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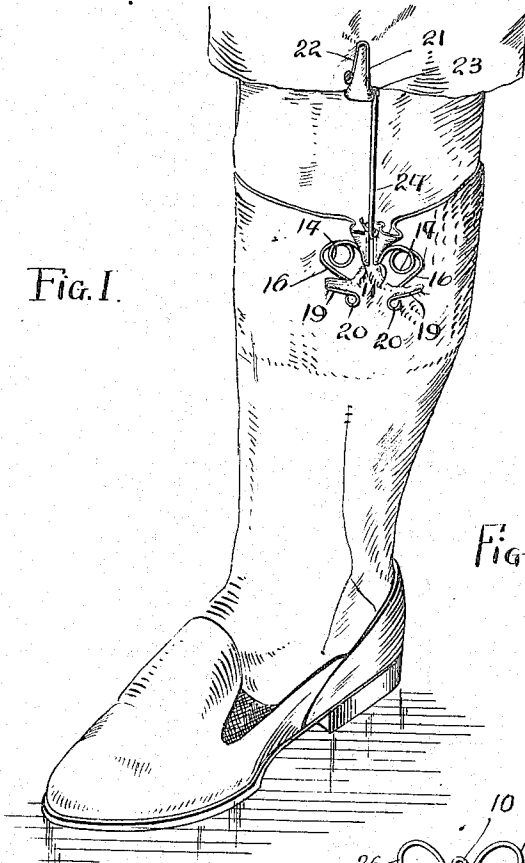


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

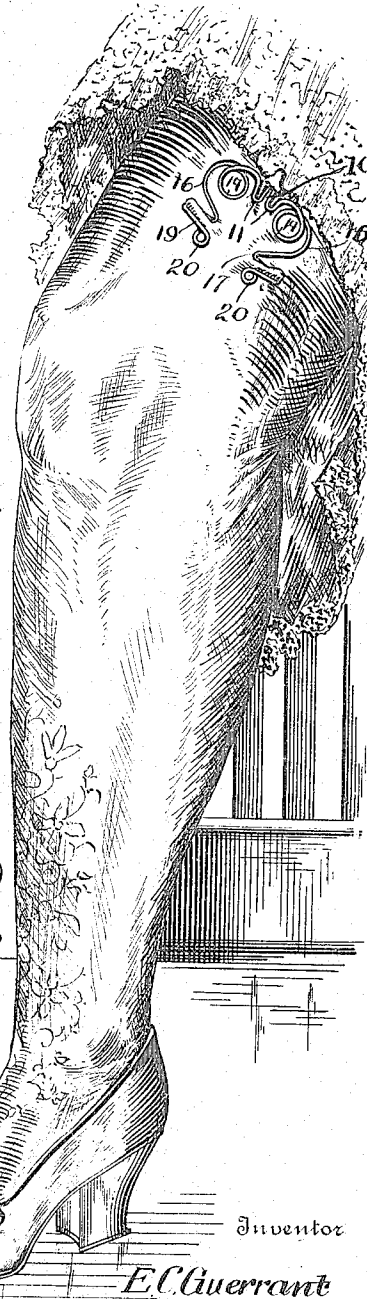


Fig. 3.

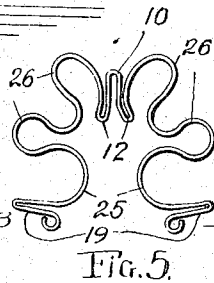
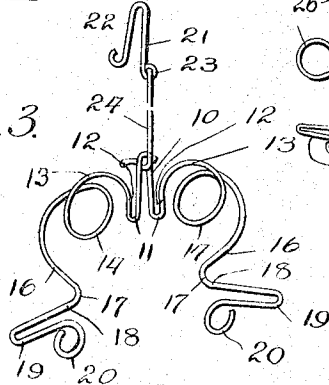
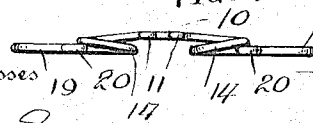


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ESTILL C. GUERRANT, citizen of the United States, residing at Marianna, in the county of Lee and State

of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment supports and more particularly to a device especially adapted to support the hose.

The invention has as its primary object to provide a device of the above described character which may be readily attached or detached and which will not only resiliently support the hose vertically but will also resiliently engage the hose to hold it circumferentially. And the invention has as a further object to generally improve the construction and increase the efficiency of a device of the above described character.

With these and other objects in view my invention will be more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and then specifically pointed out in the claims which are attached to and form a part of this application.

In the drawings Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the support applied to a sock and wherein an elastic cord is employed to connect the support with an adjacent garment. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the support applied to a stocking. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the support, showing the attaching hook connected thereto, Fig. 4 is an elevation, and Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of a modified form of the support.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

My improved support is preferably formed of a single length of suitable resilient wire bent intermediate its ends to form a medially disposed vertically arranged garment engaging jaw indicated at 10 in the drawings. At the inner extremity of said jaw, the adjacent portions of the strands of the wire are bent reversely as at 11 to form upon each side of the jaw 10 garment engaging jaws 12, disposed in reverse relation to the jaw 10. The free adjacent portions of the strands are thence curved outwardly at the upper extremities of the jaws 12, as shown at 13 and are bent outwardly and downwardly to form loops

14, one of said loops being formed immediately adjacent the portion of the strand forming the outer wall of each of the jaws 12.

From the loops 14 the free extremities of the wire are bent outwardly and downwardly as shown to form spaced curved arms 16, the extremities of which extend inwardly toward each other as at 17. From the outer extremities of the arms 16, the free extremities of the wire are recurved outwardly away from each other as at 18 and are rebent to form terminal garment engaging jaws 19, the side walls of which converge toward the inner extremities of said jaws. Attention is also here called to the fact that the side walls of the jaw 10 also converge toward the inner extremity thereof and that the side walls of the jaws 12 are similarly disposed, this construction facilitating the engagement of the jaws with a garment. At the inner extremity of the outer wall of each of the jaws 19, the wire is preferably recurved adjacent its free extremities to provide a terminal eye as shown at 20, to thus present a smooth surface such as will not abrade the garment to which the support is attached.

As shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings the support when used upon a sock is preferably attached thereto adjacent the upper edge of the sock. In attaching the support, the resilient arms 16 are sprung away from each other circumferentially of the leg of the wearer and the garment engaging jaws 19 carried at the free extremities of said arms are engaged with the sock, an adjacent portion of the material forming the sock being wedged between the converging walls of said jaws. As will be clear, the arms 16 being thus engaged will normally tend to resiliently hold the open end of the sock tight around the limb of the wearer. This is an especial feature of advantage in my invention in that it prevents uncomfortable wrinkling of the sock at the open end thereof and further adds to the efficiency of the support in that the sock is caused to frictionally engage the limb. The jaws 19 being engaged, the adjacent portions of the sock are inserted within the jaws 12, as best shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing.

In using my improved support upon a sock an attaching hook 21 may be employed. Said hook is preferably formed from suitable resilient wire bent upon itself interme-

diating its ends to provide a garment engaging jaw 22 the walls of which converge toward the inner extremity of said jaw to thus effectually engage the garment. The wire forming the hook is recurved adjacent one extremity to provide a terminal eye 23 to which is preferably secured by one extremity a length of elastic cord 24. As shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the hook 21 may be engaged with an adjacent garment of the wearer, the cord 24 extending to engage the support attached to the sock, said cord being adjustably connected to said support, preferably by lacing the adjacent extremity of the cord about the walls of the garment engaging jaw 10. It will be noted that by this construction the sock is not only resiliently held circumferentially but is resiliently supported vertically, it being understood of course, that the cord 24 is of such length as to fulfil the needs of practical purposes, the free extremity of the cord being engaged with the support at a point such as may suit the comfort of the wearer. However, it is to be noted that where a nether garment is worn, the attaching hook 21 with its elastic cord 24 may be dispensed with if desired, the support being attached directly to such garment by engagement of the garment engaging jaw 10 thereof with the adjacent portion of the material of such garment. When thus used it is to be observed that the support will resiliently maintain the sock in position in the same manner as though the attaching hook were employed.

My improved support may be used with equal facility upon stockings and in Fig. 2 of the drawings I have shown the manner in which the support is preferably applied when used in this connection. The attaching hook 21 with its elastic cord 24 will generally not be required and the support is therefore attached directly to an adjacent garment by engagement of the garment engaging jaw 10 therewith. However, the attaching hook 21 may be employed in connection with this use of my improved support, if desired, the attaching hook with its cord 24 being applied in the same manner as above set forth.

In Fig. 5 of the drawings, I have illustrated a modified form of support. In this form of the invention the general arrangement of the garment engaging jaws is the same as above described with reference to the preferred form of the invention, it being understood that the support is formed from a single length of wire bent intermediate its ends to provide the medially disposed garment engaging jaw 10 upon each side of which are the reversely arranged garment engaging jaws 12. The free adjacent portions of the strands of the wire are thence bent in opposite directions to pro-

vide the spaced resilient arms 25 which carry at their free extremities the terminal garment engaging jaws 19. In forming the arms 25, the strands of wire are preferably bent to provide a series of loops 26 in each arm, such loops being so arranged that the arms 25 may freely give under vertical strain. The support which I have shown in this form of the invention is applied and used in the same manner as above described with reference to the preferred form of the invention, and while I have illustrated the arms of the support as having a plurality of loops formed therein, still, it is to be understood, that I do not wish to limit myself to this particular manner of forming said arms nor to the particular manner of forming the arms shown in the preferred form of the invention, since the strands of the wire forming the arms may be bent into practically any desired configuration but in so bending such strands, the arms should be so formed as to be adapted to give or flex under vertical strain.

Having thus described my invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A garment support formed from a single length of wire bent intermediate its ends to provide reversely disposed garment engaging jaws, the free extremities of the wire being bent to form spaced resilient arms having terminal garment engaging jaws formed thereon.

2. A garment support including a vertically disposed garment engaging jaw and having a garment engaging jaw formed thereon in reverse relation to said first mentioned jaw, spaced arms formed on the support and terminal garment engaging jaws carried at the free extremities of said arms.

3. A garment support formed from a single length of resilient wire bent intermediate its ends to form a medially disposed and vertically arranged garment engaging jaw having converging walls, the strands of the wire being rebent at the inner extremity of said jaw to form a reversely disposed garment engaging jaw on each side of said first mentioned jaw, said reversely disposed jaws having converging walls, the free extremities of the wire being bent outwardly and downwardly to form loops and thence continued to provide spaced arms extending toward each other, the free extremities of the strands being recurved at the outer extremities of said arms to provide oppositely disposed terminal garment engaging jaws having converging walls, said strands being rebent adjacent each extremity thereof to provide an eye.

4. A garment support formed with a plurality of garment engaging jaws, certain of said jaws being vertically arranged and resiliently supported, and certain other of said jaws being resiliently supported for trans-

verse movement relative to said first mentioned jaws, said support being adapted to resiliently hold a garment vertically and transversely.

5 5. A device of the character described including a support having a plurality of garment engaging jaws formed thereon, certain of said jaws being vertically arranged and reversely disposed, and certain other of
10 said jaws being arranged transversely to said first mentioned jaws.

6. A device of the character described in-

cluding a support having a plurality of garment engaging jaws formed thereon, certain of said jaws being reversely disposed and
15 resiliently supported, and certain other of said jaws being resiliently supported transversely to said first mentioned jaws.

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

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