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Fig. 1.

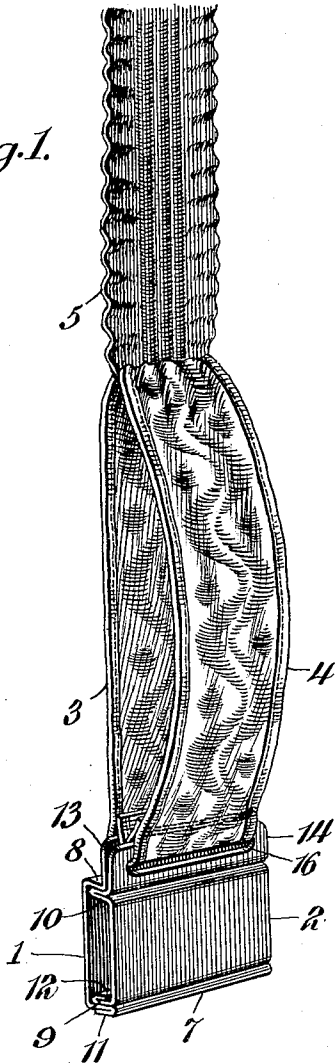


Fig. 2.

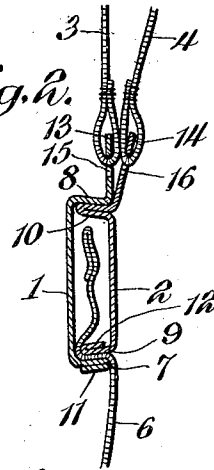


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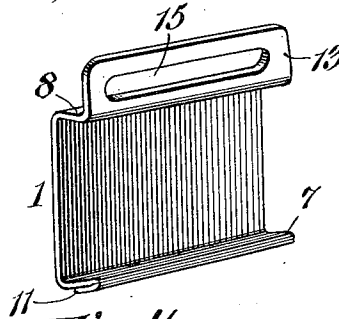
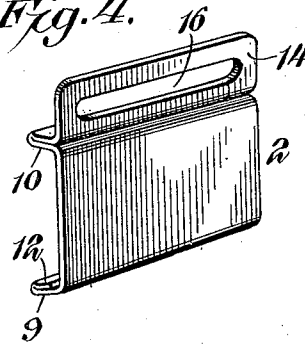


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DORA CASS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mobile, in the county of Mobile and State of Alabama, have invented a new and useful Garment-Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in garment supporters.

10 The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of garment supporters, and to provide a simple, efficient and comparatively inexpensive device, designed for supporting hose or any garment, and adapted to prevent wear and tear on the same, and capable of firmly gripping or clamping thin delicate fabrics without cutting or otherwise injuring the same.

20 With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction and novel combination of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended; it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size and minor details of construction, within the scope of the claim, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

30 In the drawing:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garment supporter, constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the lower portion of the garment supporter, illustrating the manner of clamping the tops of hose. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the resilient back plate. Fig. 4 is a similar view of the front plate.

40 Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawing.

45 In the accompanying drawing in which is illustrated the preferred embodiment of the invention, the garment supporter is equipped with a clasp or clamp composed of back and front plates 1 and 2, connected by flexible strips 3 and 4 with a strip 5 of elastic webbing, or any other suitable material. The clasp or clamp between which the fabric 6 of the hose or a garment is clamped is designed to be constructed of sheet metal, or other suitable material, and it may be plated, enameled or otherwise finished or ornamented, and can be manufactured in silver or gold when desired, and

while in the accompanying drawing it is illustrated as rectangular in form, it may be varied in configuration to present a more ornamental appearance.

60 The resilient back plate 1 is bent forwardly at the bottom to provide a lower resilient flange 7, and it is also bent forwardly at the top to form an upper forwardly extending resilient flange 8. The flanges 7 and 8, which are transversely disposed, are straight with respect to their transverse disposition and converge slightly to prevent inner inclined or angularly disposed faces, and they co-act with inwardly or rearwardly diverging lower and upper straight transverse flanges 9 and 10 of the front plate 2, which need not possess the resiliency of the back plate, as the spring action of the flanges 7 and 8 is sufficient to cause the clasp or clamp to firmly grip and securely hold a fabric between the plates, even when the front plate is made of stiff relatively unyielding material. The edge 11 of the sheet metal of the plate 1 is bent backward on itself at the outer edge of the bottom flange 7, and the lower edge 12 of the metal of the plate 2 is bent back on the bottom flange 9. The bending of the sheet metal at the longitudinal edges of the flanges 7 and 9 form rounded faces to prevent the flange from cutting, tearing, or otherwise injuring the fabric, which may be gripped between the lower flanges 7 and 9, as illustrated in Fig. 2 of the drawing, or the fabric may be gripped at both the top and bottom of the clasp or clamp. When the fabric, as illustrated in Fig. 2, is gripped at the bottom flanges, the space between the body portions of the plates 1 and 2 is adapted to receive and take care of any fullness of a garment, or the upper edges of the hose. The flanges space the body portions of the plates and are adapted to grip the fabric at two distinct portions, and the space between the body portions of the plates is open at the ends of the transverse flanges. The clasp or clamp is exaggerated in the accompanying drawing both in the thickness of the sheet metal and the size of the parts, in order to illustrate the construction clearly. In practice the space between the front and rear plates will be materially less so as to form a thin flat clamp, and as the flanges of the front plate are received between the flanges of the back plate, and the said front plate is ar-

5 ranged in substantially flush relation with the longitudinal edge of the bottom flange of the back plate, the clasp has smooth flat front and rear faces and presents no projecting portions liable to tear or otherwise injure a garment.

10 The metal of the front plate is bent inwardly a short distance and then outwardly to form the upper flange 10, which is made of two thicknesses by the said fold. The back and front plates are extended above the flanges 8 and 10 to form attaching portions 13 and 14, which are provided with longitudinal slots 15 and 16 to receive the lower ends of the strips 3 and 4, which are looped around the slotted attaching portions, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing, and stitched or otherwise secured to the body portions of the strips.

20 The plates 1 and 2 may be secured to the flexible strips 3 and 4 in any other preferred manner, and the front strip 4 is of greater length than the rear strip 3, and is loose or slack so that there is no pulling strain on the front strip when the device is in use.

25 This prevents the strain on the supporter from pulling the plates 1 and 2 apart. The strip 5 may be connected in any suitable manner with the corsets when the device is used as a hose supporter, and the resiliency of the back plate enables the two plates to

be readily engaged or interlocked with each other to clamp the hose, or other fabric, and to be quickly and easily disengaged from each other to release the fabric. The lower flange 9 is arranged at a greater inclination than the upper flange 10.

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

40 A garment supporter including a clasp comprising a resilient back plate provided with spaced straight outwardly extending transverse flanges converging slightly at present inclined or angularly disposed inner engaging faces, and a front plate provided with spaced inwardly extending straight transverse flanges diverging slightly and received between and clamped by the flanges of the back plate and cooperating with the same to grip and hold a fabric between the plates, said front and back plates being spaced apart between the flanges and extended at the top to form attaching portions.

55 In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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