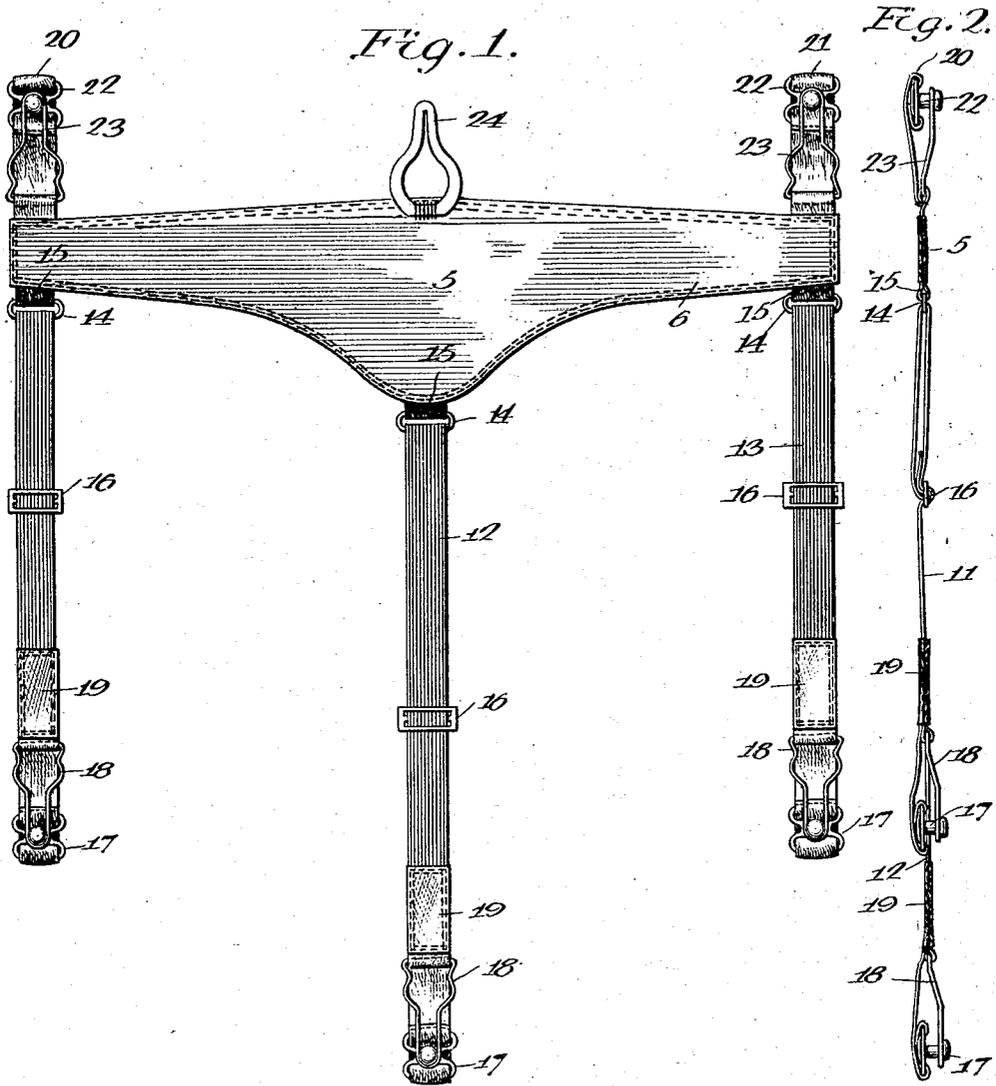


L. M. SPANN.
GARTER.
APPLICATION FILED SEPT. 30, 1914.

1,167,226.

Patented Jan. 4, 1916.



Witnesses:
Louis E. Lothman
J. B. [Signature]

Inventor:
Lewis Maes Spann

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

LEWIS MACK SPANN, OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI.

GARTER.

1,167,226.

Specification of Letters Patent.

Patented Jan. 4, 1916.

Application filed September 30, 1914. Serial No. 864,337.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS MACK SPANN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Lowndes and State of Mississippi, have invented a new and useful Garter, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in garment supporters and has particular reference to a garter adapted to be suspended from an under garment and attached to the hose for supporting the same.

An important object of the invention is to provide a garter of the above mentioned character, which will lie flat in use, and conveniently engage the knee of the wearer.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garter of the above mentioned character, which is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, strong and durable.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a garter embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is an edge elevation of the same.

My improved garter comprises a knee-band 5, preferably formed of three plies of fabric or cloth, attached or sewed together at their edges, as shown at 6. This knee-band preferably tapers toward its ends, as shown. As above stated, the knee-band consists of three plies of fabric, comprising an inner strip of cloth which is soft and will not irritate the skin. Upon the outer side of the inner strip of cloth there is a strip of cloth such as silk, satin or the like, having an attractive appearance and which will wear well. Between the inner and outer strips is arranged a strip of reinforcing or stiffening cloth, which imparts to the band the desired stiffness and strength.

Depending from the knee-band 5 are straps 11, 12 and 13. The straps 11 and 13 are attached to the ends of the knee-band while the strap 12 is arranged at a point substantially equidistantly spaced from such ends. The inner strap 12 is preferably substantially longer than the straps 11 and 13. Each of these straps 11, 12 and 13 has its upper end secured to a loop 14, attached to the knee-band 5 by a short strap 15. The

upper end of the strap is passed through the loop 14 and bent outwardly upon itself for attachment to a buckle 16, longitudinally adjustably mounted upon the body portion of the strap, whereby the length of the strap may be varied as desired. Secured to the lower end of the strap is a stud-element 17 adapted to cooperate with a clasp element 18, secured to the outer side of the strap by a short section 19, as shown. It is to be understood that the strap may be formed of elastic material or webbing or any other suitable material.

Arranged above the knee-band 5 and secured to its ends are clamps designated as a whole by the numerals 20 and 21. These clamps embody stud and clasp elements 22 and 23, which are identical with the stud and clasp elements 17 and 18. Secured to the knee-band 5 at a point substantially equi-distantly spaced from its ends, is an upwardly extending buckle or clamp 24.

In use, the upper clamps 20, 21 and 24, are secured to the under garment for suspending the garter, with the knee-band 5 arranged forwardly of and contacting with the knee. The straps 11, 12 and 13, are secured to the hose or socks, the strap 12 being arranged forwardly and the straps 11 and 13 upon opposite sides of the leg. The function of having the strap 12 longer than the other depending straps is that when the wearer is standing erect the socks are wholly supported by the straps 11 and 13 while the strap 12 is slack. When the knee is bent, the slack is taken out of the long strap 12 and the sock is supported at the front as well as at the sides, thus preventing it from wrinkling. It is obvious that the knee-band also serves to protect the knees of the trousers from perspiration or the like.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same, and that various changes in the shape, size, and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the sub-joined claim.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

A garter of the character described, comprising a flexible band adapted to be arranged forwardly of the knee in a substantially horizontal position with its opposite ends extending upon opposite sides of the

knee, means for attaching the band to an under garment for suspending said band, side straps attached to the opposite ends of the band and depending therefrom and adapted to be arranged upon opposite sides of the leg, a front strap attached to the band at a point substantially equidistantly spaced from the ends thereof and adapted to be arranged in front of the leg and having a substantially greater length than the side straps to extend downwardly beyond the same for a substantial distance, and hose attaching devices secured to the free ends of the side and front straps.

LEWIS MACK SPANN.

Witnesses:

V. B. IMES,

J. ALBERT HIRSHMAN.