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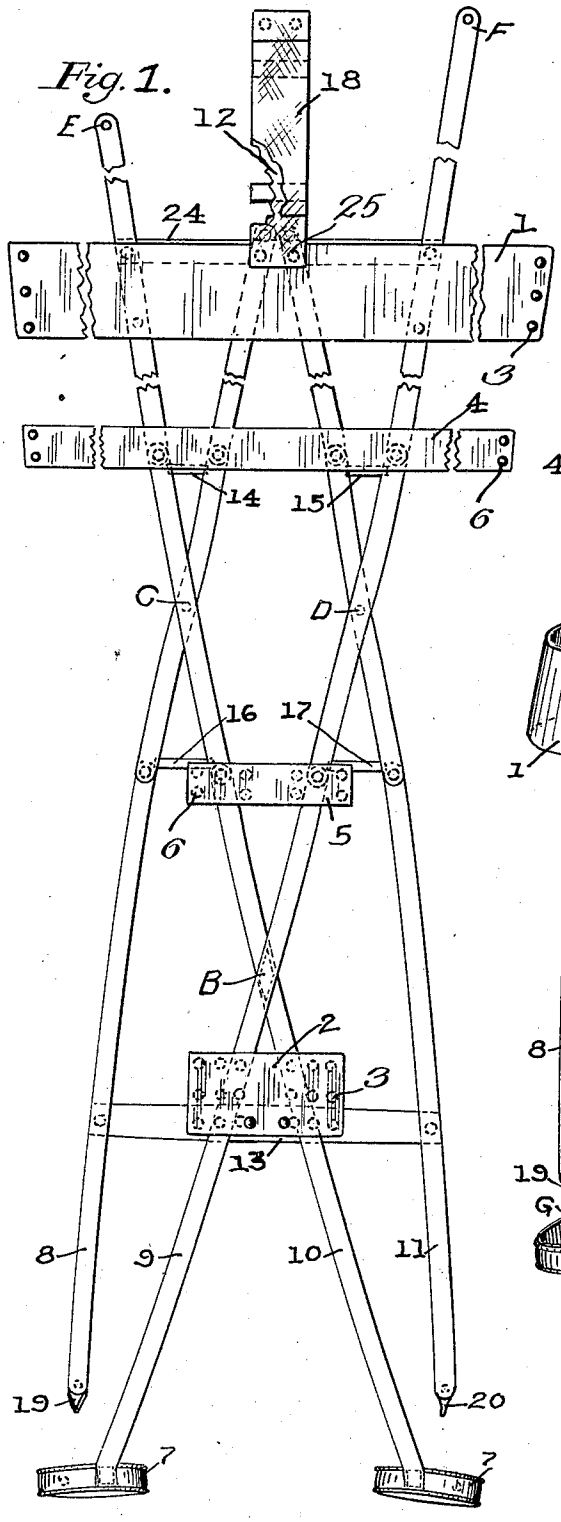
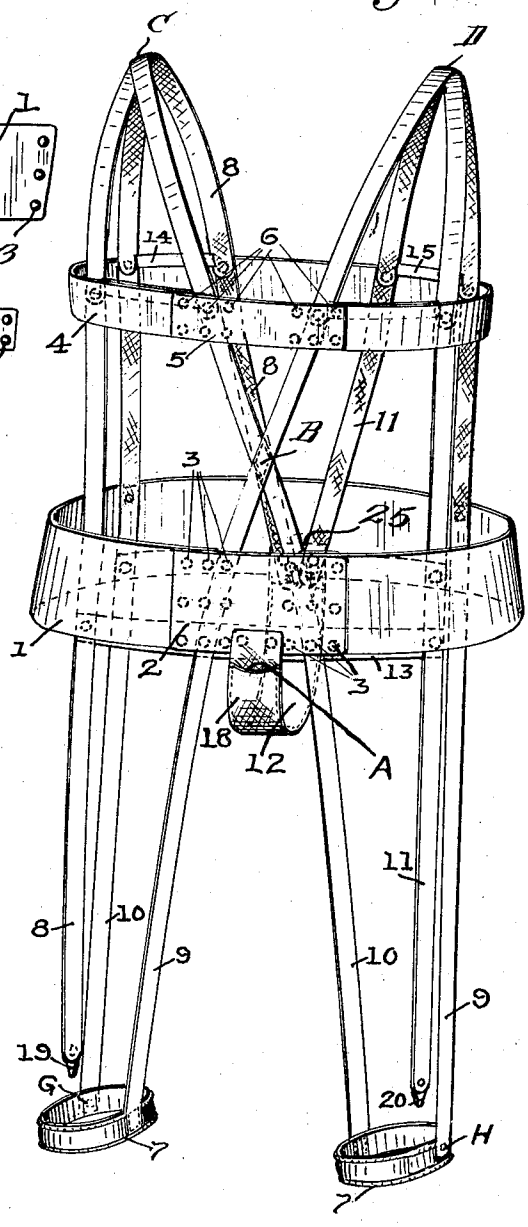


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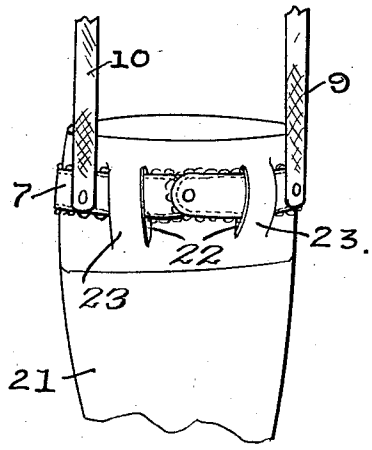
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Fig. 3.



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My invention relates to women's and children's garment supporters; and particularly to devices of this nature that are used for combination purposes such as supporting stockings, bloomers, body braces, corselets, brassières, garters, etc.

It is an object of the invention to produce a novel and improved supporter of this character, that is capable of being adjusted to meet various conditions of service; and that comprises a unitary structure that is capable of functioning in a new and better way than has hitherto been known.

My objects have been attained in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved supporter when opened up and laid out flat;

Figure 2 is an elevational view of the device in the position and form that it assumes when in use; and

Figure 3 is an elevation of a lower end of a specific form of the invention, showing an alternative method of supporting a stocking by means of a garter of a different type from that illustrated in the other figures.

Similar reference numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In the drawings I have shown at 1, a band that forms a part of my supporter, which is adapted for encircling the waist of a wearer of the device. At another part of the supporter there is a flap 2. Band 1 and flap 2 are provided with a plurality of fastening means, such as the snap fasteners indicated at 3, whereby these parts can be joined together at different points, to make a complete girdle of band 1 of a size that is adjustable, and that is adapted to fit the waist of a wearer.

A similar, but preferably narrower, band 4, and a corresponding flap 5, are positioned on the device so as to adapt them for forming an encircling band around the bust of the wearer when they are joined to form a complete girdle. Fastening means, such as the snap fasteners indicated at 6, are provided for this purpose, and, like the fasteners on the waist band, allow of making the size of the bust girdle adjustable to fit the wearer.

Ordinary circular garter straps are indicated at 7. These may be continuous bands, as in Figs. 1 and 2, or they may be separable bands, as indicated in Fig. 3.

All of the aforesaid members are carried by, and positioned upon, two or more of the straps indicated at 8, 9, 10 and 11; the latter being made of fabric or of any other suitable and approved material.

A crotch strap 12 may be provided, and this is removably attached to the center of waist band 1 at the back; and is removably attachable to flap 2 at the front, or to a cross band 13 spanning straps 8 and 11.

Cross bands 14, 15, 16 and 17 are provided at approximate locations as indicated in the drawings, to aid in properly limiting the spacing of the members they span.

An extra layer of material may be provided on the crotch strap at 18, for the purpose of forming a pocket for the reception of an extra sanitary pad, the opening of this pocket being indicated at A.

Clasps are indicated at 19 and 20. These may be adapted for engaging cooperating buttons or similar parts on the garters or stockings, or for engaging the stocking tops directly in accordance with well known common practice. For use with the specific form of my invention shown in Fig. 3, a stocking 21 may be provided with longitudinal slits 22 at the top, to form a series of circularly spaced loops 23; and separable garter straps 7 may be threaded through these loops.

A transverse band is indicated at 24, spanning straps 9 and 10, at the back of the device. The crotch strap 12 may be removably attached to this instead of the waistband 1, if this should be desired. Both of the bands 13 and 24 may extend around to the sides if this should be preferred, and their ends be adapted for being separably joined together to form a continuous girdle.

Straps 9 and 10 are arranged to cross each other at the point B, and are permanently fastened together at this point to secure a proper angular relation of the bands thereat.

I prefer to employ at least two or more rows of fasteners upon flaps 2 and 5, with respect to both longitudinal and transverse

positioning. In this manner the effective length of these bands when acting as girdles becomes readily adjustable, and they may easily be made to fit the person of any ordinary wearer.

My supporter is so proportioned and designed that straps 8 and 10 will intermediately cross each other at the uppermost part of one shoulder of the wearer as indicated at C; and so that straps 9 and 11 will similarly cross each other at the uppermost part of the other shoulder as indicated at D. Each of these straps on each shoulder comes from one lateral side of the device and leads to the other side, and the two crossing straps may be detachably connected together at their crossings, as by means of snap fasteners.

The back ends of straps 8 and 11 are removably attached to the center (back) of waist band 1, at 25; and the two front ends of these straps lead downwardly to a position below the front of the waist band (to which they may be removably attached if desired) and terminate in clasps 19 and 20 respectively, whereby they may be attached to stocking tops or garters 7.

One end of each of the other two straps, 9 and 10, leads from a permanent attachmen at one of the two garters 7. The other ends of these straps, as F and E respectively, are provided with detachable fastening means, such as snaps, whereby they can be removably attached to the other of the two garters. This feature of the construction is indicated quite clearly in Fig. 2 at G and H.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that each of the wearer's stockings is supported from both shoulders by a strap that leads from each shoulder. These straps will maintain their position on the shoulders by reason of their being crossed thereon. It will further be noted that an additional strap end for each garter is afforded by the respective straps 8 and 11 that lead from the center of waist band 1 at 25. In other words, the respective stockings are supported by both ends of straps 9 and 10, and by one end of straps 8 and 11 respectively. In this way the stocking will always be adequately supported. Movements of the wearer of the device will not materially interfere with these supports. Thus if one shoulder is momentarily lowered, there still is an effectively supporting strap leading from the other shoulder.

Obviously many changes may be made in the proportions and arrangement of the elements of my device, without departing from the essence of the invention; and such changes are contemplated by me and are within the scope of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A device of the class described comprising; two straps for each shoulder which cross each other intermediately at the uppermost part of each shoulder; and means for detachably connecting said straps at said crossings; the extremities of each strap being led downwardly from said crossings to opposite lateral sides of the device for supporting purposes.

2. A device of the class described comprising; two straps for each shoulder which cross each other intermediately at the uppermost part of each shoulder; cooperating fasteners detachably connecting the straps and underlying the upper one of the crossed straps; and a band connecting said straps adjacent the arm pits of the wearer; the extremities of each strap being led downwardly from said crossings to opposite lateral sides of the device for supporting purposes.

3. A device of the class described comprising; two straps for each shoulder which cross each other intermediately at the uppermost part of each shoulder; means for detachably connecting the straps at said crossings; garters supported by the extremities of said straps; and mean for detachably securing the ends of said garters together to form circular bands; extremities of the straps being led downwardly from said crossings to opposite sides of the device for supporting the garters.

4. A device of the class described comprising; two straps for each shoulder which cross each other intermediately at the uppermost part of each shoulder; a band constituting a girdle supported by said straps; and means for detachably and adjustably securing the ends of said band together; an extremity of each strap being led downwardly from said crossings to opposite sides of the device for other supporting purposes.

5. A device of the class described comprising; two straps for each shoulder which cross each other intermediately at the uppermost part of each shoulder; and a band constituting a girdle adapted for supporting the body of the wearer and supported by said straps; extremities of each strap being led downwardly to opposite sides of the device for other supporting purposes; and two of said shoulder straps, one from each shoulder, crossing each other in front.

6. A device of the class described comprising; two straps for each shoulder which cross each other intermediately at the uppermost part of each shoulder; an encircling band supported by said straps; a flap carried by said straps; and a plurality of cooperating fasteners carried by said band and flap for adjustably securing said band and flap around the body of a wearer; the extremities of each strap being led downwardly from said crossings to opposite sides of the device for other supporting purposes.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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