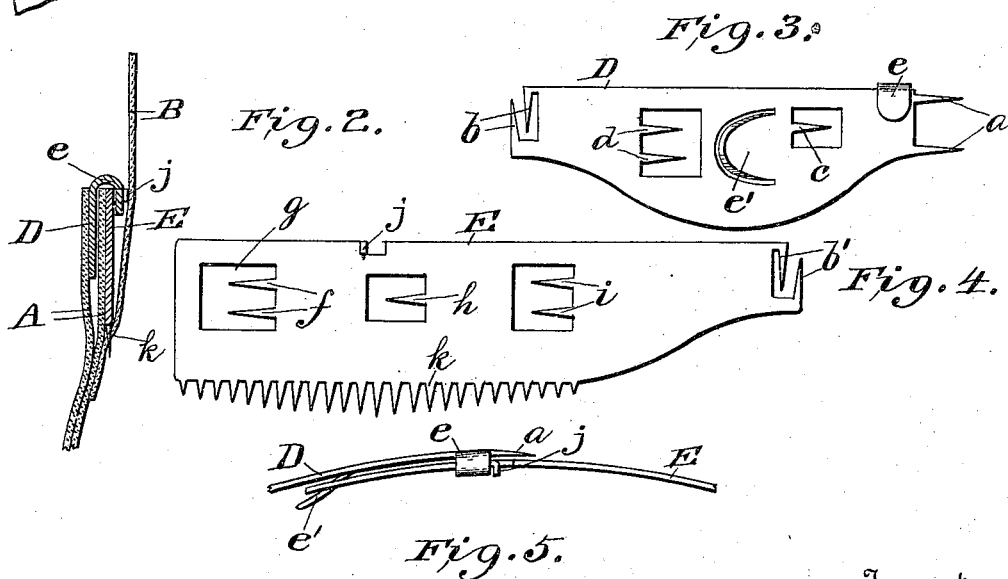
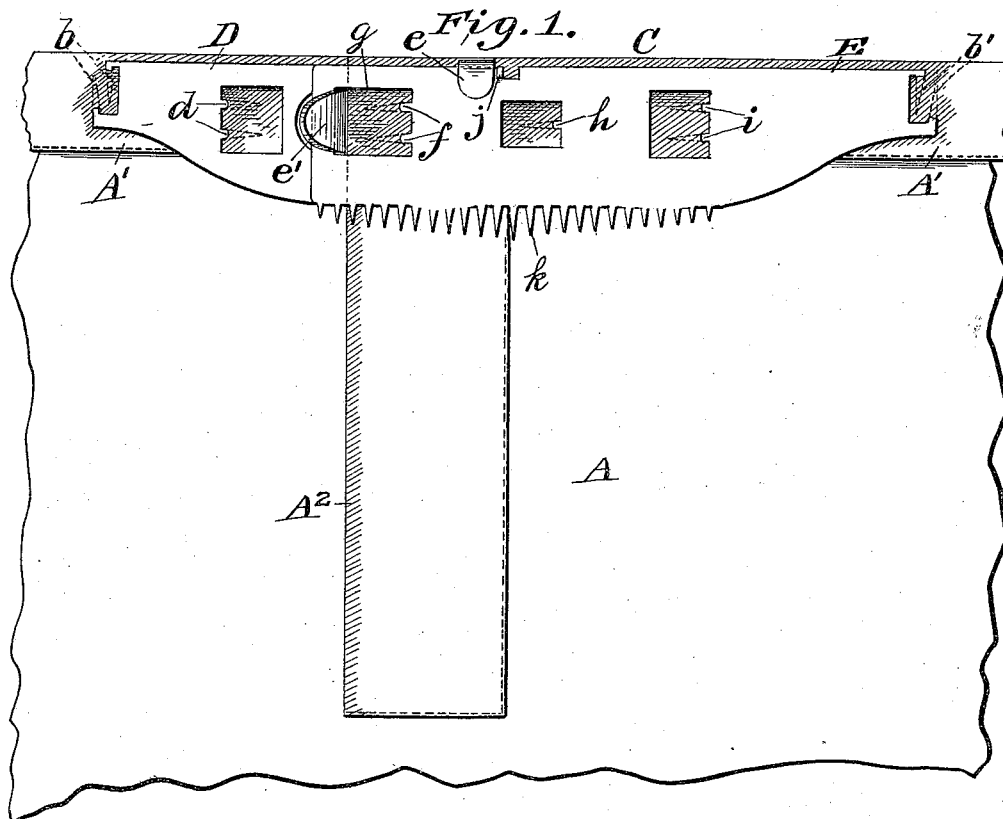


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS C. MEYER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Davenport, in the county of Scott and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in skirt-supporters and placket-closers, and has for its object to provide a device which is simple and inexpensive in construction and easy to manipulate.

My invention consists in the features and combination of features, as more fully hereinafter described and specifically claimed.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a view of a portion of a skirt with waistband and placket, showing the supporter applied thereto; Fig. 2, a vertical section of a portion of skirt and shirt-waist and the supporter; Figs. 3, 4, and 5, detail views of the two parts of the supporter.

In the drawings, in which like letters of reference denote like parts throughout the several views, A represents a portion of a skirt having a waistband A' and a placket A², B the lower portion of a shirt-waist, and C the skirt-supporter, preferably made of thin flexible material, such as metal, (but it may be made of any other desired material,) and consisting of two interlocking parts D E, secured to the waistband of the skirt without sewing. The part D at one end is secured to one end of the waistband by means of two pointed horizontal prongs *a* and at the opposite end by two vertical prongs *b*, extending in opposite directions, one up and the other down, and at its intermediate or middle portion by a prong *c* and two prongs *d*. Said part D is provided on its upper edge with a downwardly-projecting hook *e* and with a tongue *e'*, projecting inward from the body portion. The part E at one end is secured to the opposite end of the waistband by two pointed vertical prongs *b'*, extending in opposite directions, one up and the other down, similar to prongs *b* of part D, and the opposite end by two pointed horizontal prongs *f*, which project inward from one end of a slot *g*, and at the middle portion the said part E is secured by a prong *h* and prongs *i*.

j is an inwardly-extending lug on the upper

edge of part E, and *k* represents a row of sharp teeth which project downward from the lower edge of said part and which gradually increase in length from each end to the center for the purpose of holding the shirt-waist more securely where the most strain or pull comes.

The parts D and E are made slightly curved from end to end in order to fit the shape of the waist and are adapted to be interlocked or secured together by the tongue *e'* of part D engaging the slot *g* in part E and the hook *e* embracing the upper edge of the part E and engaging the lug *j* thereon. It will be seen that by means of the several prongs the skirt-supporter is securely held on the waistband, and thus does away with the necessity of sewing, and by having the teeth on the lower edge of the support increase in length gradually from each end to the center the shirt-waist is kept firm and smooth, giving the figure of the wearer a very neat symmetrical appearance and at the same time preventing any sagging and facilitating the support of the skirt. It will also be seen that by having horizontal prongs at one end of each part, the prongs in the middle portion, and vertical prongs at the opposite end extending in opposite directions it matters not in what direction the parts are pulled. It is impossible for them to become detached from the waistband.

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

1. A skirt-supporter comprising two parts, one of said parts provided with downwardly-extending teeth on its lower edge, substantially as shown and described.

2. A skirt-supporter comprising two parts, one of said parts provided with downwardly-extending teeth on its lower edge, and means for attaching said parts to a waistband or other article, substantially as shown and described.

3. A skirt-supporter comprising a plate or body provided with teeth of varying lengths, substantially as shown and described.

4. A skirt-supporter comprising two parts, one of said parts provided with a row of teeth which increase in length from each end thereof to the center, substantially as shown and described.

5. A skirt-supporter comprising two parts, one of said parts provided with a row of teeth gradually increasing in length from each end to the center, and means for attaching said parts to a waistband or other article, substantially as shown and described.
6. A skirt-supporter comprising two parts, one part provided with a tongue and a hook, and the other part with a slot, a lug, and a row of teeth on the lower edge, the said tongue and hook of one part adapted to engage the slot and lug respectively of the other part, and means for attaching said parts to a waistband or other article, substantially as shown and described.
7. A skirt-supporter comprising two parts, one part provided with a tongue and a hook, and the other part with a slot adapted to receive said tongue, and a lug adapted to engage said hook, by means of which said parts are adapted to be fastened together, substantially as shown and described.
8. A skirt-supporter comprising two parts, one part provided with a tongue and a hook, and the other part with a slot adapted to receive said tongue, and a lug adapted to engage said hook, and means for attaching said parts to a waistband or other article, substantially as shown and described.
9. A skirt-supporter comprising two parts, one of said parts provided at one end with prongs, and at the other end with prongs extending in opposite directions, and the other part provided at one end with a slot having prongs therein, and at the other end with prongs extending in opposite directions, substantially as shown and described.
10. A skirt-supporter comprising two parts, one of said parts provided at one end with prongs at opposite ends, and the other part provided with prongs at one end, and at the other end with a slot having prongs extending from the edge thereof, and both of said parts provided at their intermediate portions with slots each having prongs extending from one edge thereof, and means for securing said parts together, substantially as shown and described.
11. A skirt-supporter comprising two parts, one part provided with a tongue projecting from the body of said part, and a hook projecting downward from the edge thereof, and the other part having a slot near one end, and a lug projecting from one edge of said part, and a row of teeth projecting from the opposite edge, and securing-prongs for attaching said parts to a waistband or other article, substantially as shown and described.
12. A skirt-supporter comprising two parts one part provided with a tongue and a hook, and at one end with horizontal securing-prongs, and at the opposite end with vertical securing-prongs extending in opposite directions, and the other part with a slot, a lug, and a row of teeth increasing in length from each end to the center thereof, one end of said part having horizontal securing-prongs and the opposite end vertical securing-prongs extending in opposite directions, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I hereto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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