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GARMENT SUPPORTER.

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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1

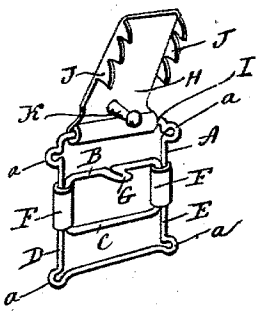


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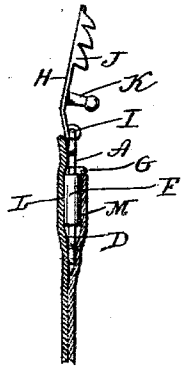


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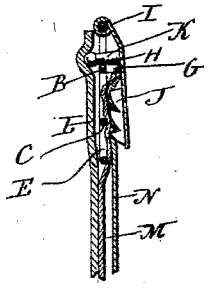


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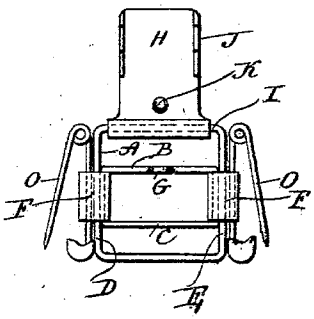
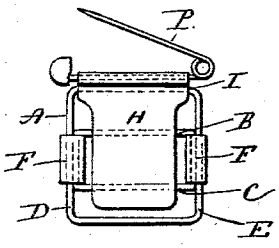


Fig. 5



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED HIRSH, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Garment-Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view of my improved garment-supporter with the lever in its open position; Fig. 2, a side view of the same, showing it as attached to the waistband of trousers; Fig. 3, a sectional view of the supporter with the lever in its closed position and in engagement with a second garment; Fig. 4, a face view of a supporter embodying my invention with safety-pins attached to opposite sides thereof, the lever being shown in the open position; Fig. 5, a face view of a supporter embodying my invention with a safety-pin connected at the upper end thereof, the lever being shown in its closed position.

This invention relates to an improvement in garment-supporters, and while primarily intended for attachment to the inside of the waistband of trousers for connecting the drawers thereto it is equally applicable for use on boys' and ladies' waists and also as a hose-supporter, the object of the invention being a simple device by which two garments may be securely held together; and the invention consists in the construction as hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claims.

As herein shown, the device consists of a frame A, substantially rectangular and preferably formed at its corners with eyes *a*, by which the frame may be attached to a garment by sewing or otherwise, the frame being preferably formed from a single piece of wire. Transversely across the frame are two bars B C, preferably formed from a single piece of wire and united at their ends, which are connected with the sides D E of the frame by clips F. Preferably and as clearly shown in Fig. 1 the upper transverse bar B is provided with a centrally-arranged outwardly-extending finger G, formed by doubling the wire upon itself. The lever H is preferably formed from sheet metal, its upper end folded about the upper bar I of the frame, so as to swing thereon, and on opposite sides of the lever are inwardly-projecting upturned teeth J, the teeth being so disposed that when the lever is closed they will pass over the lower transverse bar C. Projecting inwardly from the inner face of the lever H near the upper end is a headed stud K, which when the lever is closed will snap over the upper bar B, the outwardly-projecting finger G of that bar forming a guide for the stud. The outwardly-projecting finger also forms a stop or guide to locate the garment to be attached, as its upper edge should not project above the top transverse bar B. As herein shown, the upper end of the lever is slightly bowed, so as to give a smooth finish to the article.

In use the frame is secured to the garment—as, for instance, the inner face of the waistband L of a pair of trousers—and the lower portion of the frame covered by the usual lining M, which extends up into line with the transverse bar B. The upper edge of the drawers N is held against the waistband of the trousers, with its upper edge below the outwardly-projecting finger G, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. The lever is then turned downward, so that the teeth J engage with the drawers and clamp them against the waistband, the material being held between the teeth and the lower transverse bar C. As the lever closes the headed stud K snaps over the upper edge of the transverse bar B, so as to lock the lever in its closed position; but the spring of the parts permits the lever to be readily raised, although it is not liable to become accidentally disengaged.

For use in boys' or ladies' waists where it is desirable to remove the supporter for laundering I preferably attach a safety-pin O to each side of the frame, the pins being connected with the frame by the clips F, as shown in Fig. 4. For use as a hose-supporter I connect the safety-pin P with the top bar I of the frame by inclosing one member of the pin with the upper end of the lever, as clearly shown in Fig. 5.

It will be evident, therefore, that various means for connecting the frame with a garment may be provided as the use of the device dictates, and I therefore do not wish to

be understood as limiting the invention to any particular means for attaching it to a garment.

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

1. A garment-supporter comprising a frame and a lever, the frame provided with a transverse bar and the lever pivotally connected with the top bar of the frame and provided with an inwardly-projecting headed stud adapted to snap over and engage directly with the upper edge of said transverse bar, substantially as described.

2. A garment-supporter, comprising a frame and two transverse bars, a lever pivotally connected with the top bar of the frame and provided with inwardly-projecting teeth for engagement with the lower transverse bar, and an inwardly-projecting stud for engagement with the upper transverse bar, substantially as described.

3. A garment-supporter, comprising a frame having a transverse bar formed with an outwardly-projecting finger, of a lever pivotally connected with the top bar of the frame and formed with an inwardly-projecting stud adapted to engage with the said transverse bar, substantially as described.

4. A garment-supporter, comprising a wire frame provided on opposite sides with means for attachment, two transverse bars connected with the side bars of the frame, a sheet-metal lever pivotally connected with the top bar of the frame and provided on opposite edges with inwardly-projecting upturned teeth, and with an inwardly-projecting stud adapted to engage with the upper transverse bar, substantially as described.

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

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