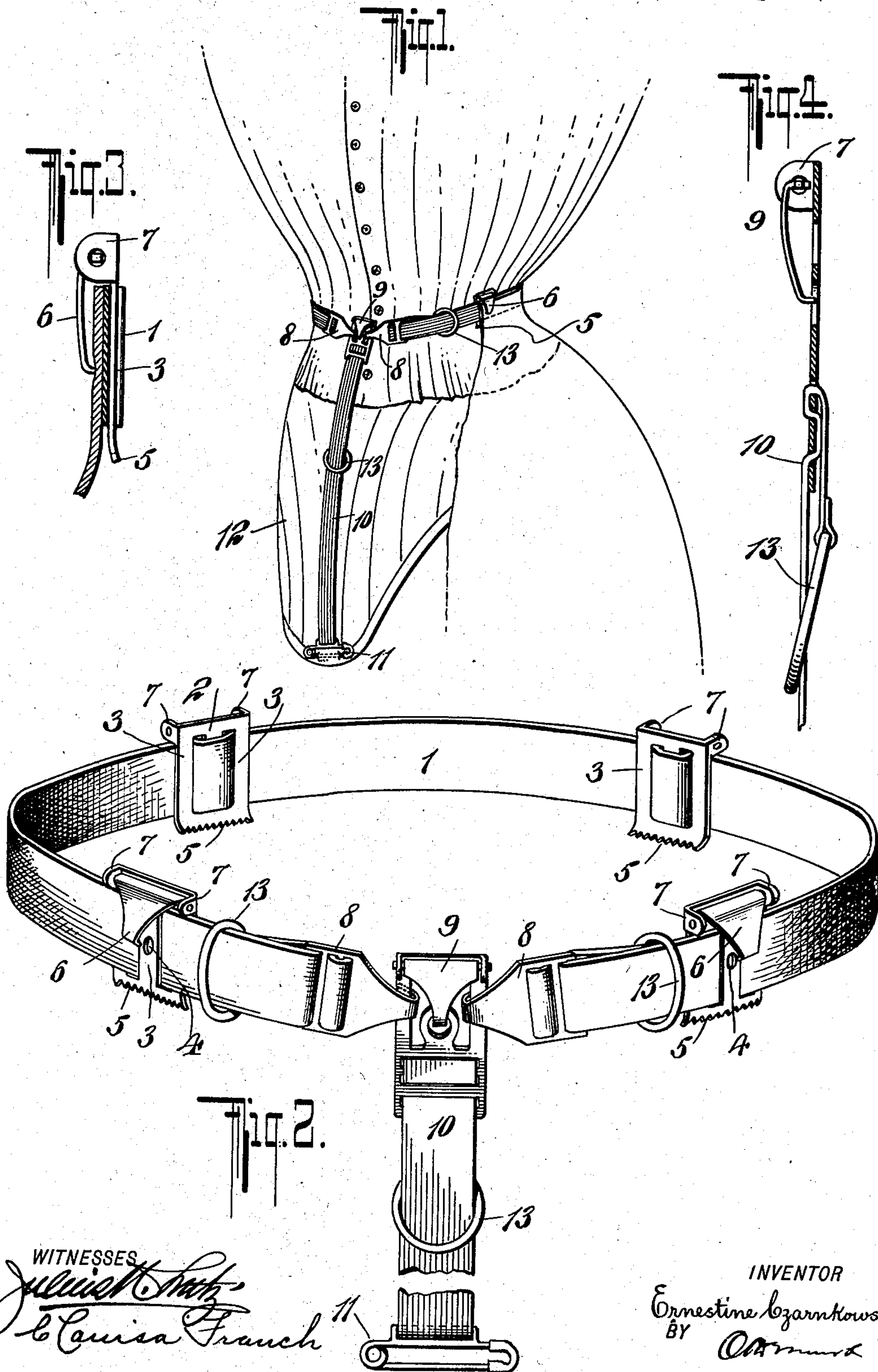


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ERNESTINE CZARNKOWSKY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Waist and Skirt Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to an adjustable waist and skirt holder and embodies numerous advantages over similar articles as at present employed.

One object of the invention is to provide an article of this kind by the use of which the waist and skirt will be held firmly in position relative to each other and will also be enabled to retain their original shape during a considerable time of wear.

A further object of the invention is to make the device adjustable as required and when adjusted to remain in position.

In the accompanying drawing one embodiment of the invention is illustrated and therein Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention in use; Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the device but not in use; Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of buckles used on the waist band; and Fig. 4 is a similar view of the front tape or band and its associated parts.

Referring to the drawing 1 represents a waist band provided with a plurality of buckles 2 comprising three parallel vertically arranged bars 3, the middle of these bars 3 being perforated at 4 to receive a pointed hasp or clasp 6 having ears which are pivoted in lugs 7 formed on the upper part of the buckle 2. At its lower end each buckle 2 is toothed at 5, the teeth being preferably curved or inclined inwardly as shown in Fig. 3, the purpose of this inclination being to enable the teeth to get a firm grip on the material of the waist and hold the same downwardly.

It will be understood that between the central member 3 of the buckle 2 and the hasp 6, the waist band of the skirt is adapted to be fastened, in this manner the buckles 2 act as means for retaining the skirt in position and also for preventing the waist from becoming disengaged. Each end of the band 1 is threaded through a suitable buckle or clasp 8 which clasps serve to retain the material of the waist band when the latter has been adjusted as to length, and are designed to engage a buckle 9 carrying a de-

pending tape or band 10 provided with means such as a safety pin or the like 11 for engaging the lower portion of a corset 12, thus affording additional means for retaining skirt and waist and also acting in the nature of an abdomen reducer. The loose ends of the tape 1 are provided with rings 13 which encircle the band and prevent the loose ends from hanging when the band 1 is made smaller by the pulling of the material through the buckles 8. A similar ring 13 is provided on the band 10, its purpose being the same as that of the rings 13.

From the foregoing description and accompanying illustration, it will be observed that I have produced a simple and adjustable waist and skirt holder, whereby the waist and skirt may be kept in shape and may also be held in any desired position without tearing or injuring the finest fabric of which either article may be made. It will also be noted that the buckles 2 are readily adjustable upon the waist band 1 and may be moved to any desired position and there securely locked or held against yielding. It is of course understood that the waist band 1 may be of ordinary tape or elastic material as desired and that a greater or less number of buckles 2 may be provided to suit the convenience of the wearer.

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

In an adjustable waist and skirt holder, the combination with a waist band, of clasps through which the waist band is threaded and which said clasps serve to retain the material of the waist band when the latter has been adjusted as to length, a ring at each end of said waist band, a plurality of buckles movable upon said waistband, each said buckle having inwardly inclined teeth and a hasp for retaining the buckle in position upon the waist band, a buckle engaged by each said clasp, a depending lengthwise adjustable band having a ring at its end, carried by said last mentioned buckle, and a safety pin fastening means held by the said band.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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