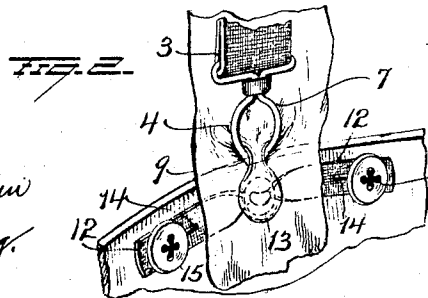
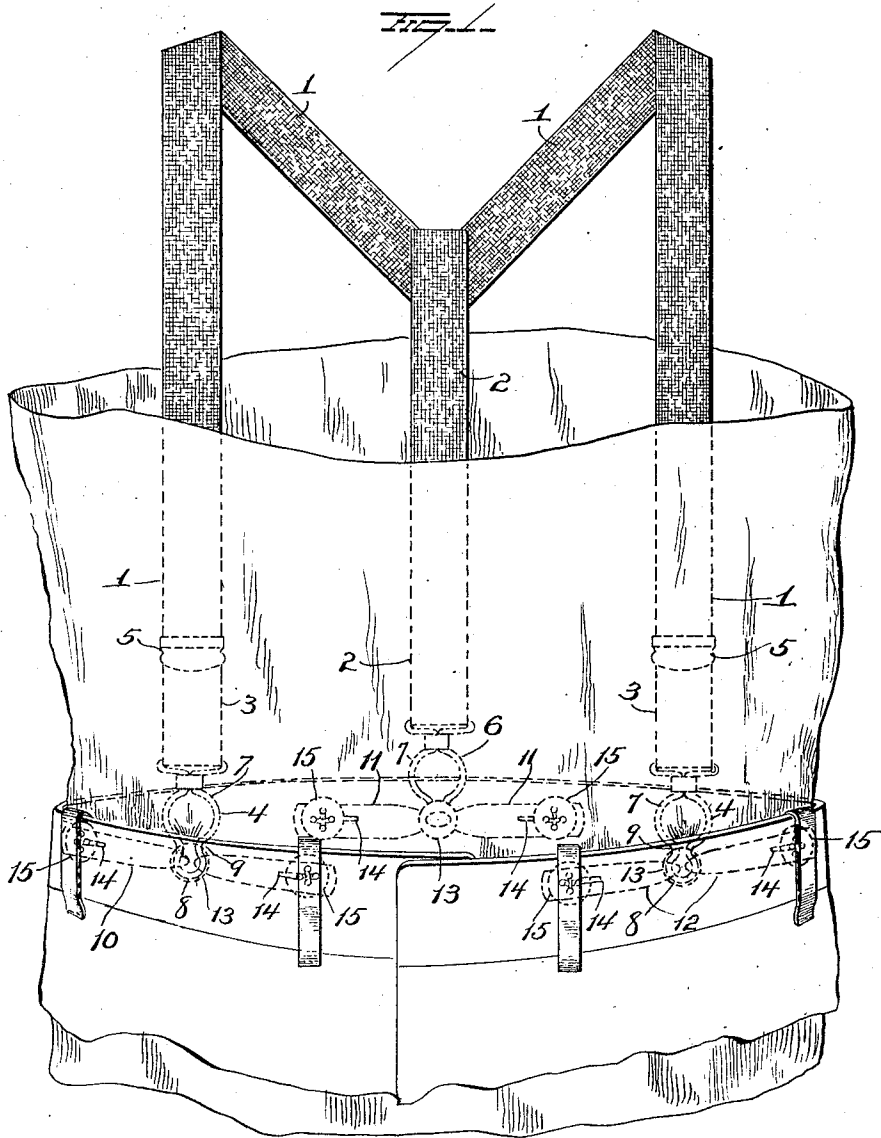


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD T. CLARKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in garment supporters and more particularly suspenders of the so-called "invisible" type,—the object being to provide simple three-point suspenders of the type specified and to so construct and adapt the same that they may have six points of connection with the trousers, such points of attachment being located at the positions on the waist band where the suspender buttons are commonly located.

With this object in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts as hereinafter set forth and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view showing the application of my improvements, and Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary view.

1, 1 represent the shoulder straps of the suspenders united at their rear ends to a back strap 2. Each shoulder strap may consist of a single thickness of webbing formed at the free end with a loop 3 carrying a wire loop attaching device 4, and the loops 3 are connected with the body portions of the straps 1 by means of suitable buckles 5 for effecting vertical adjustment of the attaching devices 4. The back strap 2 may comprise two thicknesses of webbing, forming an elongated loop closed at both ends and supporting an attaching device 6 which is the same in construction as the attaching devices 4.

Each attaching device may conveniently consist of a wire loop bent to form partly circular portions 7—8 connected by a neck 9. This form of attaching device is particularly adaptable for use with suspenders of the "invisible" type, because it can be read-

ily caused to engage a button with the goods of the shirt intervening.

For connecting the three straps 1, 1, 2 with the trousers so that six points of connection shall be provided at points on the waist band where the buttons are usually located, I provide tapes 10, 11, 12, each threaded through a button 13 in such manner that said button shall be located centrally between the ends of the tape, and the ends of each tape are adapted for attachment to the waist band of the trousers. The buttons 13 are engaged (through the goods of the shirt) by the wire loops or attaching devices 4—6 on the suspender straps and thus three-point invisible suspenders are adapted for six-point attachment to the trousers.

It is the common practice to locate the suspender buttons inside the waist-band of trousers and space them definite distances apart. The tapes 10—12 may be provided near their respective ends with button holes 14 to engage the ordinary trousers buttons 15, thus providing convenient means for properly locating the tapes and securing them to the trousers. It will be understood that the tapes may be permanently (though removably) attached to the trousers as herein shown and described, but the ends of the tapes may also be stitched or otherwise fixedly secured to the trousers, if desired.

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

The combination of shoulder straps, a back strap, three flexible tapes each adapted at both of its ends for attachment to trousers, a rigid loop on the free end of each strap, a button mounted on each tape intermediate the ends thereof, the rigid loops on the ends of the straps being adapted for removable connection with the buttons on the tapes with the material of the wearer's shirt intervening.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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