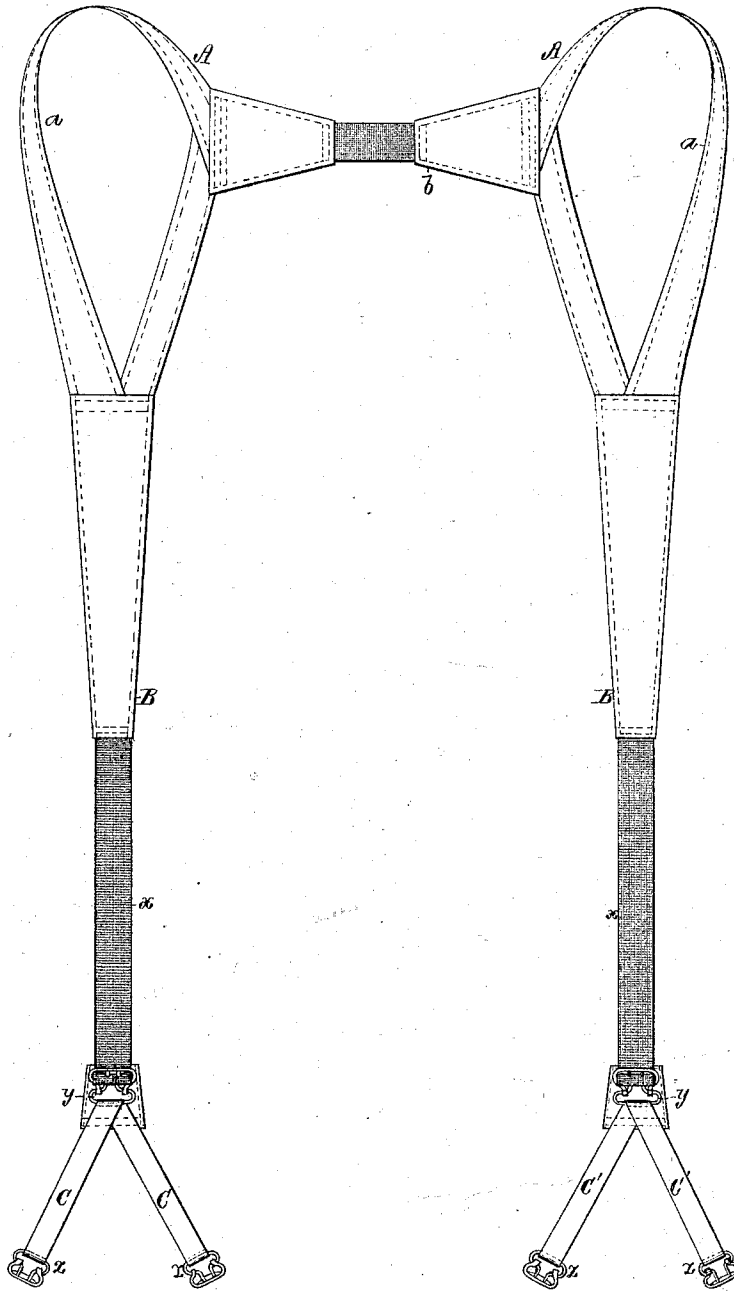


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IMPROVEMENT IN STOCKING-SUPPORTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER C. ADAMS, of Cambridge, of the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful or Improved Stocking-Supporter and Shoulder-Brace; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawing, which denotes an elevation of it.

It consists not only of a shoulder-brace, A, composed of shoulder straps or loops *a a*, and a "back connection," *b*, to them, but of pendent stocking-sustaining straps B B C' C' C', all being arranged as shown. The back connection may be wholly or in part elastic, and the same may be said with respect to the stocking-sustaining straps.

In the drawing, the back connection is represented as having an elastic band at its middle, and each of the pendent straps B is also represented as composed, in part, of an elastic band, *x*, connected with its two attachment-straps C C' by a buckle, *y*. The straps C C'

may be elastic or of an inelastic material, and are provided with buckles *z z* or other suitable means of fastening them to a stocking.

It will readily be perceived that the new or improved article of manufacture shown in the drawings and herein explained combines the advantages of a shoulder-brace and a stocking-supporter, and is very simple in its construction, rendering entirely unnecessary any waistband for sustaining the stockings, and accomplishing such by the shoulders of the wearer, thereby avoiding the evils of a waistband.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, the combined stocking-supporter and shoulder-brace, consisting of the shoulder straps or loops *a a*, and their back connection *b*, and pendent stocking-sustaining straps B B C' C' C', all arranged as specified.

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