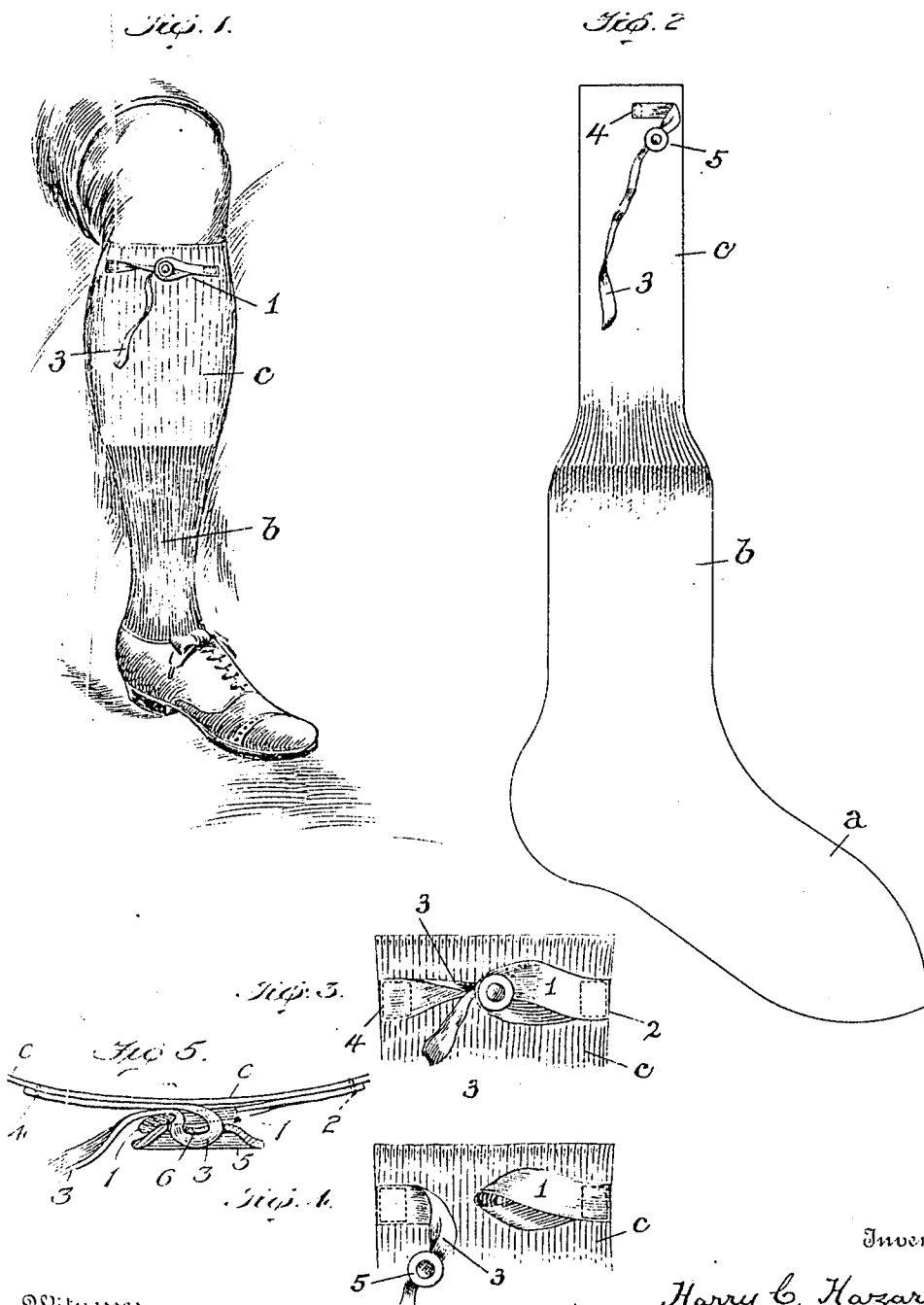


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRY C. HAZARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stocking-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved stocking supporter.

One object of the invention is to provide a stocking with a garter device permanently attached to the stocking,—said garter device when fastened on the leg extending only across the front part of the stocking leg.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing annexed hereto.

Figure 1 shows a stocking and the improved garter device applied to a human leg. Fig. 2 is a side view of a stocking having the improved garter device. Fig. 3 is a view of the top end of a stocking and the garter device at the front of the leg, and shows the garter in the fastened position. Fig. 4 is a similar view to that seen in Fig. 3, but shows the garter device unfastened. Fig. 5 is a horizontal section showing the garter parts when in the buttoned position.

For the better carrying out of this invention I have provided the usual foot, *a*, and usual short leg, *b*, of a stocking with an upper ribbed portion, *c*, of relatively greater length than usual. This upper ribbed portion by being longer than usual serves to reach above the calf of a person's leg, as shown in Fig. 1, and my garter device is attached to the front part and near the top end of said upper ribbed portion.

Referring to the drawing a suitable eye or loop, 1, is attached to the stocking-leg, in the present instance by stitches, 2. This eye or loop may be made of woven or other flexible fabric, such as tape. The narrow band, string or tape, 3, is suitably attached to the stocking by one end (in the present instance by stitches, 4) and the other end is free. These two parts—the flexible loop and the free band—are to be connected, when the stocking is on a person's leg, by a button, 5, that is slidably attached on the band, 3. The said button has a central cross-bar, 6, with an eye through the button each side of the bar; the band, 3, extends through both eyes of said button and across the outer side of

the said bar, 6, and thereby the button is slidably attached on the band and may be adjusted by sliding it along the band, until the button has a position that will suit for the diametrical size of the person's leg. The free end of the band, 3, and the button 5, should be passed through the flexible loop, 1, and by drawing the free end of the band the garter parts will be tightened around the leg and when taut these parts will be so retained by the free end of said band being frictionally engaged between the underside of the button and the bight of the said loop, 1. The effect of this will be to retain these engaged parts in their buttoned or tightened position.

It will be understood this garter device, when fastened on the person's leg, extends horizontally across the stocking leg only at the front; the garter does not entirely encircle the leg as garters commonly do; this is shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

A garter thus constructed, applied, and used will support the stocking in a comfortable manner, and will be free of undue tightness or other inconvenience to the wearer.

The flexible loop, and also band, may be made of any washable material. What is termed a "band" is intended to cover a tape, strap, cord or other flexible strand which has one end attached to the stocking and the other left free and unattached.

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

The combination with a stocking leg of a flexible band having one end secured to one side of the leg and the other end of the band free and provided with a button that is slidably attached thereon, and a flexible loop secured to the opposite side of the leg and adapted for the passage therethrough of both the said band and button, said band extending through the eyes of the button and its free end engaging the bight of the loop when in the buttoned position.

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

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