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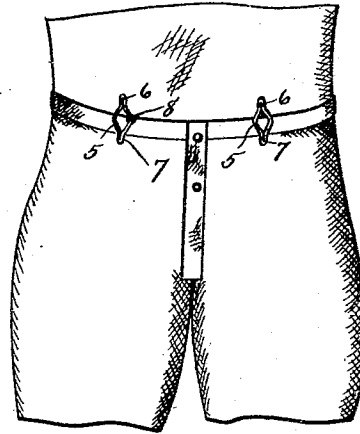


Fig. 1.

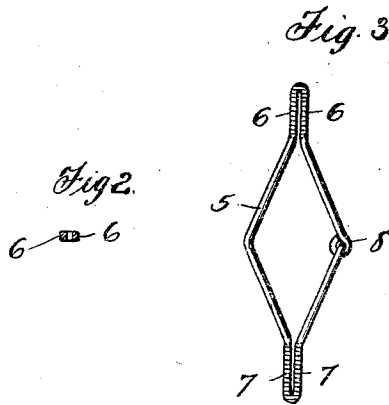


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE C. BIDDLE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Sharon, in the county of Mercer and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to garment supporters, the object of the invention being to provide a device of this character constructed of spring wire in such manner that the gripping portions thereof will automatically yield to accommodate varying thicknesses of the fabric to which the supporter is attached.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a supporter of the character indicated having the body portion thereof formed of ordinary round spring wire but with the parallel end portions thereof flattened to increase the gripping surface of the supporter.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will be set forth in the detailed description which now follows.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a side elevation illustrating the application of my improved supporter, Fig. 2 is a cross section through one end thereof, and Fig. 3 is an enlarged side elevation thereof.

By referring to the drawing, it will be seen that my improved garment supporter comprises a substantially diamond shaped body portion 5 and opposite parallel end portions 6 and 7 between which the fabric to be gripped is forced. The body portion 5 is formed of spring wire and the end portions 6 are flattened on their sides so that instead of being round in cross section as is the body portion 5, they are almost square in cross section, see Fig. 2. This materially increases their gripping surface though leaving them still thick enough to prevent them from cutting the fabric.

The application of this device will be readily understood from an inspection of Fig. 1, where the supporter is shown as connecting a lower garment to an upper garment.

It is apparent that by making the body of

the device of spring wire, the end portions 6 and 7 thereof may be sprung slightly apart to thereby accommodate fabric of varying thicknesses.

It will of course be understood that the garment supporter herein shown and described may be used in any relation in which it is desired to attach two separate portions of fabric to each other or even where it is desired to attach two different portions of the same fabric, as for instance where it is desired to loop up a lady's skirt for holding the same out of dust or dirt. The resiliency of the structure as a whole is greatly increased by the structure best shown at 8 in Fig. 2 where the free ends of the wire are practically hinged together. Therefore, the portions 6 and 7 may be more readily sprung open but at the same time the free ends are so interengaged that there is no danger of their catching in the garment to which they are attached.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that simple and efficient means are herein provided for accomplishing the objects of the invention, but while the elements shown and described are well adapted to serve the purposes for which they are intended, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the precise construction set forth but includes within its purview such changes as may be made within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

A device of the character described formed of a single piece of spring wire and comprising a substantially diamond shaped body portion, the wire at the ends of said body portion being bent to elongated U shape, the inner sides of said elongated portions being flattened and the free ends of said wire being interengaged with each other in such manner that they are hingedly connected.

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

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