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Fig. 1.

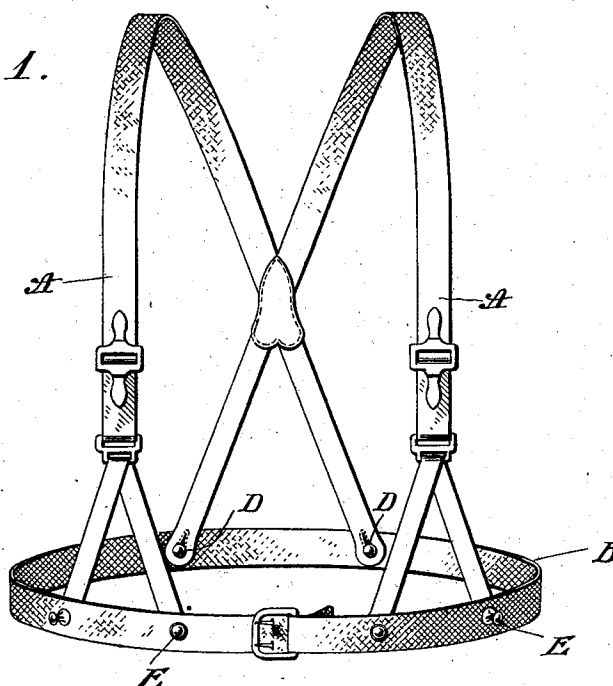


Fig. 2.

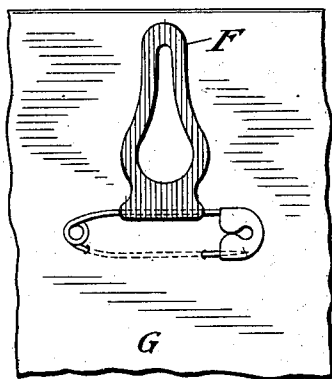
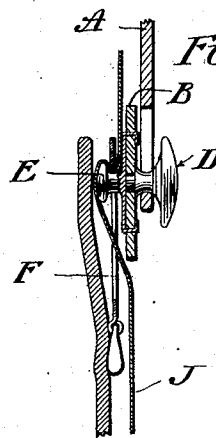


Fig. 3.



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GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. HUNKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Merriam Park, county of Ramsey, Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This application is a division from my former application, Serial No. 87,542, filed December 28, 1901, for garment-supporters.

My invention relates to garment-supporters.

The main object of my invention is to provide means for supporting the nether garments which shall be invisible when in use. Furthermore, the construction is such that a shirt or shirt-waist may be worn in the usual way to cover the upper portion of said garment-supporter, which shirt or shirt-waist will be properly held in place by the coaction of certain parts of construction hereinafter described.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garment-supporter embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an elevation of a detail. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of fragmentary portions.

In the drawings, A A are suspenders or straps adapted to go over the shoulders of the wearer.

B is a band to which the straps A A may be attached, preferably by means of buttons D, secured to the inside of said band. These buttons are preferably provided with studs E on the opposite side of said band, said studs being designed to receive a buttonhole-loop F, carried by the nether garment.

The garment-supporter when adjusted in place assumes the position approximately shown in Fig. 1. The nether garment is secured to the band B by means of the buttonhole-loop F, which engages the proper stud E. Before the nether garment is attached, however, the shirt or shirt-waist may be adjusted and that portion of it, J, adjacent to the stud E may be grasped by the buttonhole-loop F, so that it will be held between the loop and the stud, the portion F performing the double function of securing the nether garment G to the band B and also holding

the lower portion of the shirt or shirt-waist J in place.

The part in the drawings designated by the letter J is meant to illustrate a portion of the shirt or shirt-waist, but in a conventional manner only. When the supporter is in use, the shirt-waist covering it renders it invisible.

It is preferred that the button D and stud E shall be mounted together. By this construction the weight of the garments is sustained in an efficient and easy manner. The buttonhole-loops may be made of metal, substantially as shown in Fig. 2, and attached to the garment by pins, if desired, in the proper position.

Manifestly many changes in all directions may be made in details of the garment-supporter shown without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

What I claim is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a garment-supporter comprising shoulder-straps, a band adapted to encircle the wearer, a button for connecting said shoulder-straps and said band, an extension for said button to the outside of said band to which outside garments may be attached, substantially as described.

2. As an article of manufacture, a garment-supporter comprising shoulder-straps, a band adapted to encircle the wearer, a button for said shoulder-straps and said band, and means of connection for the outside of said band adjacent said button adapted to coact with a loop by which the nether garments may be attached, substantially as described.

3. As an article of manufacture, the combination of a band adapted to encircle the waist of a wearer, a button secured to said band adapted to coact with a suspender-loop, a stud projection from said band adjacent said button and a buttonhole-loop coacting with said stud and adapted to be attached to a nether garment, substantially as described.

Signed at Minneapolis, Minnesota, this 24th day of March, 1902.

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