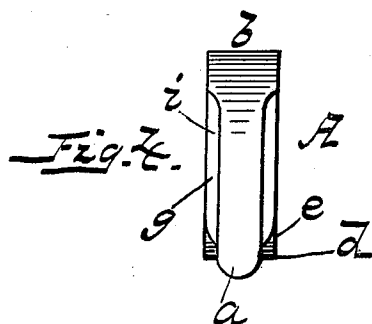
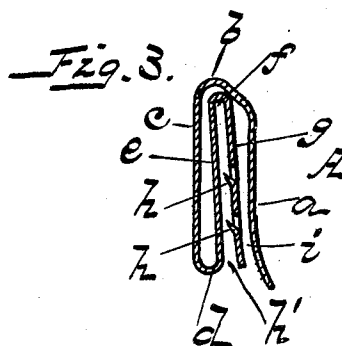
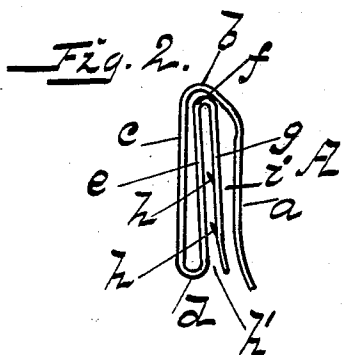
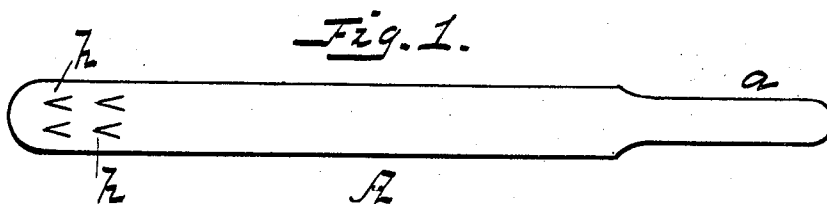


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN S. DORSEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Langdon, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention has relation to improvements in devices for supporting wearing-apparel upon the person; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of the same, all as will be hereinafter fully explained.

The device is more particularly designed for use in supporting the wearer's undergarments, such as men's drawers, whereby the same are held and supported in place upon the wearer.

The annexed drawings, to which reference is made, fully illustrate my invention, in which—

Figure 1 represents a plan view of my device in blank form, showing the same as cut or stamped from sheet metal. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same bent or formed in shape for use upon wearing-apparel. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view, and Fig. 4 is a face or front view.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, A designates the garment-supporter comprising a single piece and stamped from sheet metal in blank form, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. This blank when bent in the form shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4 comprises an outer spring-arm or gripping-tongue *a*, which is bent at its upper portion at *b*, which provides the spring for said tongue, and the continuation of this bent portion *b* presents a vertical downward-projecting portion *c*, that forms the rear or back plate of the supporter. This rear plate is bent at its lower end at *d*, continued upward in a diagonal direction, forming an inner plate *e*, which is bent at its upper end at *f* into a downward-projecting and inclined inner spring arm or plate *g*, which is provided with inward and upward project-

ing spurs *h*, that are cut from said plate at the time the blank is stamped out. Thus it will be seen that in forming the two inner plates *e* and *g* the same are interposed between the tongue and the back plate. At the same time the upper bend, as well as the lower bend, imparts to the tongue and plate *g* the desired elasticity when the device is applied to the wearer's garments, and the interior plates are not only hidden from view, but are protected by the back plate and the front tongue.

In using my device the person simply passes the edge or belt portion of the drawers into the opening *h'*, the spring-plate *g* yielding to admit the same, when the drawers are grasped by the spurs and held firmly to the supporter, after which the top edge of the trousers is passed into the space *i*, where it is confined and held by the tongue, the upper bent portion *b* supporting the device and the drawers upon the upper edge of the trousers.

It will be readily observed that the drawers and trousers can be removed simultaneously while the supporter and the parts remain attached to one another; but, if desired, the trousers can be readily separated from the drawers by withdrawing them from the grasp of the tongue, thus leaving the device attached to the drawers. At the same time the device can be readily detached from the drawers simply by forcing the spring-plate *c* outward, thereby withdrawing the spurs from the fabric, permitting it to pass out freely, and my device is not only applicable to the underwear, but can be used for various purposes on wearing-apparel, such as supporting ladies' skirts, holding neckties in position, and, in fact, will be found to be a very useful article for many purposes by both sexes; but it is designed more for use in supporting drawers upon the trousers of the wearer, and it is simple in construction, being of a single piece, easily and quickly applied and detached, durable, as well as cheap to manufacture.

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

The within-described garment-supporter, comprising the outer spring-tongue, bent at its upper portion and extending downward,

forming the back thereof, said portion or back bent at its lower end and extending obliquely upward and again bent into a downward-extended plate, provided with gripping portions adapted to yield in attaching and detaching the supporter, substantially as described.

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

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