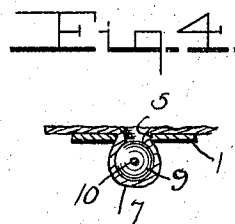
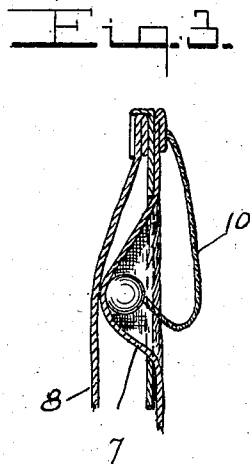
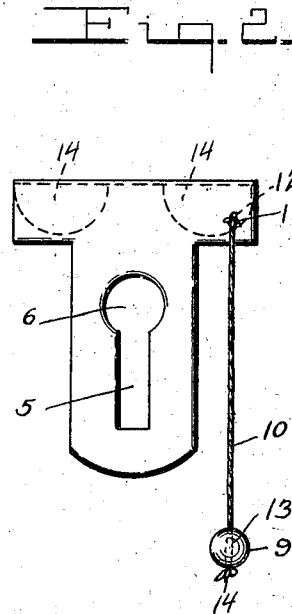
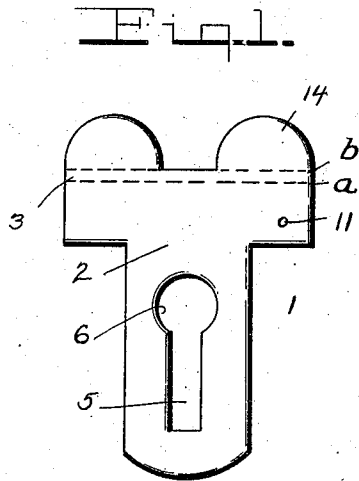


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES B. WING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cedar Rapids, in the county of Linn and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of garment supporters and to provide a simple, practical, and inexpensive device adapted to be manufactured from small scraps of material left over from other work and capable of being readily applied to and removed from a garment and of supporting a pair of drawers from the waist band of the trousers and of effectively preventing them from slipping down out of place.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment supporter of this character adapted to be comfortably worn without any inconvenience to the wearer and without tearing or wearing the drawers or the trousers.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claim hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawing

Figure 1 is a plan view of the blank from which the device is formed,

Fig. 2 is an elevation of the garment supporter,

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view showing the garment supporter applied to a pair of drawers and trousers,

Fig. 4 is a detail horizontal sectional view illustrating the arrangement of the bead or ball with relation to the supported garment.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In the accompanying drawing in which is illustrated the preferred embodiment of

the invention, the garment supporter is formed from a blank 1, consisting of a single piece of sheet metal stamped from small scrap pieces of material to lessen the cost of construction but the blank may of course be formed from any suitable material and it is bent transversely on the line *a-b* to form a plate or body portion 2, a top flange 3 and outer depending engaging portions 4 which are preferably in the form of spaced segmental lips or lugs. The plate or body portion of the garment supporter is preferably substantially T-shaped and the flange extends entirely across the top portion with the lugs or lips 4 at the end of the flange.

The body portion is provided with a vertical slot or opening 5 enlarged to form an entrance 6 at the upper end to permit a portion of the material of the drawers 7 to be passed through the enlarged portion or entrance 6 and engage with the slot or opening 5 at the lower constricted portion thereof. The plate or body portion 2 is arranged between the drawers 7 and the trousers 8 and in order to enable the device to securely hold the drawers it is equipped with a ball or bead 9 which is connected with the upper portion of the body 2 by a silk cord 10 or other suitable flexible connection. The body or plate 2 is provided at the upper portion adjacent to one of the arms of the T with a perforation 11 at the end of the cord 10 which is passed through the perforation 11 is provided with a knot 12 or other suitable means for retaining it in the perforation 11. The ball or bead 9 is provided with a central opening 13 and the cord 10 after being passed through the same is provided with a knot 14 or other suitable stop. The material of the drawers is placed around or partially around the ball or bead and is passed through the entrance slot or portion 6 and drawn down into the constricted or lower portion of the slot 5. This may be readily done before putting on the garment and in practice the garment supporter is designed to be used in sets of 4. The top flange 3 rests upon the upper edge of the waist band of the trousers and the lips or flanges extend downwardly on the exterior thereof and securely connect the drawers to the trousers so that the former is securely supported in proper position and are effectively prevented from dropping or slipping

out of place. By means of the device a two piece garment of the ordinary form may be comfortably worn.

What is claimed is:—

5 A garment supporter formed of a single blank of metal stamped to provide a substantially T-shaped body, the upper longitudinal edge of the head of the body bent back upon itself to provide a retaining flange, 10 the peripheral edge of the flange provided at opposite ends with depending lugs to facilitate the insertion of the retaining flange of the head about the upper edge of a garment to support the plate thereto, 15 said stem of the T-shaped plate provided with a longitudinally extending key hole

slot having an upper enlarged portion and a lower constricted portion, and a flexible member having one end secured to the head adjacent one end thereof, and a ball secured 20 to the free end of the flexible member adapted to wedge a portion of the garment into the enlarged portion of the key hole slot and then forced down into the constricted portion thereof to retain the garment about 25 the waist of the wearer.

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

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