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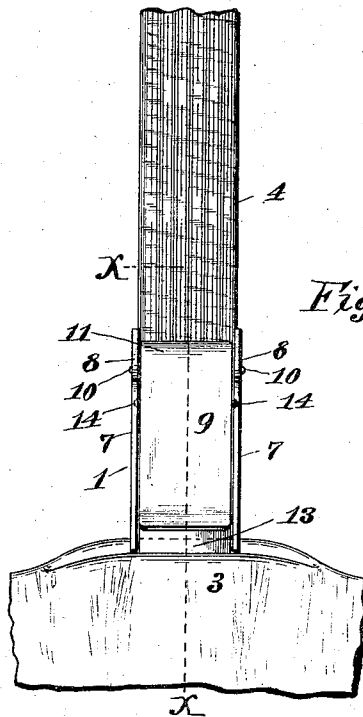


Fig. 1

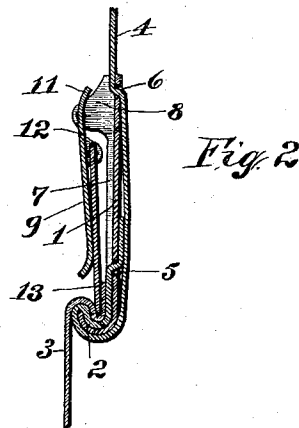


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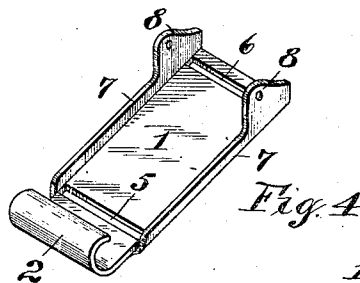


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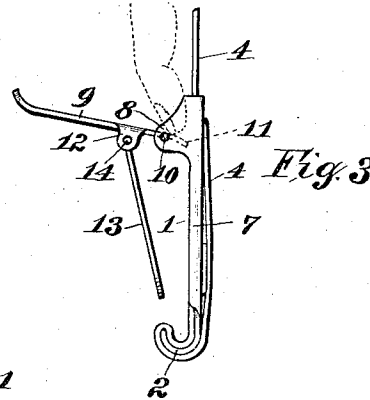


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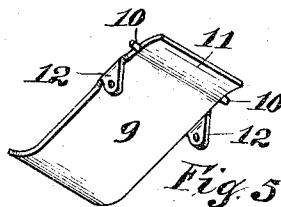


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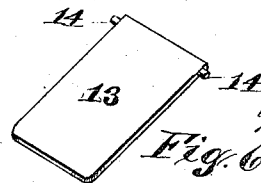


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM WESLEY JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Meadville, in the county of Crawford, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporting Clasps, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to the class of clasps which are designed to support the garment especially the hose on the person of the wearer.

The invention consists in a novel construction and combination of the component parts of a clasp, which is simple and inexpensive in its manufacture, and convenient and efficient in its operation as hereinafter described and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a front view of a clasp embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section on the line —X—X— in Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is an edge view of the clasp opened preparatory to connecting to and disconnecting from the garment; and, Figs. 4, 5 and 6 are perspective views of the component parts of the clasp.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts.

—1— represents the base-plate or body-plate of the clasp. This plate is formed with the usual hook —2— on one end thereof for engaging the garment to be supported as indicated at —3—.

—4— denotes the strap or band by means of which the clasp is connected to the waist-band of a skirt or other suitable article secured to the person wearing the garment to be supported by the clasp. For connecting the clasp to the said strap, the base-plate is provided with a transverse slot —5— in proximity to the hook —2— and with a similar slot —6— in the opposite end of the base-plate. The suspended end of the strap —4— passes through the slot —6—, thence along the back of the base-plate and around the hook —2—, and finally through the slot —5—. In passing across the said hook, the strap forms a lining therein to protect the engaged portion of the garment —3— from undue wear and injury. To strengthen the said base-plate it is formed with longi-

tudinal side-flanges —7—7— projecting at right angles from the plane of the plate. These flanges terminate in elongated ears —8—8— which extend across the ends of the slot —6— and thus compensate for the weakening effect of the said slot.

—9— denotes a thumb-lever which consists of a plate fulcrumed on the ears —8—8— preferably by means of ears —10— projecting from the side edges of one of the end portions of the said plate and toward the base-plate and pivotally connected to the ears —8—8—. Said lever extends partway toward the hook —2— and is formed at the opposite or fulcrumed end with an upwardly projecting thumb-piece —11— which is in approximately the same plane with the said lever for the purpose hereinafter explained. The side edges of the lever —9— are provided with lugs —12— projecting toward the base-plate and disposed intermediate the ears —10— of the lever and hook —2— of the base-plate.

—13— represents the garment-clamping plate, which is interposed between the lever —9— and base-plate —1— and is pivoted at one end to the lugs —12— preferably by means of pintles —14— projecting from the side edges of the said clamping-plate and inserted into perforations in the lugs —12—.

In applying the described clasp to the hose or garment —3—, the free end of the thumb-lever —9— is to be swung outward from the base-plate, which operation is greatly facilitated and expedited by the operator pressing on the exterior of the aforesaid thumb-piece —11— as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings. Said movement of the lever draws the clamping-plate —13— out of the hook —2—, so as to allow a portion of the garment to be placed in the said hook. After this is effected, the operator depresses the free end of the lever and thereby causes the plate —13— to pinch the garment in the hook so as to securely retain the garment therein as represented in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings. The release of the garment from the hook when desired is quickly and easily accomplished by depressing the thumb-piece —11— of the thumb-lever.

What I claim as my invention is:—

The combination with the body plate formed on one end with a garment-engaging

hook, of a lever pivoted to the opposite end
of said body plate and extending with its
free end toward the aforesaid hook and
formed on the opposite end with a thumb-
5 piece disposed in approximately the same
plane with the lever, and the clamping-plate
interposed between the said lever and body-

plate and pivoted to the lever adjacent to the
pivoted end thereof substantially as set
forth and shown.

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