

Oct. 23, 1962

B. MURDOCK

3,059,647

HOSE SUPPORTER RETAINING MEANS

Filed May 31, 1960

FIG. 1

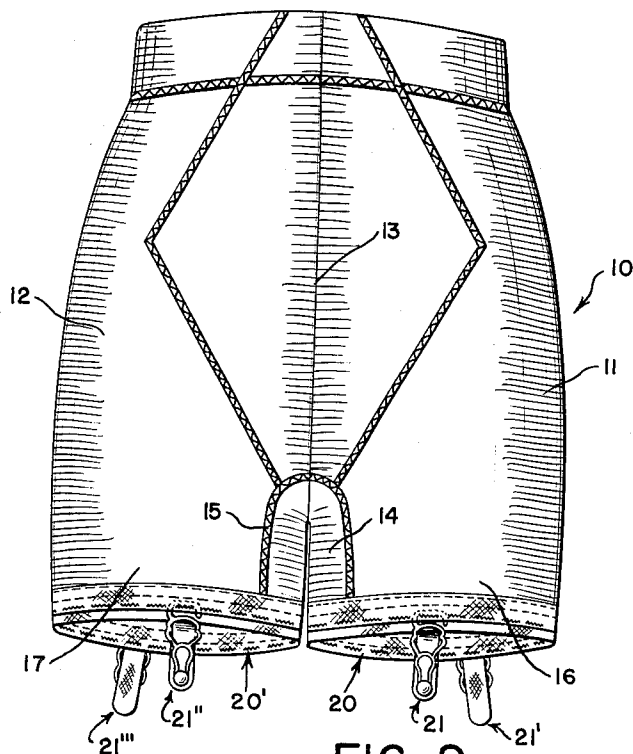


FIG. 3

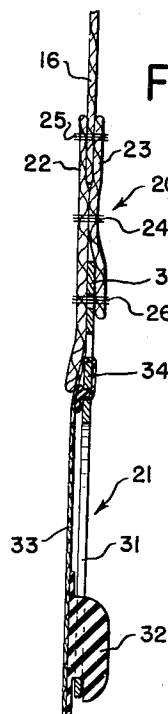
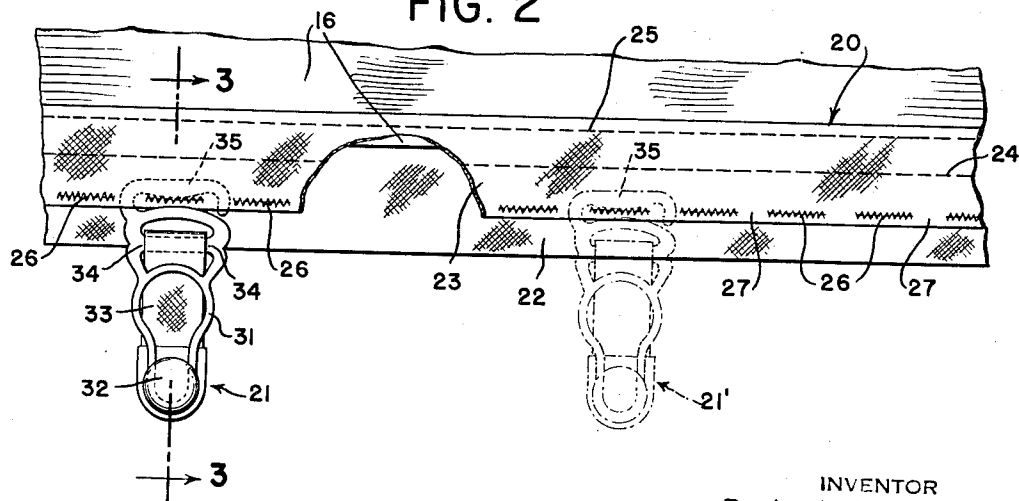


FIG. 2



INVENTOR
Benjamin Murdock
BY
Howard E. Ruckelshaus
ATTORNEY

1

3,059,647

HOSE SUPPORTER RETAINING MEANS

Benjamin Murdock, New York, N.Y., assignor to Fortuna Foundations, Inc., New York, N.Y., a corporation of New York

Filed May 31, 1960, Ser. No. 32,955

2 Claims. (Cl. 128—535)

This invention relates to foundation garments and more particularly to retaining means adapted to secure a removable hose supporter at selected points along the lower edge of a foundation garment.

In a conventional foundation garment, there is customarily provided a plurality of hose supporters at fixed points along the lower edge of the garment or of the leg openings thereof. Such supporters are located along such lower edge without any particular attention to either preference or convenience of the wearer. Thus, for example, a woman with a rather thick thigh would prefer placement of the hose supports on either side of the legs rather than in the front and rear as is the customary position of such supporters. Because of the permanency of such attachments, removal and replacement of the supporters on the garment is made impossible, without effecting a major alteration of the garment.

It has further been found that supporters generally fabricated of metal and permanently anchored to the garment, have a serious destructive effect upon the girdle, especially when it is being laundered.

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a simple means for adjustably securing hose supporters to a foundation garment.

Another object of the present invention is the provision of attaching means for securing a hose supporter adapted for ready connection and disconnection of such supporters from the garment.

A further object of the present invention is to provide securing means for hose supporters adapted to permit attachment, removal and replacement without involving the necessity of any stitching operation.

Another object herein is to provide means permitting attachment of hose supporters along the lower edge of a garment at selected points along such lower edge.

Another object of the present invention is to provide means for attachment of a plurality of hose supporters, in any number as desired and found convenient, along the lower edge of the foundation garment.

Still another object herein is the provision of retaining means for hose supporters permitting readjustment of said supporters along selected points of the lower edge of an undergarment without the necessity of altering or effecting any structural changes in the garment.

In accomplishing the foregoing, and other objects of the present invention, there is provided a double ply of elastic strip material adapted to be secured along the lower edge of an undergarment. The elastic strips are provided with a plurality of spaced slots in lateral alignment adapted to receive and anchor a plurality of hose supporters within each of the slots at a plurality of points along the lower edge of the garment. Such slots are arranged within the elastic strip so that removal and replacement of the supporters are effected without the necessity of stitching or altering the garment in any way.

Other and further objects of the present invention will be apparent to those versed in the art from the following description of an embodiment of the invention illustrated in the drawing, in which like reference characters refer to like parts in the several views and in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view illustrating a foundation garment with the hose supporter retaining means thereon;

FIG. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary view of the hose

2

supporter retaining means showing attachment of the hose supporters; and

FIG. 3 is a view taken on line 3—3 of FIG. 2.

Referring now to the drawings, there is illustrated a conventional girdle 10, of two main side panels 11, 12 respectively, seamed at the front 13, and rear, to form a body encircling garment. A crotch attachment 14 is attached by stitching 15, in the front, and rear, to the two main side panels 11, 12 at the lower inside edges thereof, forming leg portions 16, 17 of the girdle 10.

Each of said leg portions 16, 17 is provided with hose supporters retaining means 20 disposed circumferentially along the lower peripheral edge thereof. Associated with such hose supporter retaining means 20, are hose supporters 21, 21', 21'', 21'''.

The hose supporter retaining means 20 of the present invention comprises a first inner band 22 of elastic material having superposed thereupon a narrower second outer band 23 of elastic material. The outer band 23 is approximately two-thirds the width of said inner band 22, but it is to be understood that the relative widths of said bands 22, 23 are not considered critical, and a retainer for hose supporters may effectively be made of bands of the same width.

Bands 22, 23 are laterally secured to each other along the entire length thereof by stitching 24 medially thereon or by other securing means such as, for example, by weaving, with the top edges thereof being in alignment with each other.

Since attachment of bands 22, 23 to each other are well below the top edges thereof, such area may be parted, allowing the bottom edge of leg portion 16 to be interleafed therebetween. A line of stitching 25 within this area will secure the bands 22, 23 to the garment, thus incorporating such retainer 20 for hose supporters as an integral part of the garment 10.

The outer band 23 is further secured to the inner band 22 by tacking 26. Such tacking 26 is laterally disposed in regular alignment along the bottom edge of the outer band 23, so that between each of such tacks 26, such bottom edge of outer band 23 is free of the inner band 22, forming a channel 27 between each of said tacks 26, and adapted to receive a hose supporter 21.

The hose supporter 21 of the conventional type, comprises a metal loop 31 adapted to engage a button 32 secured at the lowest end of a strap 33 looped over a metal bar 34. The hose supporter 21 is further provided with a hook portion 35 adapted to be inserted within channel 27 and around the tacking 26 so as to rest and be retained thereupon.

It will be seen that at any time it is desired to remove the hose supporter 21 whether for the purposes of laundering the garment, or for relocating said supporter 21, the hook portion 35 is disengaged from the tack 26, and taken from the garment by sliding said hooked portion 35 outward from channel 27.

Although the present invention has been described with relation to a girdle having leg portions, it is to be understood that the hose supporter retaining means herein described can also be applied to girdles without leg portions.

It is further to be understood that variations and modifications of the present invention may be made without constituting a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention. For example, the bottom edge of the outer elastic band 23 may be laterally secured to the inner elastic band 22 along the entire length thereof, and a series of aligned slits may be provided on such outer band 23 adapted to receive the hook portion 35 of the hose supporter 20. Likewise, one elastic band with a plurality of regularly aligned slits may be secured to the bottom edge

3

of an undergarment and seamed thereto along the top and bottom edge thereof.

I claim:

1. In a foundation garment, hose supporter retaining means comprising a first elastic band, and a second elastic band superposed thereupon; the top edges thereof being in alignment with each other, said first band being secured to said second band medially thereupon along the entire length thereof; the bottom edge of said second band being laterally secured to said first band by tacking in regular alignment along the entire length thereof; a channel be-

5

10

4

tween each of said tacks adapted to receive therein the hook portion of a hose supporter.

2. A hose supporter retaining means according to claim 1 wherein said first band is broader than said second band.

References Cited in the file of this patent

UNITED STATES PATENTS

2,285,217	Martin	June 2, 1942
2,300,154	Herbener	Oct. 27, 1942
2,632,165	Murdock	Mar. 24, 1953