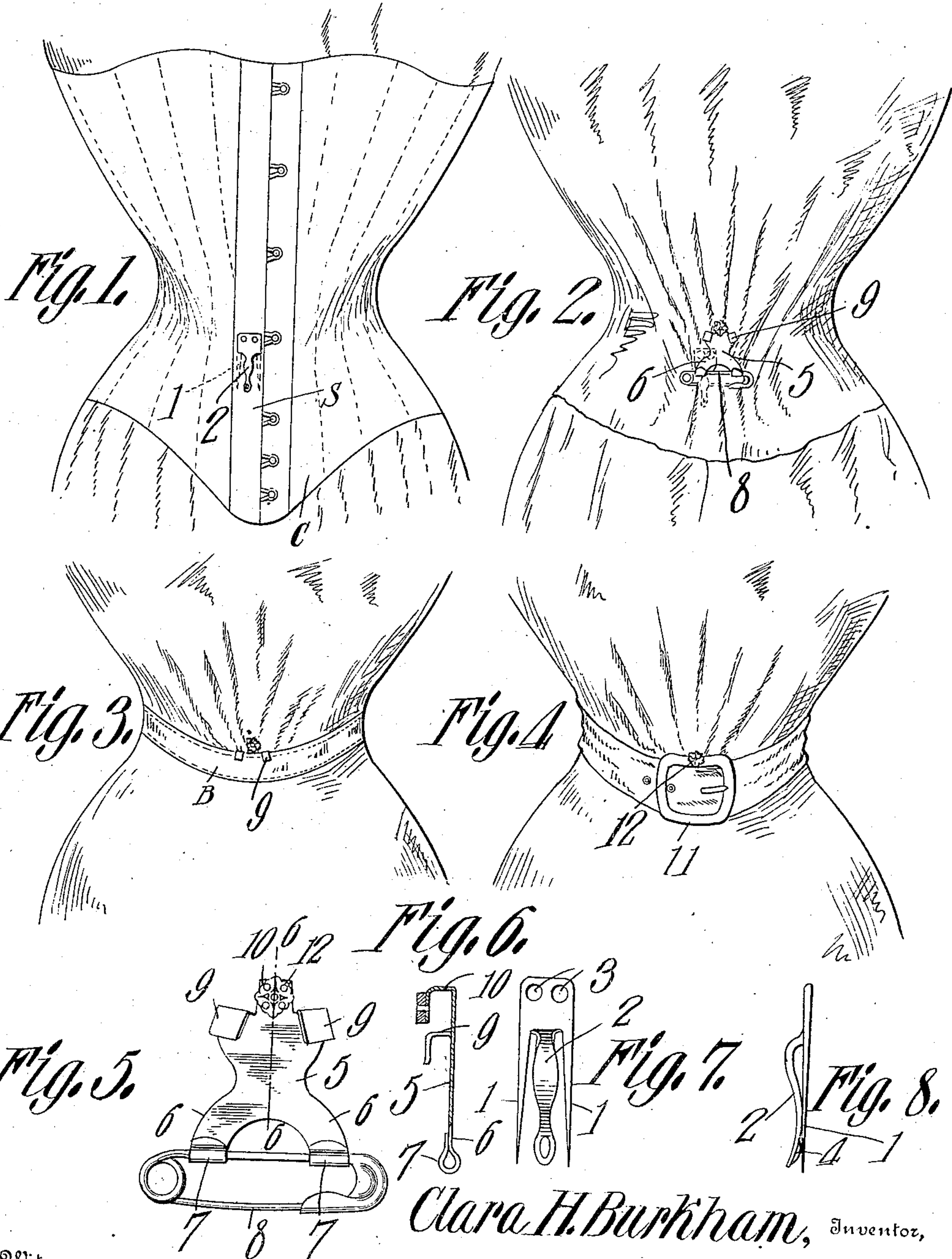


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARA H. BURKHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Licking and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Garment Attachment, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment attachments.

10 The object of the invention is to provide an attachment which shall in a simple, practical, efficient and ornamental manner combine the functions of a waist fastener, a skirt-band retainer, and a belt buckle holder, and in 15 which the parts shall be so constructed and arranged as not to cause discomfort in use or give an unsightly appearance to the garment in connection with which it is employed.

With the above and other objects in view, 20 as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists, generally stated, of two coöperative elements one of which constitutes a corset-engaging member and the other a combined skirt-band 25 retainer and belt buckle holder, the two being arranged for detachable assemblage in use. The first-named member comprises a plate provided with a pair of longitudinally-disposed pins or prongs interposed by a lock- 30 ing tongue and having orifices at one terminal to receive rivets or the like to attach the plate to a corset steel. The tongue is preferably bent on a compound curve, and its free end is provided on its outer side with a de- 35 pression that forms a hump on the inner side, which by coaction with the corset steel, serves to prevent accidental disconnection therefrom of a coöperative part. The second-named member comprises a plate having 40 combined therewith a safety pin to engage the tongue of the corset fastener, and a pair of laterally-disposed hooks to engage with a skirt band to hold the same from working upward, and an intermediate hook to engage 45 with a belt buckle for the same purpose. The coöperation between the parts is such that the shirt or dress waist is positively held down in front against working upward, as is also the skirt band and belt, whereby a neat 50 and dressy appearance will be imparted to the garment without adding stiffness or causing any discomfort in use.

55 The invention consists further in certain features of novelty and in the combination of parts of the article as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate correspond- 60 ing parts, Figure 1 is a view in elevation of the upper portion of a human figure, displaying a corset thereon, and the corset-engaging member combined therewith. Fig. 2 is a similar view displaying the manner in which 65 the shirt-waist or dress waist is held against moving upward. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the manner in which the skirt band is held in position. Fig. 4 is a similar view displaying the manner in which a belt buckle 70 is engaged and held against movement. Fig. 5 is a view in front elevation of a combined waist fastener, skirt band retainer and belt buckle holder. Fig. 6 is a vertical trans- 75 verse sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a view in front elevation of the corset-engaging member. Fig. 8 is an edge view of the latter member.

The corset-engaging member, shown in detail in Figs. 7 and 8, consists of a plate of re- 80 silient metal, that is provided with two prongs or teeth 1, with an intermediate tongue 2 and with a pair of orifices 3, through which rivets or other forms of fastening de- 85 vices may be passed to secure the member to one of the steels S of the corset C. As shown in Fig. 1, the prongs 1 will be inserted be- 85 tween the cover and the steel, and thus be out of sight, while the tongue 2 will bear against the cover. In order to cause the co- 90 action between the tongue 2 and the corset steel to be stable in character, the outer or free end of the tongue is provided with a de- 90 pression that forms a hump or bulge 4 on the inner side of the tongue that will bear upon the steel and thus prevent any accidental 95 separation between the tongue and the part coacting therewith.

The combined waist fastener, skirt-band retainer and belt buckle holder shown in de- 100 tail in Figs. 5 and 6 comprises a plate 5 having two arms 6 that are bent upon themselves to form eyes or loops 7 through which is passed and is retained in place one member 105 of a safety pin 8. This pin may be of the usual or any preferred construction, that herein shown being one style that will be 105 thoroughly efficient for the purpose designed.

The plate 5 may be shaped as shown or otherwise, and is provided at the end oppo- 110 site that carrying the safety pin with two lateral hooks 9 and an intermediate hook 10, the latter hook being projected marginally

some distance beyond the hooks 9. The hooks 9, as shown in Fig. 3, are to engage with the upper edge of the skirt band B, and the hook 10 is to engage with a belt buckle 11 of the usual or any preferred construction, as shown in Fig. 4. In order that the attachment will not have an unsightly appearance, which would detract from the beauty of the waist or belt, a rosette 12, of any preferred design, is secured to the bill of the hook 10, and this will lie over the upper member of the belt buckle, as shown in Fig. 4.

In using the article the corset-engaging member having been positioned, the shirt or dress waist is donned, and the safety pin passed therethrough from the outer side, as shown in Fig. 2, and the pin will be hooked under the tongue 2, thereby firmly holding the shirt waist down. The skirt is then put on and the hooks 9 are caught over the upper edge of the band, thereby firmly holding the said band against working upward. The belt is then positioned and the buckle slipped under the hook 10, thus completing the securing of the garments.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that while the manner of constructing and applying the device is simple, a thoroughly efficient holder will be secured, and one that will require no attention from the wearer after the parts have once been assembled, and owing to the fact that all of the parts, with the exception of the safety pin, are capable of being stamped up from a suitable metal, the article may be cheaply and easily manufactured.

What is claimed is:—

1. A garment attachment comprising an inner member provided with a pair of prongs

and with a tongue interposed between and normally flexed beyond the prongs, and an outer member provided with a safety pin adapted to penetrate a shirtwaist and to engage the tongue and with skirt band and belt buckle engaging devices.

2. A garment attachment comprising an inner member provided with a pair of prongs and with a tongue interposed between the prongs and having its terminal projected towards the points of the prongs, and an outer member provided with a safety pin adapted to penetrate a shirtwaist and to engage the tongue and with skirt band and belt buckle engaging hooks.

3. A garment attachment embodying a combined waist fastener, skirt band retainer and belt buckle holder comprising a plate provided at one end with eyes and at its other end with a pair of lateral skirt band engaging hooks and with an intermediate belt buckle engaging hook projecting marginally beyond the said hooks, a safety-pin, having one of its arms positioned in the eyes, and a corset engaging member embodying a pair of prongs adapted to be inserted between a corset cover and a corset steel and a tongue disposed between the prongs and having its terminal projected toward the points of the prongs and provided with a hump to coact with the corset steel cover.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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