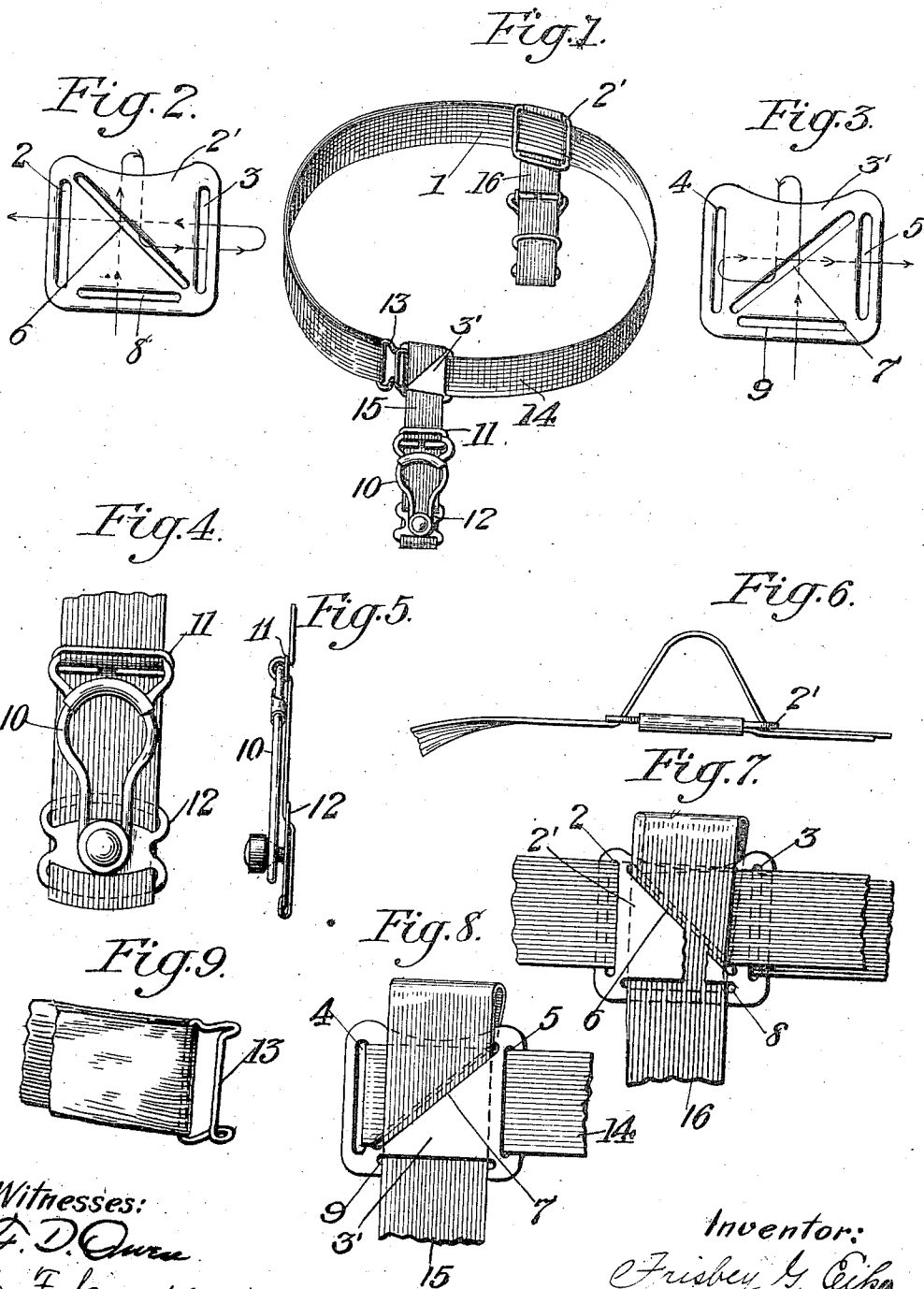


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## GARTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRISBEY G. EIKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garters and more particularly to that type formed of a circular band adapted to encircle the leg, the object of the invention being to provide improved means by which the diameter of the garter may be regulated as desired.

The invention aims to furnish a garter in which the adjustment can be readily effected merely by moving a slide, with which the band is provided, either toward or away from a plate so that the diameter of the garter may be increased or decreased, as the case may be.

A further object of the invention is to utilize, for this purpose, a slide and a plate from each of which depends one end of the band, each end carrying one of the clasp members by which the stocking is supported, the latter thus being sustained in an effective manner at two substantially diametrically opposite points, the clasp members being adjustable on the depending ends to adapt the garter for use with a long or short stocking.

With these ends in view, the invention consists in a garter constructed in the manner to be hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawing, in which the same reference characters denote the same parts throughout the views; Figure 1 is a perspective view of the entire garter; Figs. 2 and 3 are front elevations of the slide and plate respectively; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the clasp construction by which the stocking is supported; Fig. 5 is a profile view of Fig. 4; Fig. 6 is a profile view of Fig. 7, showing the band on which the slide moves; Fig. 7 shows the slidable portion of the band passing through the vertical slits of the slide shown in Fig. 2, with the end portion laced rigidly to the slide and dropping at right angles to the leg encircling band to sustain the stocking engaging clasp members; Fig. 8 shows an end portion of the band laced rigidly to the plate shown in Fig. 3; Fig. 9 shows the hook by which the garter can be disconnected when desired.

The garter consists of a one-piece band, looped to encircle the leg, with a plate on

the band and a slide movable toward and away from the plate to vary the diameter of the band. The end portions of the band are laced through the slits in both the plate and the slide, depend from the latter, and are provided with adjustable stocking-supporting devices.

The improved garter comprises a band which may be of any preferred material, such preferably non-elastic. Said band is formed into a loop and adjustable by means of a slide, 2', shown in detail in Fig. 2. The slide 2' is provided at opposite sides with vertical slits 2, 3, and has a central oblique slit 6, and a lower horizontal slit 8. The plate 3' shown in Fig. 3, has vertical slits 4, 5, and a horizontal slit 9 corresponding to the slits 2, 3 and 8 of the slide 2', but the slit 7 of the slide 3', though it is directed obliquely like the slit 6, is inclined in the opposite direction. The plate and slide are both curved slightly in order to conform to the curvature of the leg. Figs. 2 and 3 illustrate the outer faces of these members.

When the garter is made up one end portion 14 of the band or web 1, Fig. 8, is passed backwardly through the horizontal slit 9, up through 7, over the top, downward through 7 again, backward through 4, and out through 5, leaving the end portion 15 securely fastened by the knot thus formed in the plate and hanging down in a position to support the clasp member 10, Fig. 4, suspended from the portion 15 by a collar 11. The button 12, also carried by the portion 15, coöperates with the clasp member 10 in the well known manner. The end portion 14 is continued from plate 3' to slide 2', passing through the vertical slits 2 and 3 in the rear of slide 2', and through a hook 13, Fig. 9, from the rear, returning to slide 2', backward and upward through slit 6, over the top of slide 2' and down through slit 6 again and out through slit 8, at right angles to the leg encircling band, the end portion 16 being provided with a clasp similar to that previously described.

While the end portions are rigidly laced to the slides so as to prevent them from slipping, they can easily be loosened by a slight manipulation with the fingers and the diameter of the encircling band increased or decreased, as desired, and the stocking supporting end portions can be lengthened or shortened so as to adapt them to a long stocking or a short one.

The members 2' and 3', and the depending garter ends hanging therefrom, are usually spaced apart at some distance, so that a support for the stocking at two separate points is provided, and in this way the stocking is effectively held in position. When it is desired to put on the garter, the same is opened up by bringing the slide 2' toward the plate 3', which may be effected simply by pulling on the intermediate portion of the web or band 1, or by disconnecting the hook 13 from the slit 4. The opening and closing movement of the garter through the action of the slide 2' is caused by the fact that the band is freely slidable through said slide, though connected rigidly at a point farther on, this slide being used for the double purpose of enlarging or reducing the diameter of the garter, and carrying the depending portion 16, to which the support for the stocking is secured.

While the band is freely slidable through slide 2', the depending stocking supporting portion in passing through the slits provided for it, is securely held in fixed relation with the said slide. In this manner, although the looped portion of the garter is increased or decreased in diameter as required, the depending stocking supporting portions retain at all times the same relation with respect to the slides from which they are suspended. It will also be noted that the slide and plate perform the very important double function of adjusting the garter to the proper diameter and of sustaining the stocking-supporting portions; and in this manner a very reliable and simple device of comparatively few parts is provided.

Clasp member 1<sup>a</sup>, Fig. 4, is slidable on the stocking supporting end portions of the band by means of the loose fitting collar 11, which can be raised or lowered as may be desired, and the button member 12 is likewise movable, so that both the button and clasp can be adjusted to suit requirements.

What I claim is:—

1. In a garter, a one-piece band adapted to completely encircle the leg, a plate and a

slide on the band, said slide being freely movable toward and away from said plate to vary the diameter of the band, the end portions of the band extending downward through the plate and slide and carrying stocking sustaining devices.

2. A garter comprising a one-piece band formed into an adjustable loop adapted to completely encircle the leg and having a plate at one end and a fastening device at the other end coacting with said plate, a slide on the band freely movable thereon toward and away from said plate to vary the diameter of the loop, and a stocking sustaining device supported from said slide.

3. A garter comprising a one-piece band adapted to completely encircle the leg, said band being formed into an adjustable loop and having a plate at one end of the loop and a fastening device at the other end to coact with the plate, the band being continued integrally downward through said plate and suspending a stocking supporting device, and a slide on the band freely movable thereon toward and away from said plate to vary the diameter of the loop, the band being extended integrally downward through said slide and suspending a second stocking supporting device.

4. In a garter, the combination of a one-piece band adapted to completely encircle the leg, a plate and an adjustable slide on said band, one end of said band being integrally laced to the plate and extended there-through to form a stocking supporting member, said band passing at its intermediate portion through the slide and then folded back upon itself to form a loop, the second extremity of the band being laced to said slide and extended therethrough to form a second stocking supporting member, and means to connect the said loop to said plate.

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

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