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Clasp for Stocking or Skirt Supporters.

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Fig. 1.

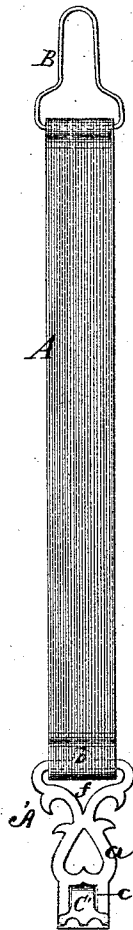
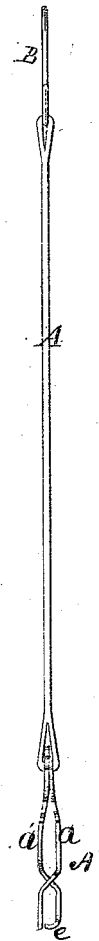


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLASPS FOR STOCKINGS OR SKIRT SUPPORTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE J. CAPEWELL, of Cheshire, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stocking or Skirt Supporters; and that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

This invention is in the nature of an improvement in a stocking or skirt supporter; and the invention consists in a clasp for use in stocking and skirt supporters, constructed of two pieces of metal riveted together at their loop end, and one passing through a slot in the other, as hereinafter fully set forth.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved stocking or skirt supporter, and Fig. 2 an edge view of same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the several figures.

A' represents a clasp, which is formed of two pieces of metal, *a a'*, forming the sides of the clasp. These two sides are joined at their upper ends by a rivet, *b*. Through the side *a*, and near its lower end, is cut a slot, *c*. The slotted end is then bent in a reverse curve, and through it is passed the lower end of the side *a'*, which is bent in like manner. The end of the side *a'* thus passed through the slot is provided with one or more claws, *e e*, and the lower end of the side *a* abuts against the points of said claws, acting as a guard therefor. The upper ends of the two sides of the clasp *a a'* have formed into them an opening, *f*, through which is passed and secured

an elastic, A, the upper end of this elastic having a metallic loop, B, fastened to it.

My supporter being constructed substantially as above described, it is operated by passing the edge of the stocking or skirt between the lower ends of the clasp, pressing the clasp slightly, so that the claws will enter into the fabric, and the metallic loop B at the other end of the elastic A is passed around a button on a band or belt around the waist. The supporter being applied in this way, the tension of the elastic strap A will keep the stocking or skirt smooth and snugly in place, the elastic pressure of the clasp keeping it firmly secured to the fabric, from which it is readily released by simply compressing the clasp together.

The end of the clasp which abuts against the claws *e e* acts as a guard, preventing the claws from wounding the wearer.

I am aware that stocking-supporters have been made with metallic clasps similar in shape and operation to my device, but differing in the construction and arrangement.

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

A clasp for stocking and skirt supporters, composed of two pieces of metal, *a a'*, riveted together at their loop end, and one passing through a slot in the other, and operating substantially in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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