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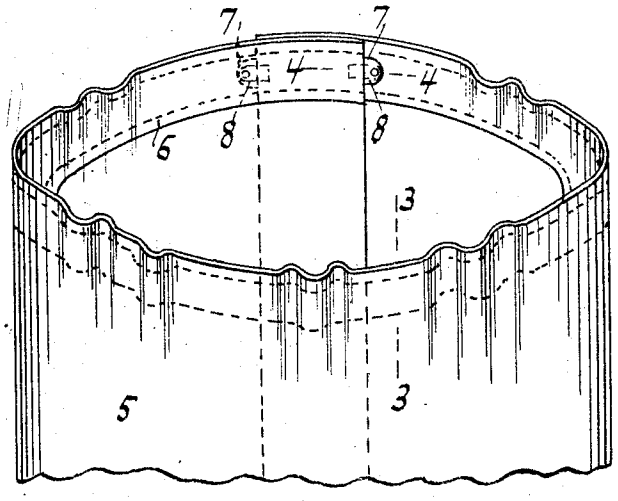
Fig. 1.



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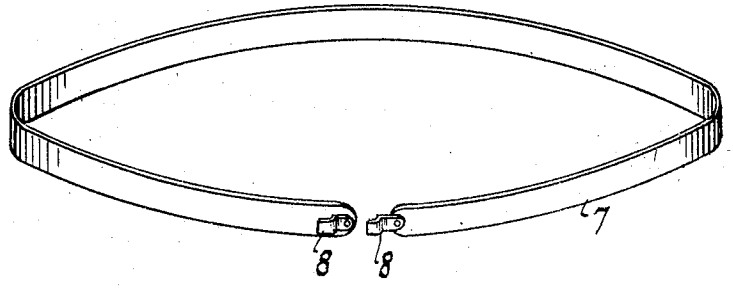

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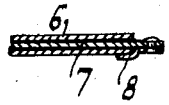

Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE F. GOODMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a supporter for garments and it includes a spring band located in a hem at the waist line of the garment.

The object of the invention is to provide a hoop shaped member which is circumferentially resilient so that the garment will be drawn tightly about the body to prevent it from sagging.

Another object of the invention is to provide the spring band with means for preventing the garment from slipping over the ends of the member.

The invention resides in the novel combination hereinafter described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an apron embodying this invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the resilient band.

Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken along the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a horizontal detail section taken along the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

In the drawing the numeral 5 designates an apron having a hemmed upper portion 6 to form a tubular pocket extending to the ends of the fabric. Each end of the hem is open as indicated in Fig. 4, to permit the insertion of a resilient band 7 formed of thin steel. When the band is in place the ends thereof project slightly beyond the edges of the hem as shown in Fig. 1.

For the purpose of preventing longitudinal displacement of the band or slip of the fabric over the edge a catch or lug 8 is arranged at each end of the band. Each lug is pivoted to the end of the band and when swung inwardly it will engage the side of the hem.

When it is desired to remove the band so that the apron can be cleaned or washed, the lugs are swung outwardly and the band can then be readily slipped from the hem. As shown in Fig. 3 the band is transversely curved or bowed to strengthen it so that it will sustain the bending strain of the steel. The band is preferably applied to an apron but it should be noted that it can be arranged in the waist line of a skirt or similar garment. The resiliency of the band has a tendency to draw the ends of the band toward each other, thus decreasing the diameter so that it will clasp the waist of a person and hold the apron securely in place.

I claim:

1. In a garment supporter the combination with a hem having open ends formed about the waist line, of a circumferentially resilient band arranged in the hem, and means swinging on a horizontal axis at each end of the band for engagement with the open ends of the hem.

2. In a garment supporter the combination with a hem having open ends formed about the waist line, of a circumferentially resilient band arranged in the hem, and a lug swingingly mounted on each end of the band for engagement with the outer sides of the hem.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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