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GARTER CLASP.

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FIG. 1.

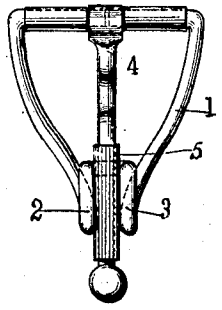


FIG. 2.

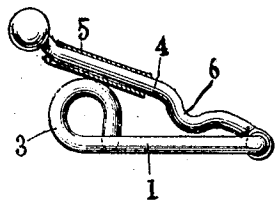


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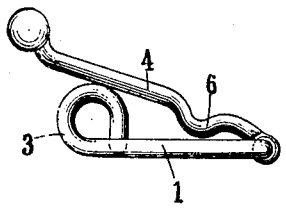
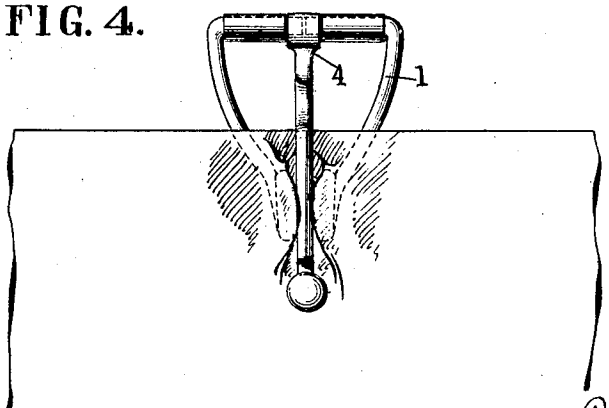


FIG. 4.



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GARTER-CLASP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTON REZNIČEK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garter-Clasps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to garter clasps of the type adapted to engage or grip the hose between two members when it is locked in closed position and my objects are to produce a neat, cheap and small clasp which will neither slip or tear the hose.

The accompanying drawing shows one manner of attaining my objects.

Figure 1 is a face view of a clasp embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is a side view of the structure of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a like structure without the elastic facing on the locking tongue; Fig. 4 is a face view of the structure of Fig. 3.

A frame 1 is provided with a divided button formed of the two parts 2 and 3 with a space between them. A locking tongue 4 is secured to the frame 1 at the end opposite the button and is adapted to snugly enter the space between the two parts 2 and 3 of the button. This tongue may be cushioned by placing a piece of elastic material on it as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, or left bare as shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

The tongue 4 may be provided with the bend 6 between its ends as shown in Figs. 2 and 3 which bend tends to hold the edge of the hose down and prevent slipping. The form shown in the drawing is made by bending a piece of round wire into a frame having the general form of a pear shaped loop having the two upstanding rings 2 and 3 on the narrow end of the frame to form the divided button. The locking tongue is pivoted to the broad end of the loop as shown.

In use the tongue is raised as shown in Fig. 2 and the hose laid over the divided button, the locking tongue is then pushed down into the division between the two parts of the button and the hose gripped between it and the inside faces of the button sections. In the form shown the wire has sufficient resiliency to yield slightly and hold the hose with an elastic pressure which prevents slipping and tearing. The elastic faced, tongue is preferred when the button sections are rigid but may be employed with a resilient button.

I claim:—

1. A garter clasp comprising a frame, a divided button secured to one end of the frame, and a locking tongue provided with an elastic cushion secured to the other end in position to have its free end enter the division in the button for the purpose set forth.

2. A garter clasp comprising a substantially pear shaped loop of wire, two integral, parallel, upstanding rings on the narrow end thereof a slight distance apart, a single locking tongue hinged to the broad end of the frame in position to have its free end enter the space between the rings for the purpose set forth.

3. A garter clasp comprising a substantially pear shaped frame of wire, two integral, parallel, upstanding rings on the narrow end thereof a slight distance apart; a single locking tongue, having a sharp downward curve therein between its ends, hinged to the broad end of the frame in position to have its free end enter the space between the rings for the purpose set forth; and a knob on the end of said tongue.

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

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