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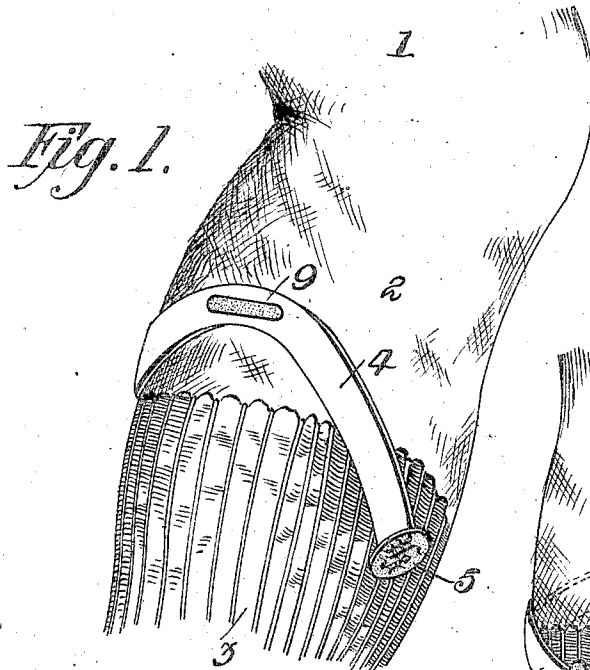


*Fig. 2.*

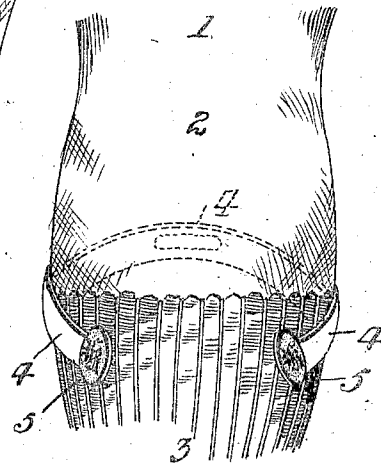
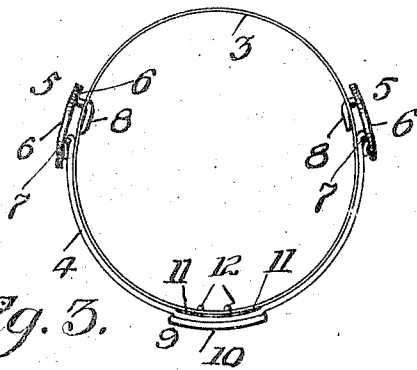
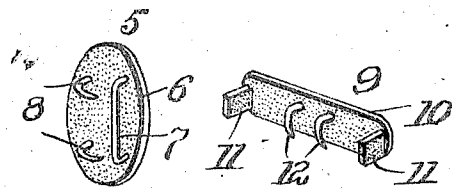
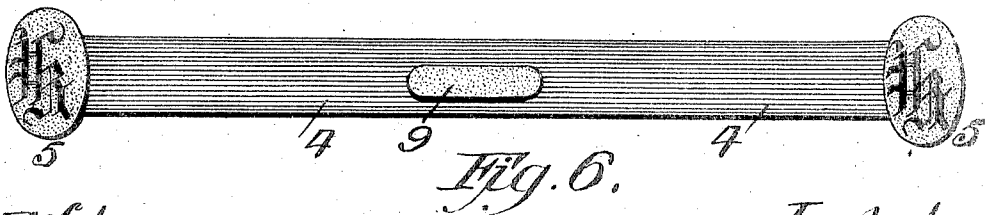


*Fig. 5.*



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## HOSE-SUPPORTER.

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*To all-whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT B. KURTZ, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Conneltsville, in the county of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hose-Supporters, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in garment-supports; and the invention relates more particularly to a support adapted to be used as a garter for supporting hosiery.

The primary object of this invention is the provision of novel means for supporting hosiery which will not curtail or interfere with the circulation within a limb or portion of the body in connection with which the support is used, and in this connection I have devised a novel form of support or garter for holding and supporting hosiery. To this end I have provided a resilient strip of material the ends of which are adapted to be fastened to the top of a hose, while the central portion of the strip is secured to the nether garment of a person upon whom the hose is supported.

My improved support and the minor details of construction thereof will be herein-after more fully described and claimed, and, referring to the drawings accompanying this application, like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of a limb of a person, illustrating my improved support as retaining a hose upon the limb. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary front elevation of a limb upon which my improved support is placed. Fig. 3 is a top plan of a hose and my improved support. Fig. 4 is a perspective view illustrating the rear side of a clasp used in connection with my improved support. Fig. 5 is a similar view of the rear side of a central clasp, and Fig. 6 is a front elevation of the support.

In the accompanying drawings the reference-numeral 1 designates the limb of a person, the same being illustrated in connection with a nether garment 2 and a hose 3.

To support the hose 3 upon the limb 1, I employ a resilient flexible strip of material 4, which is made of such a length as to partially encircle the limb 1 approximately three-fourths the circumference of the limb. The

ends of the strip 4 are provided with clasps 5, each of which is a flat oval plate or button 6, preferably constructed of metal, such as sterling silver or gold. The one face of each clasp is provided with a yoke 7, to which the one end of the strip 4 is secured. Adjacent to the yoke 7 I provide hooks 8 8. These hooks are bent toward the yoke 7, whereby when a clasp is placed upon each end of the strip 4 one clasp can be placed in engagement with the hose or stocking 3 and the strip 4 placed to partially encircle the limb 1, at which time the clasp upon the opposite end of the strip can be secured in the hose and be firmly retained in engagement therewith. The opposite faces of the clasps may be suitably engraved and provided with the monogram or initials of the person owning or wearing the supports. Centrally of the strip 4 I mount another clasp 9, consisting of a metallic strip 10, carrying a lug 11 at each end, these lugs being adapted to extend through the strip 4 and be bent upon the strip to retain the clasp 9 thereon. The clasp is also provided with rearwardly-depending hooks 12 12, which also pass through the resilient strip 4 and are adapted to engage in the nether garment 2, as clearly illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3 of the drawings.

In placing my improved support in position to retain a hose upon a limb the central clasp 9 is preferably first positioned upon the nether garment 2 and then the end clasps 5 5 placed in engagement with the hose 3, this operation causing the strip 4 to partially encircle the limb, and by the construction of my improved support and the manner in which it is placed upon the limb it will be impossible for any binding of the support to exist which would retard or interfere with the circulation of the limb upon which it is placed. I also desire to call attention to the fact that the simplicity of construction permits of the supports being easily and quickly placed in position upon the limb, and the general appearance of the support adds considerably to the merits of the same.

I do not care to confine myself to the kind of resilient flexible material employed, and it is thought from the foregoing that the construction, operation, and advantages of the herein-described garment-support will be apparent without further description, and various changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the

invention or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

- 5 1. A support of the class described consisting of a resilient flexible strip of material, a clasp carried by each end of said material, each clasp consisting of a plate, a yoke carried by said plate to which the end of said  
10 strip is secured, rearwardly-extending hooks carried by said plate and adapted to engage hose, a central clasp carried by said strip, said clasp consisting of a plate, rearwardly-extending lugs carried by said plate, and en-  
15 gaging said strip, depending hooks carried by said plate and adapted to engage in a nether garment, substantially as described.

2. A support of the class described consist-

ing of a resilient flexible strip adapted to partially encircle a limb, clasps carried by each 20 end of said strip, a plurality of hooks carried by each clasp and adapted to engage in a hose, a clasp located centrally of said strip, a plurality of hooks carried by said clasp and adapted to engage in a nether garment the 25 hooks on the centrally-located clasp projecting in a direction at right angles to the direction in which the hooks on the end clasps project, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 30 in the presence of two witnesses.

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