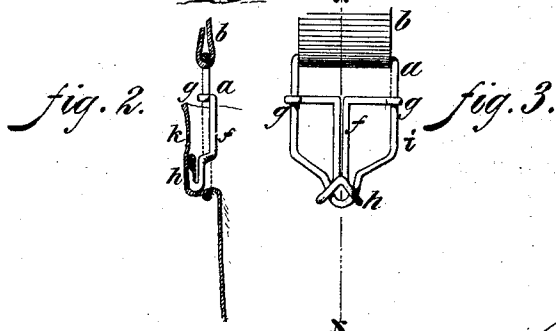
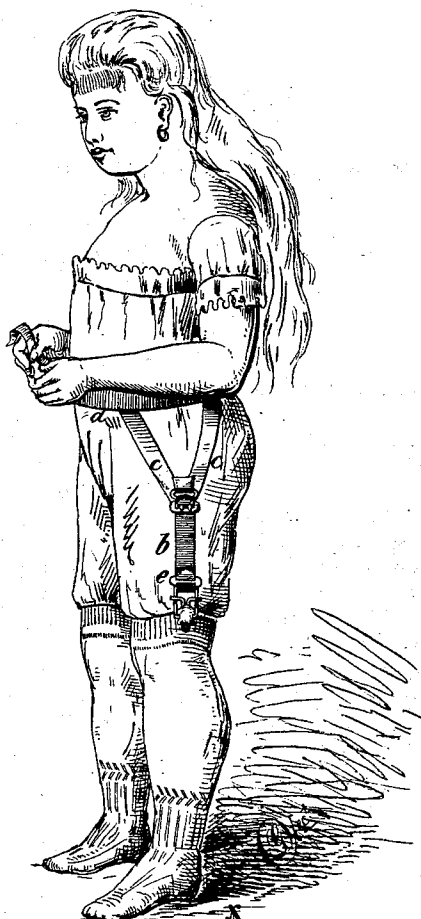


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IMPROVEMENT IN STOCKING-SUPPORTER CLASPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Mrs. RACHEL EBERLE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stocking-Supporter Catch, of which the following is a specification:

This invention consists of a new and improved device for attaching supporters to the stockings of children, youths, and grown-up people.

In the drawing, Figure 1 illustrates the invention, showing the same as when applied to the person. Fig. 2 is a section of Fig. 1, 3, taken on the line *x x*. Fig. 3 is a front view of the fastener.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention applies specially to the catch which takes hold of the stocking, which catch is attached to the end of the supporting-strap. The stocking-supporter, as a whole, is nothing new, but usually the stocking has been attached by a simple button on the end of the strap and a button-hole in the top of the stocking. It is a trouble to make these button-holes in every pair of new stockings, and my improvement is in the catch which obviates the necessity of button-holes or buttons.

a is the catch. *b* is the strap to which the catch is attached by means of the suspending straps *c c*, with the belt *d*, which encircles the

waist, and is fastened in front by means of a buckle or in any suitable manner. The catch *a* is attached to the strap *b* by means of a loop formed by the ornamental adjusting-slide *e*. To the band *i* of the catch is fixed the slide *f*. This slide is made of a single piece of wire, the ends of which clasp the band *i*, as seen at *g g*. The center is bent down and turned, so as to form a triangle, *h*. When the slide is slipped up the top of the stocking *K* is drawn under the triangle, as seen in Fig. 2, and when the slide is pushed down the stocking will be gripped between the triangle and the lower end of the band *i*, and securely held. The strap may be shortened or lengthened by means of the adjusting-slide *e*, according to the length of the stocking. This attachment is made in a moment's time without puncturing or defacing the stocking in any manner.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The catch *a i*, having the triangular turn *h* at the bottom, in combination with the slide *f*, as shown and described, for the purpose specified.

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