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Fig. 1

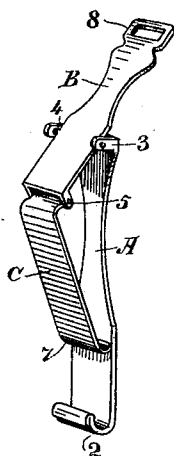
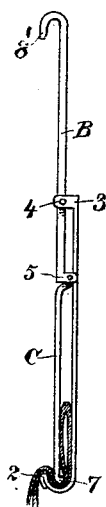


Fig. 2



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GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN JORGENSEN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Garment-Supporters; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to an improved device for supporting garments and for like uses.

It consists of two rigid bars the lower edges of which are so curved that one may fit and interlock with the other. The upper ends of these bars are jointed to a third bar at such a distance apart that by tilting this bar in one direction the inner of the interlocking bars is withdrawn from the other, so that any article to be secured may be inserted, and by tilting this bar in the opposite direction the interlocking ends of the first-named bars are forced together, and all the bars stand approximately in line or parallel and retain this position by reason of the tension produced by their position intermediate of the two attachments.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows the supporter open. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same, showing it in a locked position.

A is a metal bar curved at one end to form a segment 2. At the other end it is made with lugs 3, to which the bar B is pivoted by a pin 4. A short distance from 4, upon the bar B, are the lugs 5 and a pin which forms a joint with the bar C. The lower or detached end of C is curved in segmental form, as at 7, so that its convexity fits the concavity 2 of bar A. Thus when B, acting as a lever fulcrumed at 4, is lifted or changed to a position parallel with A the bar C is moved until the curve 7 fits within the curve 2 of bar A. The length of C must essentially be such as to permit the part 7 to be engaged and retained or locked by 2 when bar B has been straightened, as shown in Fig. 2. Thus a garment or fabric is held in position simply by an edge fold

or part being caught between the end of the bar C and the turned-up end of A, as in Fig. 2. In the upper end of B is a transverse slot 8, to which is secured an elastic or other suitable material. The supporter may thus be used to hold stockings, for instance, in position. The end 8 of B may also form a hook, as 8', or any other desired device by which the supporter can be used to hold garments or fabrics for display in stores, windows, &c. The parts 2 and 7 are rounded, so as not to tear the fabric.

In order to make the device applicable to varying thicknesses of fabric, the contiguous surfaces of 2 and 7, one or both, may be covered by felt, rubber, or the like, the yielding of which provides an elastic grip for the fabric.

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

An improved garment-supporter consisting of three plates of substantially the same width, one of said plates A having a lower end turned to form a transverse segmental groove and having at the upper side edges inwardly-turned lugs, the second plate B occupying the space between, and pivoted to, said lugs at a point between its opposite ends, having an outer end for the attachment of an article and having at its lower corners lugs which extend toward the first-named plate, and the third plate C having both ends curved in the same direction, one of said ends coacting with the grooved end of the first-named plate and the other end passing between and pivoted to the lugs of the second plate at a point which is to one side of the pivotal connection of the second plate with the first plate.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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