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GARMENT SUPPORTER.

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FIG. 1

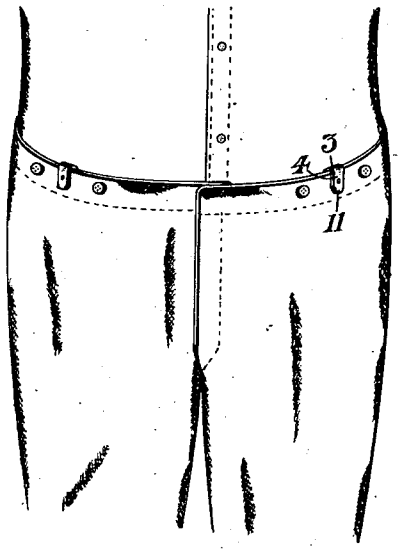


FIG. 2

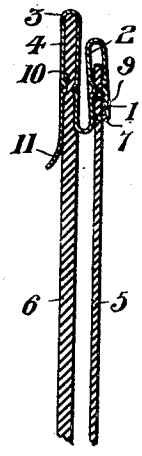


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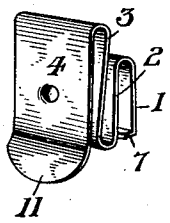
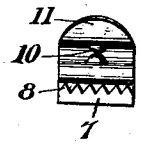


FIG. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES A. SHAFER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Mathews, in the county of Mathews and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to garment supporters, and the primary object of my invention is to provide a simple and durable device for retaining garments in place, without binding the body or causing any discomforture to the wearer of the device.

Another object of this invention is to provide a clothes retainer that can be advantageously used in connection with a pair of trousers for holding an under-garment without injuring the same, the device also being applicable for ladies' skirts, children's wearing apparel and for attaching overalls to trousers.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the above type that is inexpensive to manufacture, easy to place in position and highly efficient for connecting one piece of fabric to another.

I attain the above objects by a mechanical construction that will be hereinafter specifically described and then claimed.

Reference will now be had to the drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a pair of trousers provided with the device, Fig. 2 is an enlarged vertical sectional view of one of the devices as applied to a pair of trousers, Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the detached device, and Fig. 4 is a bottom plan of the same.

A device in accordance with this invention is made of a single piece of resilient metal, as steel or brass and the piece of steel is bent and doubled upon itself to form two sets of gripping arms, the arms of the inner set being designated 1 and 2 and the arms of the outer set 3 and 4. The arms 1 and 2 are of a less length than the arms 3 and 4 and the arms 1 and 2 are adapted to receive between them and grip the upper edge of an under-garment 5, while the arms 3 and 4 are adapted to engage over the upper edge of an outer garment 6. The lower end of the arm 1 is bent inwardly, at right angles to the body of the arm as at 7 and provided on its free edge with teeth or serrations 8 adapted to engage in the fabric of the under garment.

The arms of each set are pierced or punched to provide diametrically opposed inwardly projecting teats or protuberances 9 and 10, the teats of the arms 1 and 2 frictionally engaging the fabric of the garment 5 and the teats 10 of the arms 3 and 4 frictionally engaging the fabric of the garment 6.

The lower end of the arm 4 is bent outwardly and rounded, as at 11 to form a hand or finger grip that facilitates the removal of the device from the outer garment.

As an example of its use, the device can be placed upon the upper edges of a pair of drawers and remain upon the drawers until the same is sent to the laundry. With the device mounted upon the upper edge of the drawers, it is an exceedingly easy operation to place the outer arms 3 and 4 over the edges of a pair of trousers or upon a belt whereby the upper edges of the drawers will be supported in proximity to the upper edges of the trousers. The device can be easily removed from the upper edge of the trousers without necessarily disturbing the device upon the drawers, and it is obvious that this device can be finished to present a neat appearance, particularly when used in connection with a lady's skirt and belt.

The invention is not limited as to the size, shape or material of the device.

What I claim is:—

A garment supporter formed from a strip of relatively wide spring metal twice doubled upon itself to form two spaced gripping members of substantially inverted U-shape and of unequal length, the open ends of said gripping members extending in the same direction and the end of the strip forming the termination of the shorter length U-mem-

ber being bent inwardly at right angles to partially close the entrance opening of the shorter member, said angular portion being provided with teeth on its free edge, the other end of said strip being extended beyond the open ends of the gripping members and flared outwardly away from the members, and projections on the inner faces of each gripping member, substantially as described.

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

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