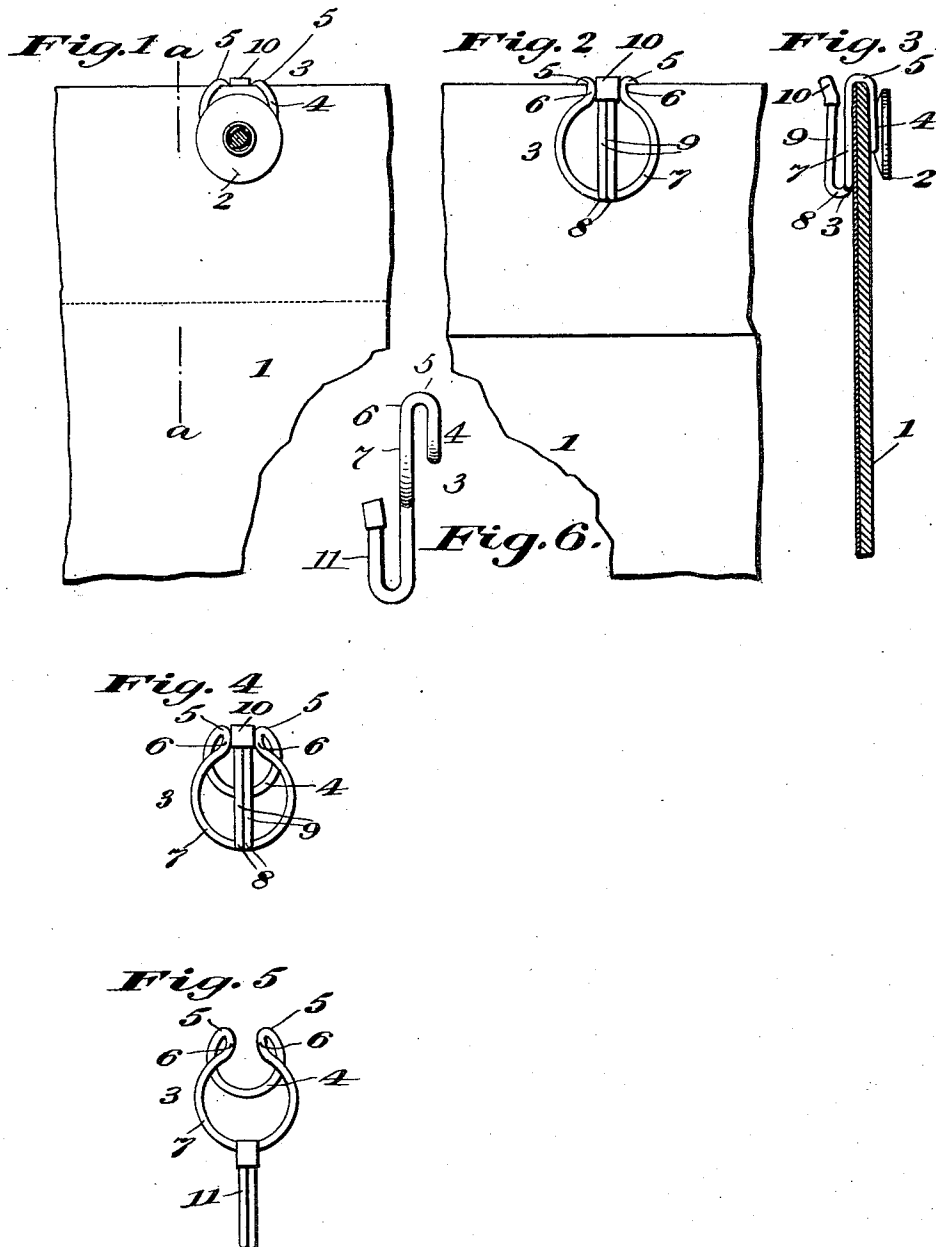


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK OTTO KEISER, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Moscow, in the county of Clermont and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in garment-supporters and more particularly in that class of such devices which are especially adapted for use in connection with men's drawers, ladies' shirt-waists, skirts and the like, for effectively supporting and holding the garments in position and the object of the invention is to provide a device of this general character of a simple and inexpensive nature and of a light, strong and compact construction and which shall be capable of convenient use for securely supporting the garment against slipping out of position.

The invention consists in certain novel features of the construction, combination and arrangement of the several parts of the improved garment supporter, whereby certain important advantages are attained and the device is rendered simpler, cheaper and otherwise better adapted and more convenient for use, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

The novel features of the invention will be carefully defined in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings which serve to illustrate my invention—Figure 1 is a view showing the outer surface of a fragment of a garment,—a pair of trousers, for example,—having a drawers-supporter constructed according to my invention applied thereto for use; Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, but illustrating the inner surface of the fragment and showing the drawers-supporting means within the same; Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken in the plane indicated by line *a—a* in Fig. 1 and showing the improved garment-supporter in position at the upper edge of the trousers; Fig. 4 is an elevation looking toward the inner side of the improved supporter which is shown detached from the garment for illustration of certain features of construction to be hereinafter explained; Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4, but illustrating a modified form of supporter provided with a pendent drawers-supporting hook; and Fig. 6 is a side elevation of the form of device seen in Fig. 5.

In these views, 1 represents a fragment of a garment upon which the improved supporter is adapted to be positioned. This part 1 may be a fragment of the upper or waist portion of a pair of trousers, as herein shown, or may be a fragment of a shirt-waist at the waist portion or of any other garment from which it is desirable to support or with which it is desired to connect, another garment.

In the accompanying drawings wherein the part 1 is intended to indicate a portion of a pair of trousers from which it is desired to support a pair of drawers, 2 represents one of the buttons commonly sewed at the waist-band for connection with the suspenders, and 3 indicates, as a whole, the improved garment-supporter, which as shown in Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, is formed or bent up from a single piece or length of metal wire of suitable gage and strength, its central portion being formed into a rounded loop-like member 4, closed at its lower part and designed for engagement, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, around and beneath the button 2 and upon the outer surface of the trousers, the wire at the upper open part of said loop-like member 4 being bent or pressed over inwards as shown at 5, 5, so as to be adapted to extend across the upper edge of the trousers waist-band from the outer to the inner surface thereof. These portions 5, 5, are adapted, by reason of the inherent elasticity of the wire from which the device is formed, to be sprung apart to permit loop 4 to be engaged over a button.

At the inner surface of the trousers waist-band, the inwardly-directed portions 5, 5 from which the supporter is produced are bent or directed downwardly as seen at 6, 6, the said parts being closely adjacent to each other, and the lower parts of said downwardly directed or bent portions 6, 6 are symmetrically curved outwards as shown at 7, to form a circular member adapted to press upon the inner surface of the trousers waist-band opposite the button 2 whereon the improved supporter is held.

The portions of the wire from which the parts 6 and 7 are produced meet and abut upon each other at the lower part of the rounded or circular inner member of the device and are bent outwards as seen at 8 from their point of contact and are finally bent upwards in close parallelism as shown at 9, the construction being such that said extremities 9 of the wire form a hook upwardly-directed from the base of the circular inner member of the supporter and wherewith is adapted to be engaged a loop or the like such as is commonly provided at the waist-portion of the drawers.

The hook-like member formed of the parts or extremities 9 of the wire from which the improved supporter is constructed, is inclined slightly outwardly toward its upper end so that said upper end may approach the inner circular member of the supporter for preventing the loop upon the drawers from accidentally slipping out of engagement with the hook-like part and the upper extremity of said hook-like member is bent or directed inwardly or away from the inner circular or rounded member of the supporter to permit such loop on the drawers to be more conveniently slipped into engagement with said hook-like member. For added

strength and to prevent the raw ends of the wire at the upper extremity of said hook-like member from catching in the clothing or scratching the person, a light metal facing 10 is pressed or otherwise applied upon the said extremities of the wire and serves to impart a rounded finish thereto and also to securely hold said extremities in relation.

The improved garment-supporter constructed in this way is of an extremely simple and inexpensive nature and is especially desirable for use by reason of the convenience with which it may be attached to one garment, being securely held in place by a button or like device thereon while being at the same time capable of ready removal when desired. The drawers or other garment to be supported is also securely held by the hook-like inner member of the device and may when desired be readily disconnected therefrom. It will also be obvious from the above description that the device is capable of considerable change without material departure from the principles and spirit of the invention and for this reason I do not desire to be understood as limiting myself, except as required by the scope of the appended claims, to the precise form and arrangement of the several parts of the device as herein set forth in carrying out my invention in practice. For

example, in Figs. 5 and 6 I have shown a form of the improved supporter similar to that shown in Figs. 1 to 4, but wherein the hook-like member 11 produced from the parallel extremities of the wire is pendent below the base of the circular inner member 7 of the supporter. This form of the device is desirable for use where it is necessary to support the upper edge of the drawers at a greater distance below the upper edge of the trousers than is possible with the structure shown in Figs. 1 to 4.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent is—

A garment-supporter formed from a metal strip having a central loop closed at its base and adapted to take beneath and around opposite sides of a button, the end portions of the strip being extended rearwards from the upper part of said loop beyond the plane thereof and being thence extended downwards and formed with opposite outwardly-curved parts adapted to bear on the inside of a garment at opposite sides of the button on which the first-named loop is held, and a hook-member connected with the lower ends of said outwardly-curved parts and extended upwardly for engagement with an under-garment.

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