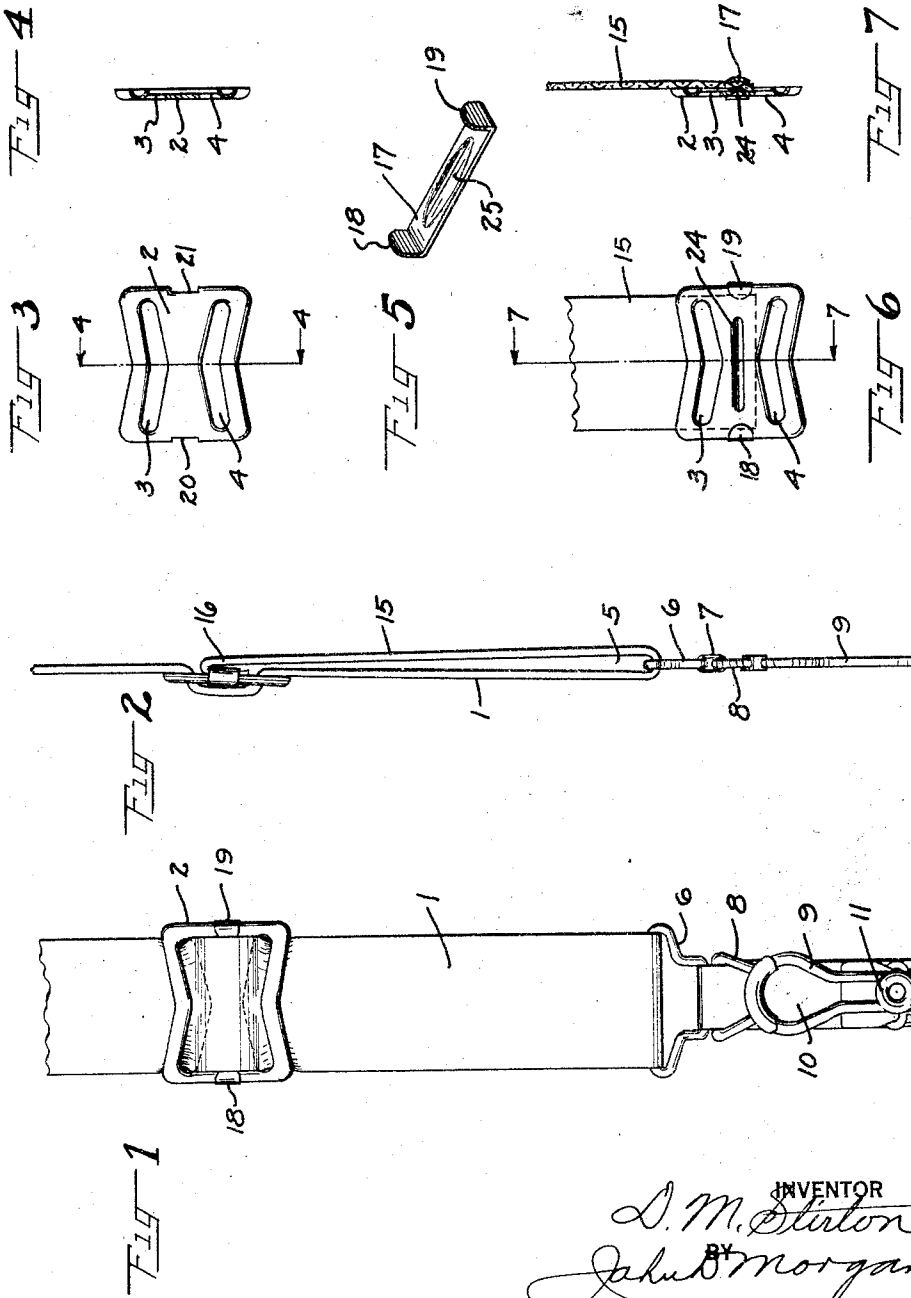
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The invention relates to a garment supporter, and in some of its aspects to a hose supporter which is fastened to, and supported from, a corset or other undergarment.

Objects and advantages of the invention will be set forth in part hereinafter and in part will be obvious herefrom, or may be learned by practice with the invention, the same being realized and attained by means of the instrumentalities and combinations pointed out in the appended claims.

The invention consists in the novel parts, constructions, arrangements, combinations and improvements herein shown and described.

The accompanying drawings, referred to herein and constituting a part hereof, illustrate one embodiment of the invention, and together with the description, serve to explain the principles of the invention.

Of the drawings:—

Fig. 1 is an elevation of a garment supporter embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is an elevation looking at Fig. 1 from the right, with a portion of the hose supporting device omitted;

Fig. 3 is a detached elevation of the main portion of the buckle;

Fig. 4 is a transverse section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the fastening device for the web end;

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary elevation showing the web end fastened to the buckle; and

Fig. 7 is a central section through Fig. 6 on the line 7—7.

The invention is directed among other objects, to providing a hose supporter which is flat and unobtrusive and without projections which show through the outer garments, while providing a simple and sturdy supporter; one which is simple and inexpensive and easy to manufacture while holding the garment firmly. The invention is directed also to a method for making such a garment supporter.

Referring now in detail to the present preferred form of the invention, illustrated by way of example in the accompanying drawings, a web strip 1, which may be of the usual character, is connected at its upper end (broken away in the drawings) to the corset or other garment. The buckle comprises a plate 2 which is provided with a plurality of slots 3 and 4 through which the web 1 is threaded. Plate 2 is preferably curved or bent to present the edge of the metal against the web at the end of the buckle and at the slots, as best shown in Fig. 7, this construction serving to increase the holding effect on the web. The edges of the buckle and also the slots are also preferably inclined from the sides of the buckle toward the center thereof, for the same purpose, as best appears from Figs. 1, 3 and 6.

In the completed article, the web preferably passes from the rear of the plate 2 through the top slot 3, along the face of the plate 2 and then inwardly and downwardly through the slot 4, the lower portion of the web forming a loop 5, which holds the ring 6 of the hose supporter.

The hose engaging device may be of any known or suitable form, and as shown comprises a relatively broad and flat link 7, passing through the link 6 and through the upper portion 8 of the metal link member 9 of the hose supporter. Cooperating with the foregoing members of the hose supporter is a flexible strip 10, to the lower end of which is fixed the button 11, which cooperates with the lower part of link 9 to hold the stockings. As stated, these parts may be of any suitable or desirable form. The web 1 extends upwardly from the loop 5, as shown at 15, and the end of the web is fastened to the back of the buckle at 16, preferably in the manner hereinafter described.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention, the means for fastening the end of the web to the buckle comprises a member fixed to the buckle and firmly pressing and holding the web end between said member and the back of the plate 2 of the buckle. The member 17 is a relatively narrow strip disposed transversely of the plate 2, having at either end, ears 18 and 19, which are adapted to fit into recesses 20 and 21, respectively, formed in the side edges of the buckle. These ends are clinched over the inner edges of the recesses 20 and 21, so that the strip 17 is firmly held in position and clamps the web end securely against the back of the plate 2.

In the preferred form, additional holding means are provided, and for this purpose a projection is formed on the buckle, engaging the web, and preferably a relatively narrow and long, transversely-disposed, struck-up or bulged portion 24 is formed in the face of the buckle between the slots 3 and 4 and projecting outwardly on the rear face of the

buckle. The strip 17 is also preferably provided with a complementary bulge 25, as shown in Figs. 5 and 7, whereby the web end is more firmly held, due to the resilient or compressible nature of the web, the curved form of the two holding members and the shape and disposition of the edges of the strip 17, as will be best seen from Fig. 7.

In the preferred form further, the plate 2 is curved so as to present edges adapted to engage and press against the web 1, both at the top and bottom edges of the plate, and also along the edges of the slots 3 and 4. The slots 3 and 4 are also preferably of bent or angled form, and are inclined from each end inwardly toward the central part of the plate 2.

In the preferred manner of making the garment supporter, the end of the web and the strip 17 are placed in position on the back of the plate 2, the strip and web are pressed against the plate, and the two ears are clinched about the inside edges of the recesses 20 and 21. The holding bulge 24 in plate 2 may be formed during this operation or prior thereto, as desired, and the curving or bulging of strip 17 may also be effected in either manner, as may be found most advantageous or convenient.

The invention in its broader aspects is not limited to the specific mechanisms shown and described but departures may be made therefrom within the scope of the accompanying claims without departing from the principles of the invention and without sacrificing its chief advantages.

What I claim is:—

1. In a garment supporter including a supporting web, a buckle comprising a plate having slots therein through which the running portion of the web passes, and fastening means for the fixed end of the web comprising a backwardly bulged portion formed in the plate and a member on the back of the plate for clamping said web firmly between said bulge and said member.

2. In a garment supporter including a supporting web, a buckle comprising a plate having slots therein through which the web passes, and fastening means for the fixed end of the web comprising a member on the back of the plate having a bulged portion for clamping said web against said plate.

3. In a garment supporter a buckle comprising a plate having slots therein through which the running portion of the web passes, means for permanently fastening the fixed end of the web to the buckle comprising a central member on the buckle bulged backwardly, a bulged fastening member cooperating therewith to clamp the fixed end of the web to the buckle, and means for permanently fixing said fastening member to the buckle.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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