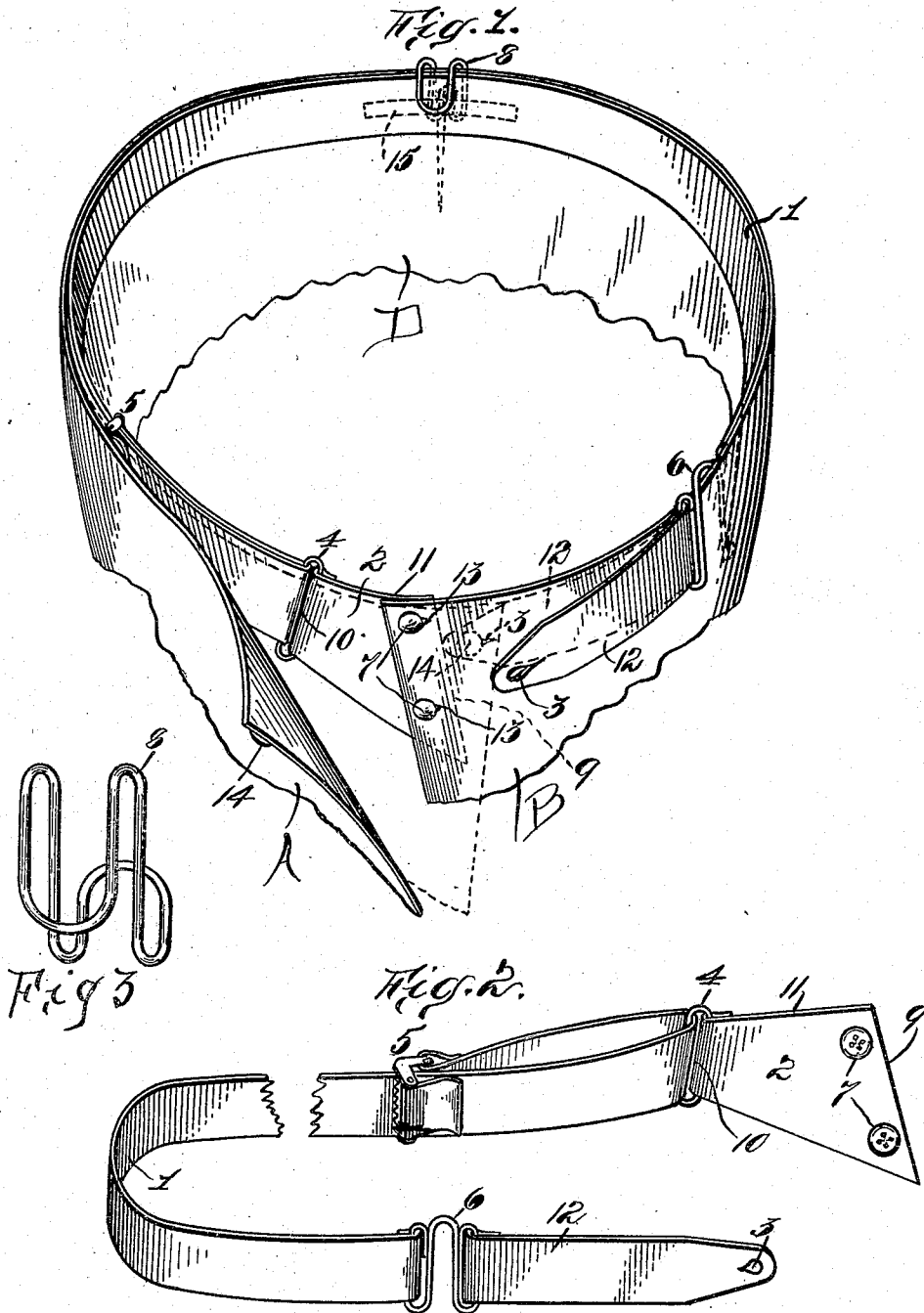


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. MACKAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chappaqua, New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment Supporters and Adjusters, of which the following is a clear, full, and exact description.

My invention consists in an improved garment supporter and adjuster and is particularly adapted for adjusting to the size of the wearer and thereby supporting any of the usual waist-supported garments, such as gentlemen's drawers, bathing suit or athletic trunks.

Contrary to the usual form of belts such as is commonly worn to hold up trousers and such garments in which the ends of the belt are attached together and the garment is thereby hung and supported therefrom, my supporter and adjuster consists essentially of a belt adapted to pass around the waist of the wearer and have its ends attached to opposite flaps of the drawer to be supported. The belt can then be adjusted to a nicety for either letting out the flaps or bringing them together for overlapping, and thus provide a perfect fit of drawer around the waist. The waist of the drawer being caused to fit snugly will then support itself without any further means, besides giving unusual comfort to the wearer. However, if necessary a supporting hook may be attached to the rear side of my belt for engaging any convenient rear portion of the garment. I also prefer to construct a portion of my belt of elastic material for the purpose of providing a tension effect of the whole drawer around the waist, thus causing it to support itself fully.

My invention will be defined in the claims.

In the drawings which represent the preferred embodiment of my invention, Figure 1 represents the upper portion of the drawer having the belt partially attached thereto and in position. The dotted lines of said figure show the belt completely attached; Fig. 2 is a detached view of my supporting belt; Fig. 3 is a view of the rear hook which may be attached to the belt.

The main portion of the belt is indicated at 1, which is preferably constructed of elastic material and is provided with the usual buckle 5 for adjusting the same. An end

portion 12, preferably of non-elastic material and provided with a buttonhole 3, completes the length of the belt. This portion 12 is connected to the portion 1 by means of a bridge device 6, preferably constructed of wire in the form of an inverted U, the purpose of which will be apparent later. It is obvious that this bridge piece 6 may be formed of a metallic slotted plate, but a wire construction is preferable on account of its cheapness and also for the reason that it will spring more or less to adapt itself to different thicknesses of drawer. At the other end of the belt is a non-elastic tab 2 connected to the looped portion of 1 by means of a link 4. As shown in the drawings the front edge 9 and rear edge 10 of this tab is inclined obliquely downwardly from the upper edge 11 or the longitudinal edge of the belt. One or more buttons 7 are fastened to the tab 2 adjacent its front edge and are thereby also obliquely disposed downwardly from the longitudinal edge of the belt. In wearing the belt one end thereof, for example the tab 2 as shown in Fig. 1, is secured to one flap B of the drawer D by means of its buttons 7 and the buttonholes 13 in said flap B.

The belt when passed around the waist of the wearer would usually lie either inside or outside of the drawer, according to the wearer's preference, and therefore to enable the other end of the belt 12 to be attached to the other flap A of the drawer, some means must be provided to enable the belt to pass from the one side to the other side of the drawer. In the present embodiment this means consists preferably of the inverted U-shaped bridge device 6 which straddles the upper edge of the garment, as shown in Fig. 1, and thereby enables the remainder of the belt 12 to lie outside of the garment. This end 12 is secured to the flap A by means of the buttonhole 3 and button 14, as indicated in dotted lines Fig. 1, thus causing the flap A of the drawer to overlap flap B. It is obvious that by adjusting the belt by means of the buckle 5 the upper edge of the drawer may be caused to fit snugly around the waist of the wearer. The purpose of having the buttons 7 on the tab 2 disposed obliquely is now apparent for the reason that when one lap of the drawer is lapped past the other, these buttons attached to the same provide

for a smooth fit of the garment without any folds. As previously stated, if necessary the hook 8 may be secured to the rear of the belt by any suitable means and made to engage
 5 the strap usually present at the rear of the drawer to provide an additional support therefor.

It is obvious that many immaterial changes may be made in the details of my invention
 10 without departing from the spirit thereof, and I wish the claims to receive as broad a construction as their terms allow.

What I claim is:

1. The combination with a waist-supported
 15 garment, of a garment-supporter comprising an adjustable belt having an elastic portion and adapted to extend around the waist of the wearer, each end of said belt being provided with an attaching device adapted to
 20 secure the same to said garment at opposite and separated points for bringing said separated points together, and means provided on said belt whereby a part of said belt may lie beneath a portion of said garment and
 25 the remainder of said belt extend outside of said garment for overlapping one of the attached points of the same over the other.

2. The combination with a waist-supported garment having a slitted portion to form opposite flaps, of a garment-supporter comprising an adjustable belt having an elastic portion, and adapted to extend around the waist of the wearer, each end of said belt provided with attaching devices adapted to
 30 be secured to one of the opposite flaps of said garment adjacent its edge for holding said flaps together, the attaching devices at one end of said belt being disposed obliquely downwardly relative to the longitudinal
 35 edges of said belt.

3. A garment-supporter comprising an adjustable belt having an elastic portion, each end of said belt being provided with one or more buttonhole attaching devices adapted
 40 to secure the same to the garment to be supported, said devices at one end of said belt being disposed obliquely downwardly relative to the longitudinal edges of said belt, and a bridge device arranged intermediate

the ends of said belt adapted to straddle the
 50 upper edge of said garment.

4. A garment-supporter comprising an adjustable belt having an elastic portion, a buttonhole provided at one end of said belt, a non-elastic tab provided at the other end
 55 of said belt and having buttons thereon, said buttons being disposed obliquely downwardly relative to the longitudinal edges of said belt, said belt having secured thereto intermediate its ends a supporting hook device adapted to engage the rear portion of the garment to be supported, and an inverted U-shaped bridge device adapted to straddle the upper edge of said garment whereby a part of said belt may lie beneath and a part
 60 outside of said garment.

5. The combination with a waist supported garment, of a belt adapted to extend around the waist of the wearer adjacent the waist band of said garment, each end of said
 70 belt being provided with an attaching device adapted to secure the same to said garment at opposite and separated portions, means provided on said belt whereby said attaching devices are disposed one on the inside and one on the outside of the waist band of said garment for overlapping said attaching portions.

6. The combination with a waist supported garment, of an adjustable belt adapted
 80 to extend around the waist of the wearer adjacent the waist band of said garment, each end of said belt being provided with an attaching device, adapted to secure the same to said garment at opposite and separated
 85 portions, said belt having a bridge device adapted to straddle the upper edge of the waist band of said garment whereby said attaching devices are disposed one on the inside and one on the outside of said waist
 90 band.

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