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Fig. 1.

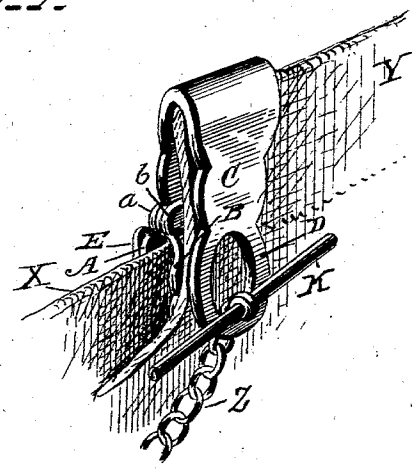


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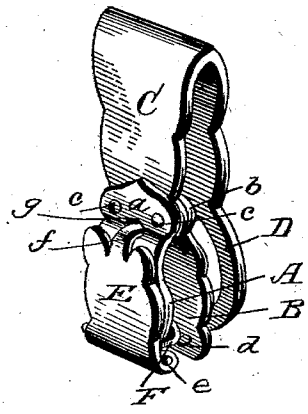
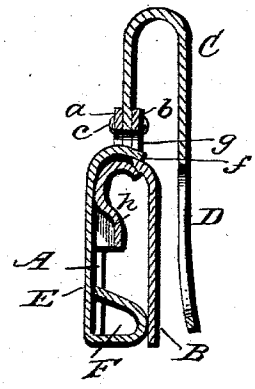


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN V. PILCHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment and Watch-Chain Supports; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The present invention has for its object to provide a garment-supporter with suitable means for connecting thereto the cross-bar of a watch-chain where no vest is worn and the wearer carries the watch in the fob-pocket of the trousers; and the invention consists in a garment-supporter constructed substantially as shown in the drawings, and hereinafter described and claimed.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view on an enlarged scale, showing my improved garment-supporter connected to the waistband of a pair of drawers and trousers and the cross-bar of the watch-chain connected with the supporter; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the garment-supporter; Fig. 3, a central vertical section thereof.

In the accompanying drawings, A B represent the two clamping-jaws, which constitute the clasp to extend over the waistband X of a pair of drawers, and said clasp is provided with a U-shape hanger C to engage the waistband of the trousers, as shown at Y in Fig. 1 of the drawings, whereby the drawers are held suspended from the trousers. The two clamping-jaws A B are not integral, but formed separately with flanges *a b*, respectively, and between these flanges is held one end of the U-shape hanger C, suitable rivets *c* securing the flanges and end of the hanger together. It will be seen that the point of connection between the jaws of the clasp and the end of the U-shape hanger is reinforced by three thicknesses of metal, rendering the device of increased durability and strength, particularly to the clamping-jaws. The flanges of the jaws and the end of the U-shape hanger may be fastened together by riveting or by any other suitable means found best adapted to the purpose that will render the connection perfectly rigid and strong.

The clamping-jaws A B may have spurs *d* upon their inner faces or any other suitable projections to engage the fabric of the apparel as found desirable.

The extremity of the U-shape hanger C terminates in a loop D, with which temporarily engages the cross-bar K of the watch-chain Z, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. It should be understood that the watch-chain is not permanently connected to the device, and therefore the same can be used simply as a garment-supporter without reference to a watch-chain hold; but when needed as such it is convenient for use by slipping the cross-bar of the chain through the loop of the U-shape hanger. The loop D extends down on line with and opposite the clamping-jaw B, which jaw forms a rigid back to the loop and assists in holding the cross-bar in engagement with the loop.

A suitable lever E is hinged at *e* to the outer end of the jaw A, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, said lever having a cam device F at its hinged end, preferably formed by bending the metal in substantially U-shape form to present a rounded bearing-surface to the fabric, so that when the cam is brought in contact with the fabric by closing down of the hinged lever against the clamping-jaw it will not tear or otherwise injure the fabric. The cam device when brought down against the fabric extends through an opening in the clamping-jaw, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, and the free end of the lever E has a curved latch *f*, which extends through a perforation *g* in both the clamping-jaws and the end of the U-shaped lever to hold said lever closed against the jaw, said latch engaging the wall about the perforation.

The clamping-jaw A may be formed with a projection *h*, as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, to bear against the fabric and more securely hold it between the jaws.

It is evident that many changes or modifications may be made in several details of construction without in any manner affecting the essential features of the invention, and any such changes may be resorted to without departing from the principle of the invention.

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

1. A suitable garment-clasp and a U-shape hanger projecting therefrom and terminating at its lower end in a loop to receive the cross-bar of a watch-chain to temporarily connect it therewith, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A garment-clasp comprising two clamping-jaws and a hinged lever connected to one of the jaws and a cam device on the lever to engage the fabric held between the jaws, and a U-shape hanger projecting above the clasp and terminating in a loop on line with and opposite one of the jaws, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. A U-shaped hanger terminating in a loop to receive the cross-bar of a watch-chain, and a clasp comprising two independent jaws which embrace the end of the hanger and are suitably secured thereto, a hinged lever with a cam and a latch device, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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