

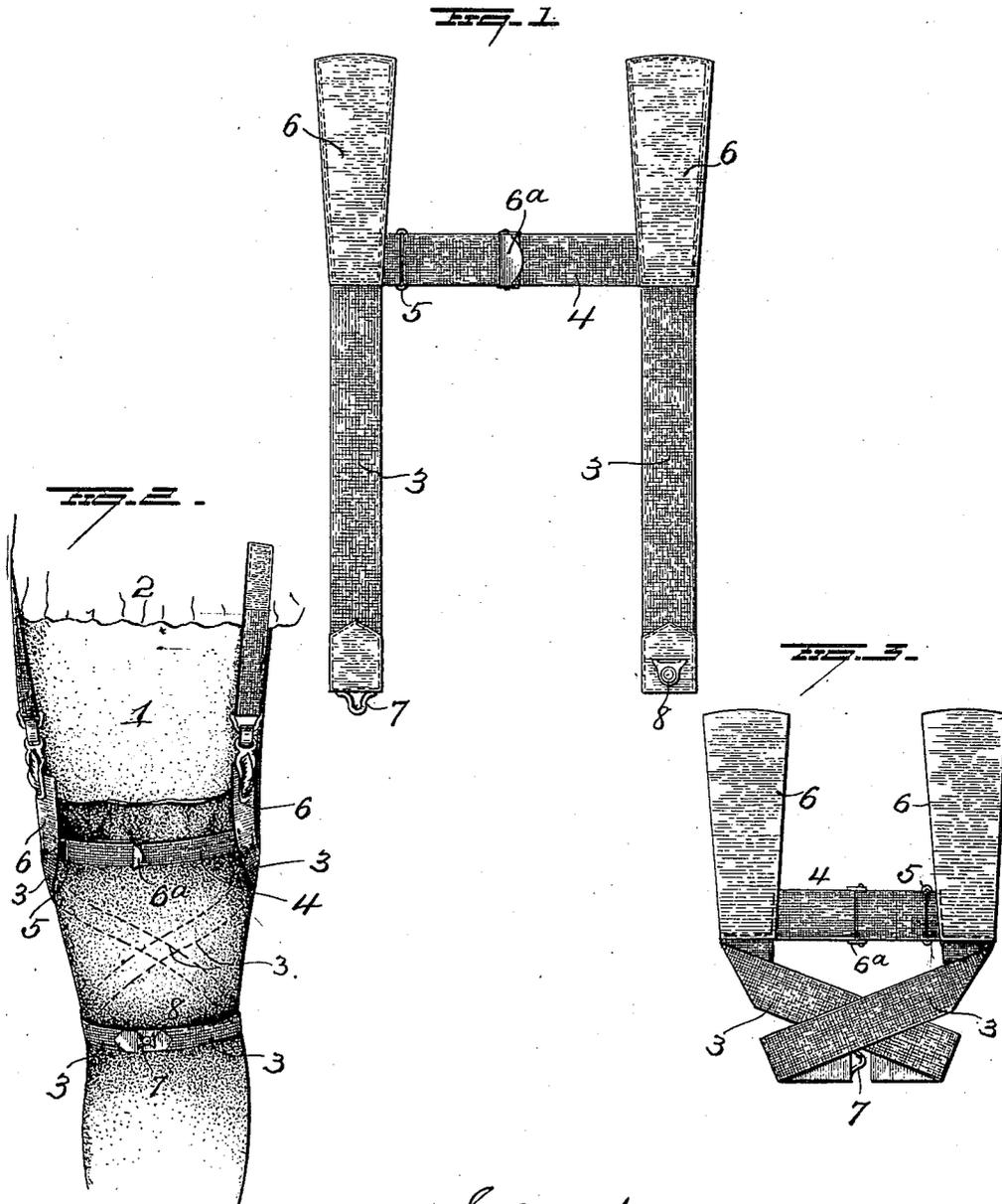
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SARAH E. McCREARY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Highland, in the county of Doniphan and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hose 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 an improvement in hose supporters and more particularly to such as are adapted for use in supporting women's stockings from the corsets,—one object of the invention being to so construct a supporter of the type specified that the stocking may be effectually supported without the use of clamps or clips which are liable to tear the stockings and to draw or break threads of the same, and which shall be comfortable to the wearer and permit free movements of the leg without discomfort to the wearer or danger of injury to the stocking.

With this and other objects 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 drawing, Figure 1 is a view of my improved supporter, and Figure 2 is a view showing the application of the device, and Figure 3 is a rear view.

In the drawing a portion of a leg is represented at 1 and the lower portion of a corset is shown at 2. My improved supporter comprises two straps 3, 3, preferably of elastic webbing and connected at their upper ends by means of a strap 4 of similar material,—said strap 4 being disposed at right angles to the straps 3, 3, and rigidly secured at one end to one of said straps 3 at the upper end of the latter. The other end portion of the cross-strap 4 is passed through a loop 5 connected with the upper end of the other strap 3 and the free end of the strap 4 after passing through the loop 5, is adjustably connected to the body portion of said strap 4 by means of a buckle 6<sup>a</sup>. To the upper ends of the straps 3, 3, extension straps 6, 6, are secured. The straps 6, 6, may be somewhat wider than the straps 3 and are preferably made of inelastic material.

The upper ends of the straps 6 are to be connected in any suitable manner with the corset of the wearer and the lower ends of the straps 3 are provided with clasp members 7, 8, respectively.

In applying the device to the leg of a wearer (it being understood that the straps 6 are connected with the corsets or other garment of the wearer) the cross-strap 4 is placed over the leg just above the knee so as to overlie the upper portion of the stocking. The depending straps 3, 3, are then passed in opposite directions respectively, under the leg so that they will cross each other just behind the knee and the free ends of said straps 3, 3, are then brought over the front of the leg, just below the knee, and connected together by the clasp devices 7—8. If desired one or both of the straps 3 may be made adjustable for length by means of suitable buckles, as will be readily understood.

With the use of my improvement the straps members 3 and 4 will have sufficient frictional engagement with the stocking to prevent slipping of the latter and thus the use of metal devices such as clips to engage the fabric of the stocking is obviated. My improvements are also such that free movement of the leg will be permitted without discomfort to the user and without loosening the hold of the device to the stocking.

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

A hose supporter, comprising two elastic straps provided at their lower ends with means for connecting them together below the knee of the wearer, an elastic cross strap connecting the upper ends of said first mentioned straps in position to engage the upper portion of the hose of the wearer, and an inelastic strap secured to the upper end of each of said first mentioned straps and each of said inelastic straps adapted for independent connection with a garment of the wearer.

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

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