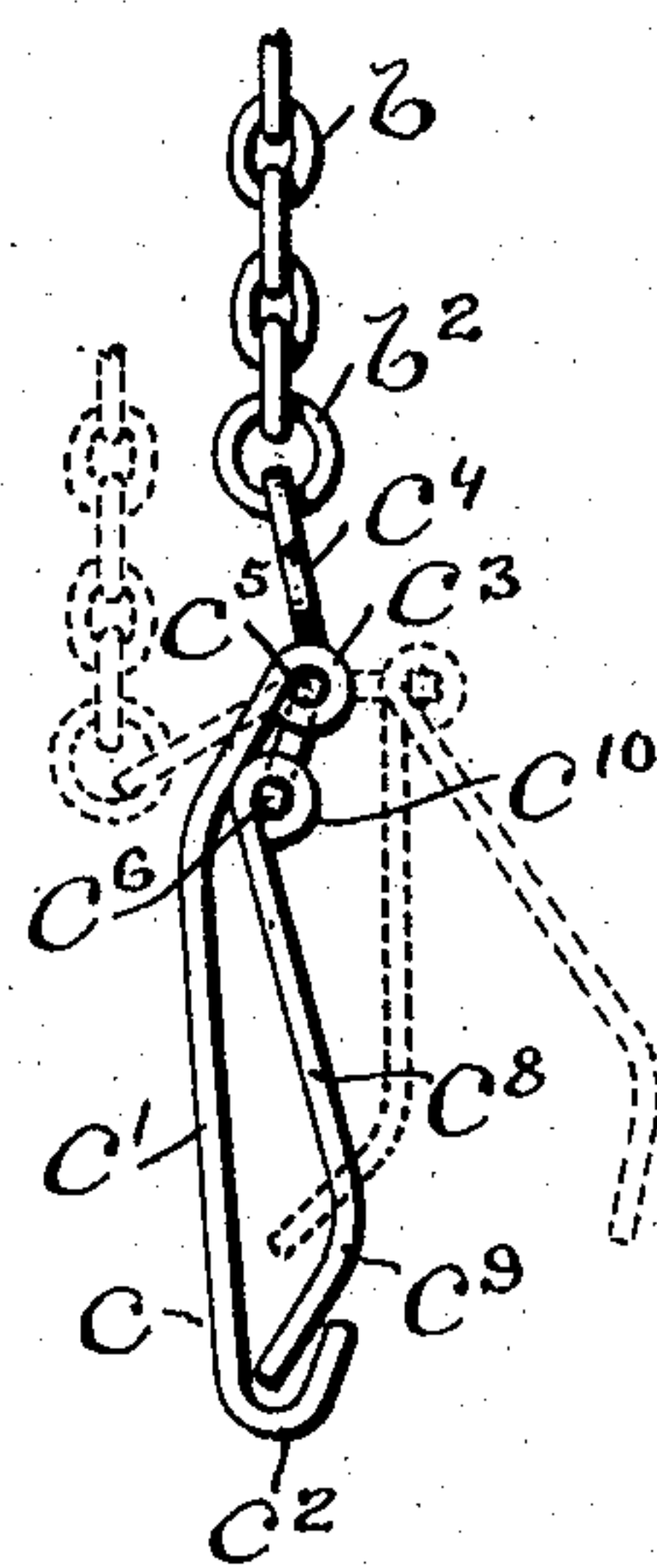


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES P. KEELER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Attleboro, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Skirt-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to an improvement in skirt-supporters used for adjusting the length of a skirt when required and supporting the skirt in the adjusted position.

The object of my invention is to improve the construction of a skirt-supporter, whereby the operations of securing the supporter to the skirt, adjusting the height of the skirt, and locking the supporter in the adjusted position are simplified.

My invention consists in the peculiar and novel construction of a skirt-supporter having a hook attachment for securing the supporter to a belt or to the waistband of a skirt, means for adjustably securing the upper end of a chain to the attachment, and a fastener secured to the lower end of the chain adapted to firmly secure the supporter to the skirt without injury to the skirt, as will be more fully set forth hereinafter.

Figure 1 is a vertical edge view of my improved skirt-supporter, showing the supporter in the adjusted position attached to a part of a skirt and belt which are shown in section. Fig. 2 is a face view of the hook attachment, showing the means for adjustably securing the chain to the attachment. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view taken lengthwise through the hook attachment. Fig. 4 is a face view of the fastener broken away from the lower end of the supporter; and Fig. 5 is an edge view of the fastener, showing the fastener closed in full lines and in the open position in broken lines.

In the drawings, *a* indicates the hook attachment, *b* the chain, and *c* the fastener, of my improved skirt-supporter. In Fig. 1 enough of the skirt *d* and belt *e* is shown in section to clearly show the skirt-supporter in its operative position on the skirt. The hook attachment *a* is stamped from sheet metal and bent approximately U-shaped to form the back *a'* and the front *a''*. The back *a'* is in the shape of an elongated downwardly-extending arm. The front *a''* consists of the central arm *a'''*, in which is the cir-

cular hole *a''''* and the slot *a'''''*, extending downward from the hole, and the two inwardly-bent outside arms *a''''''*, having the outwardly-bent ends *a''''''''*, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The chain *b* has the ring *b'* on its upper end and the ring *b''* on its lower end, as shown in Fig. 1. The fastener *c* consists of the back *c'*, shaped to form the hook *c''* on its lower end and the hinge-knuckles *c'''* *c'''* on its upper end, the operating-lever *c''''*, shaped to form the hinge-pintles *c''''''* *c''''''* and *c''''''''* *c''''''''*, and the hole *c''''''''* for securing the operating-lever *c''''* to the chain *b* by the ring *b''*, and the fastening-arm *c''''''*, shaped to form the inwardly-bent lower end *c''''''''* and the hinge-knuckles *c''''''''* *c''''''''* on its upper end, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The back *c'*, the operating-lever *c''''*, and the fastening-arm *c''''''* are all stamped from sheet metal and assembled by forming the hinge-knuckles *c'''* *c'''* on the back *c'* around the pintles *c''''''* *c''''''* on the operating-lever *c''''* and the hinge-knuckles *c''''''''* *c''''''''* on the fastening-arm *c''''''* around the pintles *c''''''''* *c''''''''* on the operating-lever *c''''*, pivotally securing the back *c'* and the fastening-arm *c''''''* to the operating-lever *c''''*, as shown in the drawings.

In the use of my improved skirt-supporter the hook attachment *a* is hooked over the belt *e* or the waistband of the skirt *d*. The inwardly-bent arms *a''''* *a''''* press on the outside of the belt and firmly hold the attachment to the belt by friction. The fastener *c* is now secured to the skirt *d* by placing a fold of the skirt over the hook end *c''* and bringing the inwardly-bent end *c''''''''* of the fastening-arm *c''''''* against the fold of the skirt. The chain *b* is then pulled upward through the attachment *a* to raise the skirt to the height desired. This carries the upper end of the operating-arm *c''''* upward and the lower end of the fastening-arm downward, thereby forcing the fold of the skirt by the fastening-arm into the hook end *c''*, as shown in Fig. 1. The weight of the skirt holds the fastener in the closed position. The height of the skirt may be adjusted at any time by pulling the upper end of the chain *b* through the hole *a''''* in the hook attachment *a* and held in the adjusted position by dropping a link of the chain *b* into the slot *a'''''*. The lips forming the slot *a'''''* passing between the two adjacent links of the chain lock the chain to the attachment.

By the novel construction of my improved

skirt-supporter the operations of securing the supporter to a skirt and adjusting the height of the skirt are simplified and a more perfect and durable skirt-supporter constructed than has heretofore been done.

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

In a skirt-supporter, the combination of the hook attachment *a* bent approximately U-shaped to form the back *a'*, and the front *a²* having the central arm *a³* in which is the circular hole *a⁴* and the slot *a⁵*, and the inwardly-bent arms *a⁶* *a⁶* with the outwardly-bent ends *a⁷* *a⁷*, the chain *b* having the rings

b' and *b²*, and the fastener *c* consisting of the back *c'* shaped to form the hook *c²* and the hinge-knuckles *c³* *c³*, the operating-lever *c⁴* shaped to form the hinge-pintles *c⁵* *c⁵* and *c⁶* *c⁶* and having the hole *c⁷*, and the fastening-arm *c⁸* shaped to form the bent end *c⁹* and the hinge-knuckles *c¹⁰* *c¹⁰*, as described.

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

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