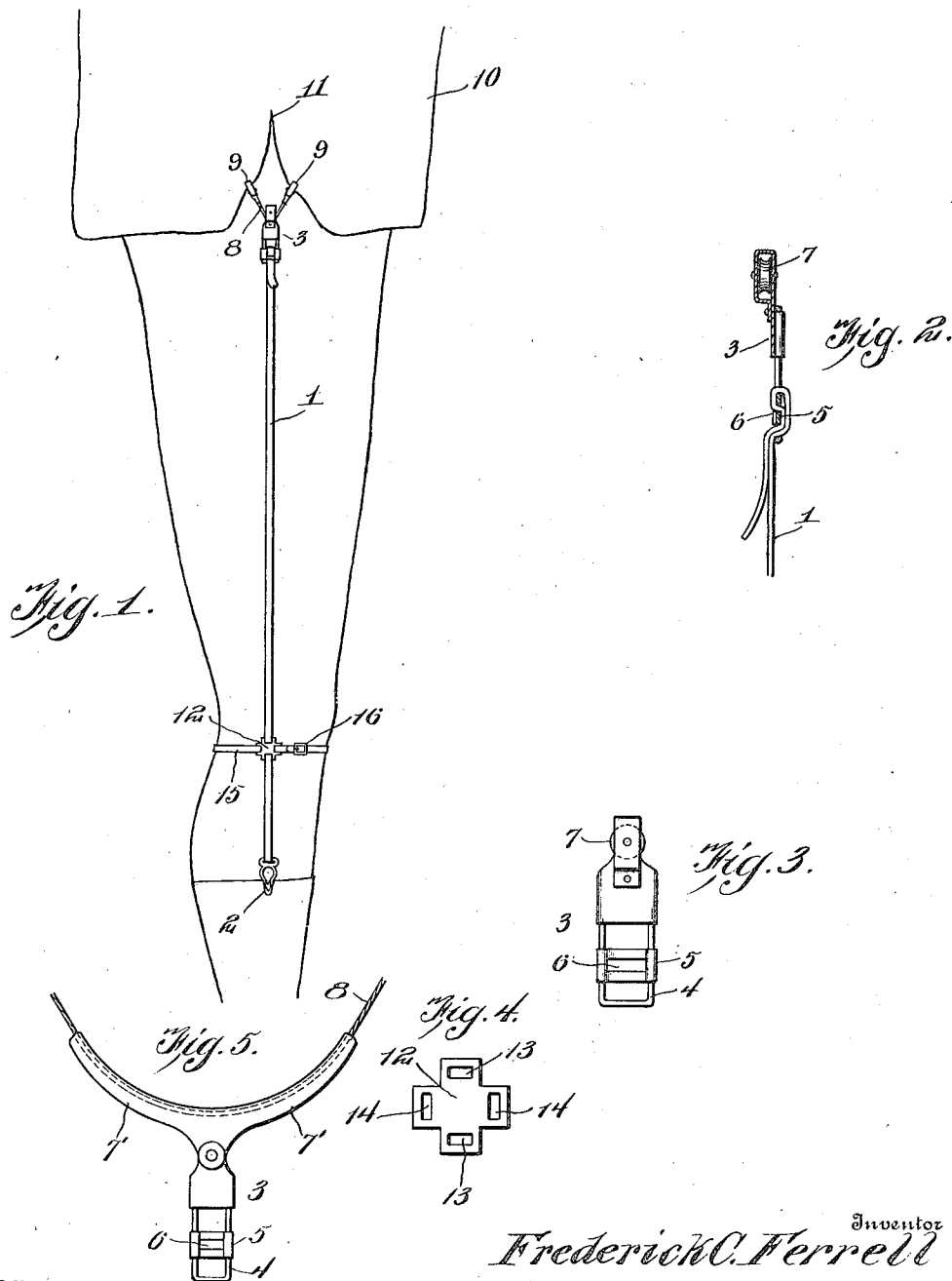


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FREDERICK C. FERRELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clifford, in the county of Williamson and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment supporters, the object of the invention being to provide a garment supporter specially adapted for men, the supporter embodying means for upholding the hose or socks and also holding down the shirt so as to render the same better fitting and appearing especially in the summer season when the usual vest is frequently dispensed with.

With the above general objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts herein fully described, illustrated and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the supporter shown in its applied position. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the upper buckle. Fig. 3 is a plan view of said buckle and Fig. 4 is a plan view of the yoke or connector. Fig. 5 is a detail view of a modified form of buckle.

The supporter of this invention comprises a main elastic strap 1 of sufficient length to extend from the sock upward to the shirt along the outer side of the leg as shown in Fig. 1. To the lower end of said strap is connected a hose clip or fastener 2 of any usual or preferred construction while to the upper end of said strap is connected a buckle 3 preferably of the construction shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

The buckle 2 comprises a U-shaped guide upon which is arranged a slide 5 having a slot 6 through which the upper end of the strap 1 is looped and caught and held as shown in Fig. 2 thus providing for adjusting the length of the strap 1 or in other words the distance between the clip 2 and the buckle 3.

At its upper end the buckle is provided with a roller 7 grooved as shown in Fig. 2 to receive a cord 8 which has attached to the opposite ends thereof clasps 9 adapted to engage the edges of the shirt shown at 10 at opposite sides of the side slit 11 in the shirt as clearly shown in Fig. 1. The cord 8 by passing around the roller 7 gives the necessary flexibility to the supporter to com-

pensate for variations in the posture of the wearer without throwing undue strain on the supporting device.

12 designates a yoke or connector in the form of a four sided cross provided with slots 13 through which the strap 1 passes and provided with other slots 14 through which passes a garter 15 which may either consist of elastic or inelastic material, the same being shown as provided with a take-up or adjusting buckle 16. The garter 15 properly positions the vertical strap 1 and holds the same snugly against the leg while the strap 1 acts in the double capacity of a supporter for the hose and a holder for the shirt.

Instead of providing the buckle 3 with a roller 7 as herein above described, said buckle may be provided with an arcuate guide 7' concaved on the under side to form a groove or gutter in which a cord 8 is adapted to slide, the construction described permitting the cord 8 to adjust itself to the buckle to equalize the tension of the portions of the shirt at opposite sides of the slit therein.

Having described the invention I claim:

1. The herein described garment supporter comprising an elastic strap, a hose engaging fastener at one end thereof, a shirt engaging fastener at the opposite end thereof, means for taking up said strap, and a garter having a sliding connection with said strap.

2. A garment supporter comprising an elastic strap, a hose engaging fastener at one end thereof, a shirt engaging fastener at the opposite end thereof embodying a roller carried by said strap, and a cord passing around said roller and having shirt engaging clasps attached to the opposite ends thereof.

3. A garment supporter comprising an elastic strap, a hose engaging fastener at one end thereof, a shirt engaging fastener at the opposite end thereof, a garter, and a yoke or connector for said strap and garter, said yoke having a sliding engagement with the strap and garter, substantially as described.

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

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