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Fig. 1.

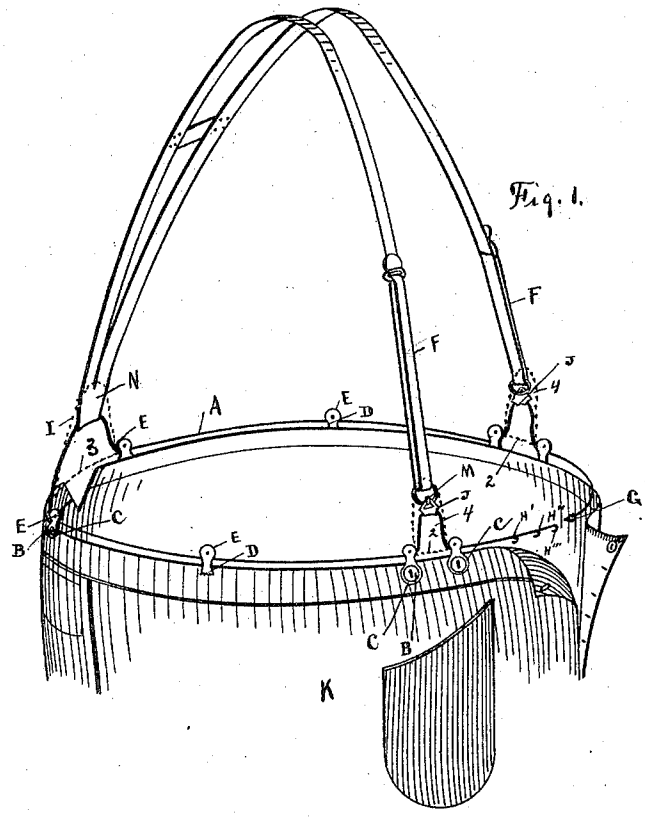


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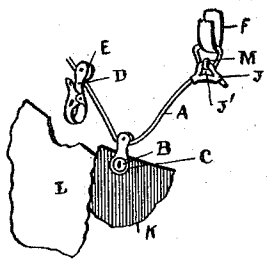
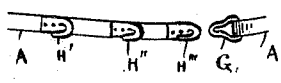


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RAYMOND P. SHOLL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bartonville, in the county of Peoria and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supporters for Garments; 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 and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to improvements in supporters for garments, and is more adapted for use in supporting pantaloons and the like.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and effective means for supporting garments and where a continual strain on the suspenders is entirely overcome.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a view in perspective of my improvement as applied to a pair of pantaloons. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of part of my invention, showing the means of applying the several parts. Fig. 3 is a front view of a band used in my invention, showing an eye and three hooks in their respective places.

K, Figs. 1 and 2, represents a portion of a pair of trousers to show how my improved device is applied thereto, and which consists, essentially, in a band of leather or other material suitable for the purpose, which is passed through a number of pulleys E. These pulleys are carried by suitable means between two ears of metal which come together below the said pulley, and the lower extremity of the device thus formed terminates in a loop C, which is passed on over the button B of the garment, as shown. Each of these pulleys, with its loop, is passed over its respective button on the garment, and, as before stated, the leather band is strung around under and through the pulleys E of the loop C. The free ends of the said band A are in front of the person wearing it, and one of these ends carries a small eye G, adapted to engage with a hook of a series of hooks H′ H″ H‴, (or more, if desired,) placed by suitable means on the opposite end of the said band.

Near each side of the garment and placed on the band A is a supporter D for an undergarment L. This supporter is also provided with a pulley E to allow of an easy movement, the same as the other loop attachments.

The suspenders F F are made and placed over the shoulders in the ordinary manner, and the front ends of which are connected with the portion of the band A lying between the two buttons of a pair of buttons, as shown. An ordinary fastening J is placed on the band A, (between the said buttons,) and which is provided with an eye J′ for engaging with a hook M on the suspenders F. A similar arrangement N is used on the back portion of the suspenders, but being minus the hooking arrangement.

The connection of the suspenders with the supporting-band A may be made rigid or movable on the said band A, as desired. Any suitable means for altering the length of the suspenders F may be used.

After arranging the different parts as described, the operations will be as follows: The suspenders are placed over the shoulders and the lengths of the same are adjusted to suit. Then the eye G is placed over one of the hooks on the opposite end—*i. e.*, the hook which will be most liable to bring the band A the right length for the person wearing it. Now on bending forward the band will alter its position by slipping through the pulleys E, so that the portion of the band A between two of the front buttons will assume a shorter length, (between those buttons,) as shown by dotted lines 2 2, and that portion of the band A (attached to the suspenders) lying between the rear buttons will assume a longer length, as shown by the dotted line 1. It will thus be seen that in the act of bending forward the said band must necessarily draw up at the back and shorten at the front, because in so doing the band must slip in the direction it is drawn. The reverse operation takes place in bending backward, as indicated by dotted lines 4 4 and 3. In a side movement and all straining motions the band will assume a position where no strain can be imposed on the suspenders whatsoever, as all parts will give alike, thus making a very satisfactory supporter for the purposes for which it may be used.

Having thus described my invention, what

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

In a supporter for garments, the suspenders F F, provided at each of their forward extremities with a fastening J, the rear extremity of said suspenders being provided with a fastening N, in combination with a supporting-band A, said band provided on one of its forward ends with an eye and the remaining end of said band provided with a hook or series of hooks, and to which band is hung by means of pulleys the garment to be supported, said pulleys being attached to said garment by loops which inclose the said pulleys, as set forth and described.

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

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