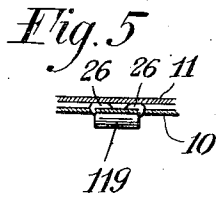
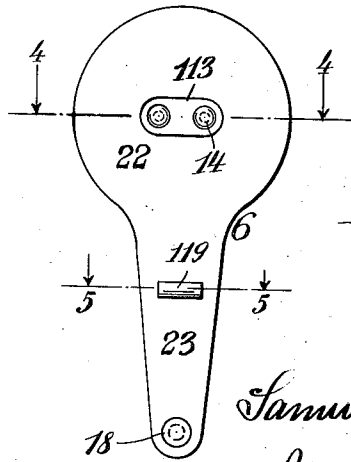
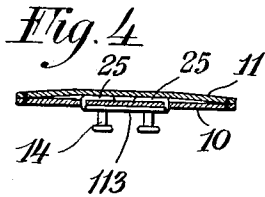
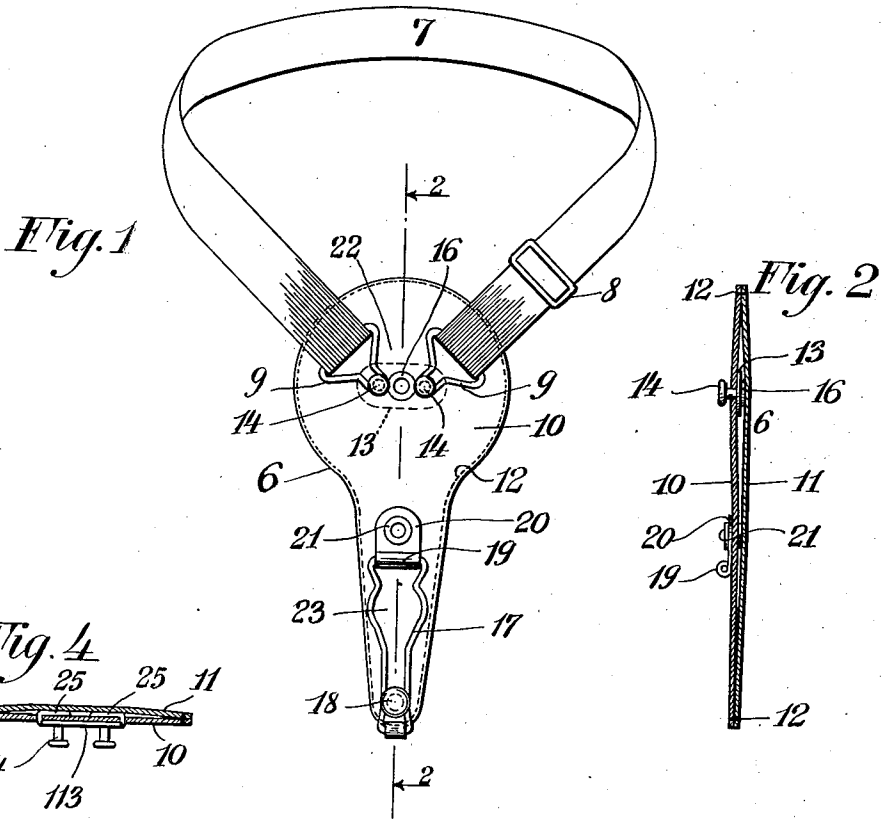


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL W. STERN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, Kings county, New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in garters or hose supporters. One object of the invention is to provide an improved form of hose supporter comprising a pad and improved means for attaching the elastic thereto, whereby the elastic may be readily detached and thrown away when it is worn out, while the pad may be used practically indefinitely. Another object of the invention is to provide novel means for securing the loop to the pad. In general the invention aims to provide an improved garter of neat design adapted to be constructed at a low cost of manufacture and possessing certain novel features with respect to comfort and wearability. With these and other ancillary objects in view, the invention is embodied in a garter constructed as hereinafter set forth and as illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a garter embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional detail view of the pad taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a separate view of the pad showing a modification.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the modified pad taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Referring first to Figs. 1 and 2 the garter comprises two main parts. The pad 6 and the elastic 7. The elastic is made of usual material and adapted to encircle the leg of the wearer in the usual manner. It is provided with end loops 9, 9 and an adjusting buckle 8 of well known design.

The pad 6 comprises an outer member 10 and a lining 11 secured by stitching as 12. Preferably the outer member 10 will be made of leather or similar material of such thickness and quality that the several attaching means hereinafter referred to may be securely fastened to the pad. The inner member or lining 11 preferably consists of a soft thinner leather or similar material suitable for lining purposes.

To the outer member 10 there is secured a plate 13 of metal or other relatively rigid material provided with two hooks or buttons 14, 14 over which the loops 9 may be hooked in the usual manner. The buttons 14 may be secured to the plate 13 or made a part thereof in the same manner in which similar buttons are secured to corset steels. The outer member 10 of the pad 6 is provided with apertures through which the said buttons are buttoned and the plate 13 is secured to the pad by an eyelet, rivet or similar means 16.

The stocking loop 17 and its coöperating button 18 are of usual construction and may be secured in the usual manner. I prefer, however, to provide the loop hinge 19 with an attaching plate 20 which may be neatly and inexpensively secured to the pad by a rivet, eyelet or similar means 21. The lining 11 completely covers the backs of the plates 13 and 20 so that no metal touches the leg of the wearer.

The above described construction possesses several novel advantages. The pad 6 is shaped to form a relatively large upper portion 22 merging as a single and continuous material, wholly smooth and without any seam or fold, into the narrower stem or shank portion 23 whereby a neat appearance is obtained, whereby marking of the flesh by seams or folds of prior garters is obviated. Again, while the elastic may be positioned at different angles with respect to the pad, the large portion 22 thereof prevents the loops 9 from touching the leg, in other words, the body portion of the pad is designedly made so large and of such a shape that no matter what positions the elastic may take in wearing the garter, the metal or hard parts of the elastic cannot touch the leg. Another advantage is the very neat and compact appearance and the cheapness of manufacture.

Fig. 3 shows a modification in which the plate 113 lies on the outside of the pad and is provided with tabs or prongs 25, 25 which are forced through the material of the pad and clenched on the back as shown in Fig. 4. Similarly the hinge 119 may be secured by prongs 26, 26 as shown in Fig. 5.

I claim:—

A garter comprising a pad the upper portion of which is provided with two openings, a plate of relatively stiff material, two

lugs projecting from and rigid with said plate, said two lugs projecting through said openings, an elastic and loops at the ends of said elastic and constructed to engage and
5 be retained by said two lugs respectively, a hinge plate, a hose loop carried by said hinge plate, means for securing said hinge plate to a lower portion of said pad, said upper portion and said lower portion of
10 said pad being of a single and continuous material and each of said upper portion and said lower portion being of sufficient dimensions to positively hold said end loops of the

elastic and said hose loop out of contact with the leg of the user and a lining of relatively soft material for and secured to the rear face of said pad, said first-named plate being positioned between said pad and said lining, said lining protecting said first-named plate and said securing means of said
20 hinge plate out of contact with the leg of the user.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification this 12th day of March, 1919.

SAMUEL W. STERN.