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Fig. 1.

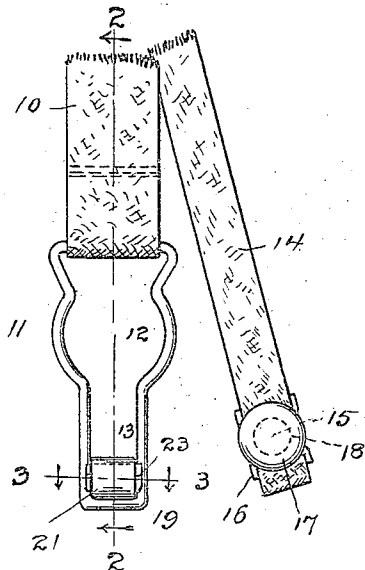


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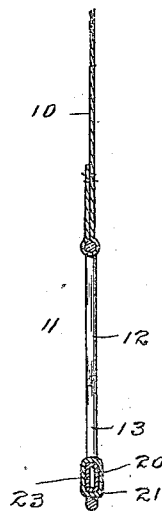


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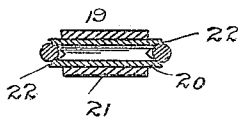
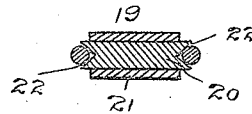


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH H. PILKINGTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waterbury, county of New Haven, State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Pad for Stocking-Supporter Loops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to the class of stocking and other garment supporters in which a stud carried by a textile strip is passed under the stocking and the stud with a ply of the stocking over it is passed into a loop which receives the neck of the stud, but is smaller than the head thereof, the stocking being gripped between the stud and the loop; and my invention has for its object to provide an elastic pad for the lower end of the loop, which in use is drawn under the head of the stud and yieldingly retains the ply of stocking between itself and the stud, so that the stocking is retained securely, my present invention providing a means for securing the stocking firmly and without danger of tearing it and avoiding the necessity for an elastic covering or lining for either the stud or the loop. I am thus enabled to produce a clasp having all the advantages of clasps provided with covered studs and covered or lined eyes and at a greatly-reduced expense.

With these and other objects in view I have devised the novel pad for hose-supporter loops, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, reference characters being used to indicate the several parts.

Figure 1 is an elevation illustrating the members of a stocking-supporter with my novel pad applied to the loop and ready for use; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section on the line 2 2 in Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a section of the loop and pad on the line 3 3 in Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a similar section illustrating a variant form of the invention.

10 denotes a textile strip, which may or may not be elastic, and 11 a loop carried thereby, which is shown as made of wire, but may be made of sheet metal, if preferred. The loop comprises the usual enlargement 12, which receives the head of a stud with a fold of stocking or other garment over it freely, and 13 a slot or reduced portion which is adapted to pass under the head of the stud and receives the neck and a ply of the stocking closely.

14 denotes another strip of textile material, which may or may not be elastic and

which carries a stud 15. The stud shown comprises a suitable attaching-plate, (indicated by 16,) a head 17, and a neck 18. (Indicated by dotted lines only.)

19 denotes my novel pad, which comprises a body, (indicated by 20,) and an elastic covering, (indicated by 21.) This covering may be of textile material or leather, but is preferably of rubber—for example, a piece of rubber tubing. The body of the pad is provided at its ends with notches or grooves 22, which receive and engage the sides of the slot of the loop tightly, so that while the pad is readily removable, if required, it will be securely retained in position and will not slip out of place under the ordinary or even extraordinary conditions of use.

In Figs. 2 and 3 I have illustrated a form of body which is made of sheet metal struck out to the required form and then shaped to a flattened oval, with the ends of the piece of metal lying in contact, as at 23 in Figs. 1 and 2.

In Fig. 4 I have illustrated a form of body which consists of a block which may be made of wood, vulcanized fiber, or any suitable material, and is provided with grooves 22 at its ends the same as in the other form.

In assembling, the body, with the elastic cover thereon, is simply pressed down to place at the lower end of the slot in the loop, where it will be self-retaining in place, as indicated in the drawings.

The use of a hose-supporter embodying my novel invention is precisely the same as the use of any other hose-supporter of this general type. A fold of the stocking or other garment to be retained is passed over the head of the stud, and the neck of the stud, with the fold of stocking or other garment over it, is passed into the slot of the loop, or rather the loop is drawn upward, clamping the fold of stocking or other garment between itself and the head and neck of the stud, the strain upon the stocking in use coming upon the portion thereof that is held between the pad and the neck and head of the stud. This grip of the fabric between the pad and stud is ample to securely hold the stocking, because, as is well known, the fabric between the sides of the loop and the sides of the stud would slip if those were the only portions grasped. The bottom grip is the one that serves to prevent slipping of the fabric at the sides of the stud.

By my invention I provide a clasp which

can be made much cheaper than one in which the entire loop is covered or faced with rubber, and without reducing the security of the grip. Moreover, since the pad is removable, it can easily be turned over when worn or a new one substituted for it.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A pad adapted to be removably applied to a stocking-supporter loop, said pad comprising a body having an elastic covering and provided with means whereby it is self-retaining at the base of the loop.

2. A pad adapted to be removably applied to a stocking-supporter loop, said pad comprising a body having an elastic covering and grooves at its ends adapted to engage the sides of a loop, substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

3. A pad adapted to be removably applied to a stocking-supporter loop, said pad

comprising a body formed from sheet metal bent to a flattened form and provided with grooves at its ends and an elastic covering.

4. The combination with a stocking-supporter loop, of a removable body having an elastic covering and grooves at its ends adapted to receive the sides of a loop.

5. The combination with a stocking-supporter loop and a stud comprising a head and a neck, of a removable body having grooves at its ends adapted to engage the sides of a loop, and an elastic covering for said body adapted to clamp a fold of stocking between itself and the head and neck of the stud.

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

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