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Fig. 1.

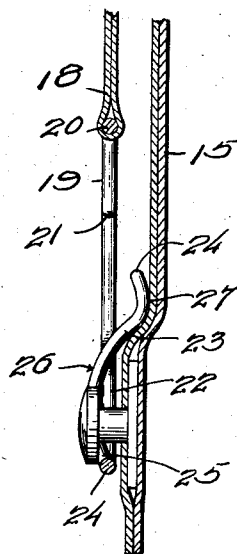
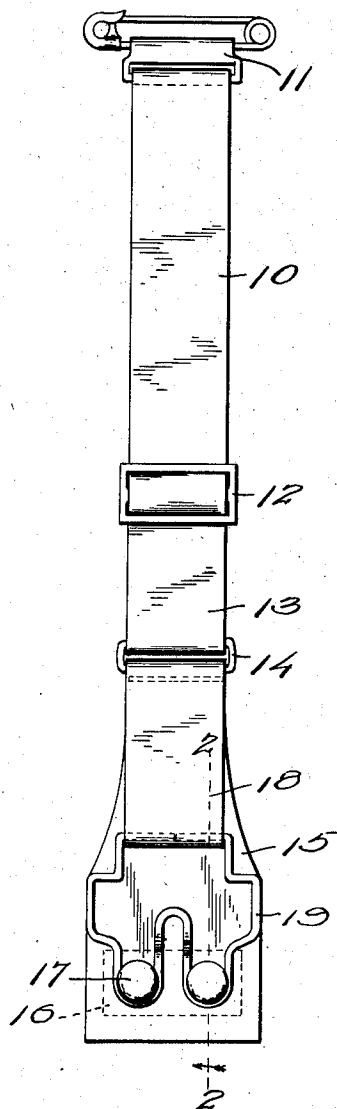


Fig. 2.

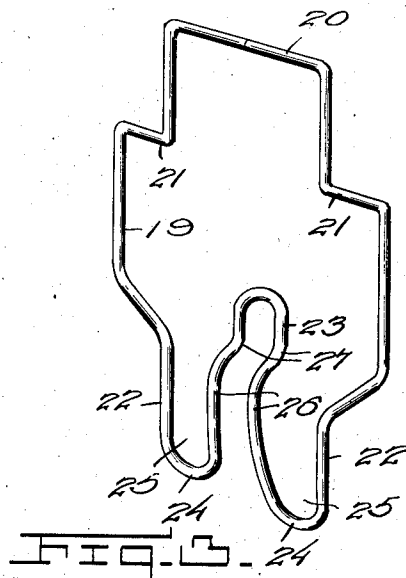


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER D. EASTBURN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jenkintown, in the county of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clasps, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in clasps.

The principal object of the invention is to provide an improved form of a stocking engaging clasp whereby the liability of the same to become disengaged is reduced to a minimum.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description and with particular reference to the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a front elevation of the device. Fig. 2 is a vertical section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the loop portion of the clasp.

Referring particularly to the drawings 10 represents an elastic strap, having on one end a suitable member 11 for attachment to the corset or other suitable under garment. The strap is provided with the usual adjusting slides 12 for regulating the length of the strap 10 the loop 13 of the elastic strap 10 being passed through the middle member 14 to which is secured the button carrying tab 15. A plate 16 is sewed into or between the layers of the tab 15, and carries a pair of buttons 17 which extend out through one face of the tab. Sewed to the upper part of the tab is a loop 18, which carries the button engaging loop 19. This member 19 has the extension 20 which is engaged with the loop 18, and extends on opposite sides to form the shoulders 21 whence it extends forward in parallel relation and the arms are then inclined toward each other and again forward in parallel relation as represented at 22 the ends of the portions 22 being connected by the upwardly extending and inwardly curved resilient central portion 23 between which

and the portions 22 are the curved portions 24 which form the button engaging loops 25.

As best seen in Fig. 2 the member 23 curves above the plane of the body portion of the member 19 as at 26 and has its end extending below the plane of the body portion as at 27 then turned slightly upward. Thus when the member 19 is engaged by means of the loops 25 with the buttons 17, the upturned end 27 will press a portion of the tab 18 beyond one edge of the metal plate 16, and the upturned portion 26 engaged resiliently under the head of the button, so that in effect the member 19 will snap into place, and by reason of the portion 27 engaging with the material of the tab against one edge of the plate 16 the member 19 will be effectively prevented from accidental displacement. To disengage the member 19 from the buttons, it is only necessary to push the member in the same manner as the ordinary button and loop devices of this character except that a little more force might be necessary.

What is claimed is:

A stocking supporter comprising a supporting strap of elastic, a tab on the lower end of the strap, a metallic plate secured within the lower end of the tab, a pair of buttons attached to the plate and extending through the outer face of the tab, a button engaging member secured to the tab and comprising a pair of loops each for engagement over one of the buttons, and a central upwardly extending and inwardly curved member which extends out of the plane of the loops, and toward the tab, said curved member engaging the tab and forcing the same inwardly over the upper edge of the button carrying plate, whereby the button engaging member is held to the tab against accidental displacement.

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

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