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Fig. 1.

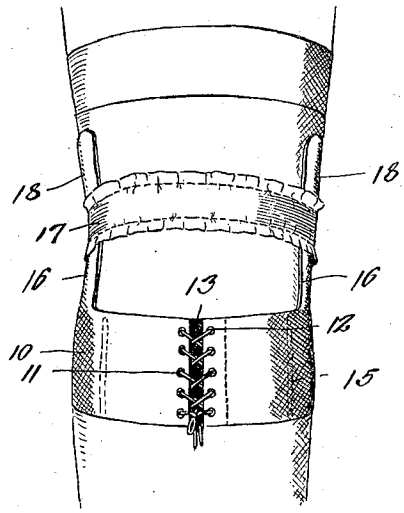


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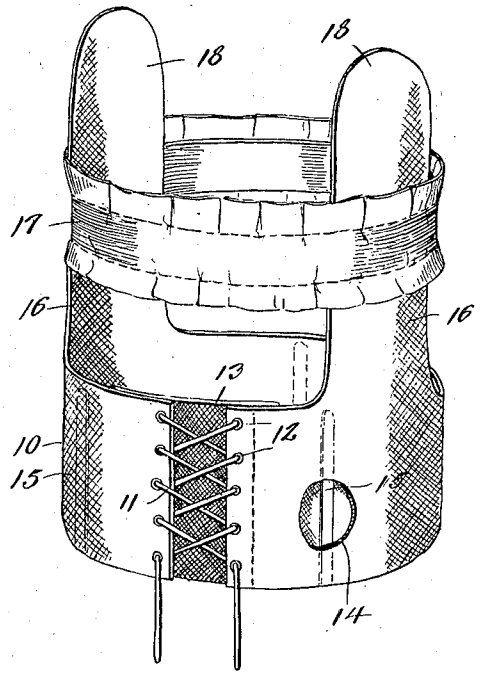
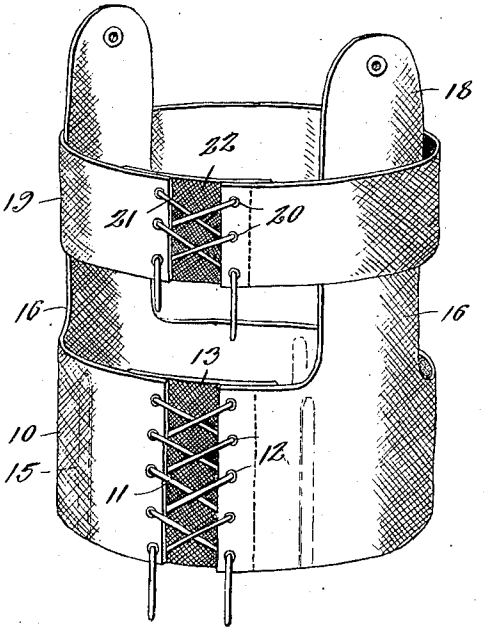


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER W. COLSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jacksonville, in the county of Duval and State of Florida, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hose-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wearing apparel and especially to hose supporters which are designed to hold the hose in a smooth and neat manner upon the leg of the wearer and which may be detachably and permanently secured to the corset to prevent the said corset from bulging upon the bottom, thereby adding to the appearance of the wearer.

The primary object of the invention is to provide in addition to means for supporting the hose, means for protecting the latter by relieving the strain at the knee, which will prevent the hose from tearing at this point and render practically impossible the usually frequent pulling of threads in the hose, the manner of engagement with the hose supporting the latter both below and above the knee.

For the accomplishment of the above objects, the invention includes a comparatively wide strip of suitable fabric, which is transversely stiffened and formed into a band by having its ends laced together, one end having an extension adapted to underlie the lacing to afford protection to the hose and to the leg of the wearer, the said band being adapted to be laced around the leg below the knee. The invention further includes strips extending from one edge of the band and having secured thereto an elastic band adapted to be positioned above the knee, the strips extending above the top of the elastic band for attachment to the corset.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a view showing the invention in use;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged detailed perspective view of one of the supporters; and

Fig. 3 is a similar view of a modified form of the invention.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the invention consists of a pair of hose supporters, each of which includes a relatively wide band 10, which is formed of a strip of suitable fabric with its ends joined together by a lacing 11, the latter passing through eyelets 12 positioned along the meeting edges of the band. This band is adapted to be secured upon the hose beneath the knee and may be adjusted to different diameters through the lacing 11. In order to protect the hose and the leg of the wearer, there is secured adjacent to one of the meeting ends of the band a protecting strip or extension 13, which is adapted to underlie the lacing and to extend across the opening in the band, the length of the strip being sufficient to permit of the ends being spaced a considerable distance apart so that the band will have a wide latitude of adjustment. In order to prevent wrinkling of the band, there is positioned between the outer layer of fabric and the lining 14, stays 15, which may be formed of whale-bone or of any other material adapted for the purpose.

Preferably formed integral with and extending from the upper edge of the band 10 are strips 16, which pass through and have secured thereto an elastic band 17. These strips are of sufficient length to permit of the band 10 being secured below the knee, with the band 17 positioned above the knee, the said strips extending beyond the latter band as shown at 18 for the purpose of being secured to a convenient part of a corset. As the band 10 is securely positioned around the leg below the knee, the strip 16 will hold the corset properly in position and prevent bulging, so as to maintain a symmetrical outline of the figure.

By arranging the bands 10 and 17 below and above the knee respectively, the hose is relieved from strain due to bending the leg, which prevents ripping the hose at the knee and pulling the threads longitudinally of the leg.

If desired a non-elastic band 19 may be substituted for the band 17, as illustrated in Fig. 3. In this event the band 19 will be split as shown and have eyes 20 for the passage of a lace 21, by means of which it may be secured together in a manner similar to the band 10. It may be also provided with a protecting extension or strip 22.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new, is:—

1. A hose supporter comprising a split band of inelastic fabric cut to provide oppositely located tongues extending from one edge thereof, means for connecting the ends

of the band and an elastic band secured to each of the tongues and spaced from the first mentioned inelastic band.

2. A hose supporter comprising a split relatively wide band of fabric cut to provide oppositely located tongues extending from one edge thereof, stiffening elements secured transversely of said band, means for connecting the ends of the band and an elastic band secured to the tongues and spaced from the first mentioned band.

3. A hose supporter comprising in combination a split band of fabric laced together and adapted to be secured over the hose below the knee, diametrically located tongues formed on said band and projecting from one edge thereof to define connecting strips, an endless band of elastic secured to each of the connecting strips intermediate their ends and spaced from the first mentioned band for position above the knee and securing tabs formed by the projecting ends of the tongues for attachment to a corset.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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