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Clasp.

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Fig. 1.

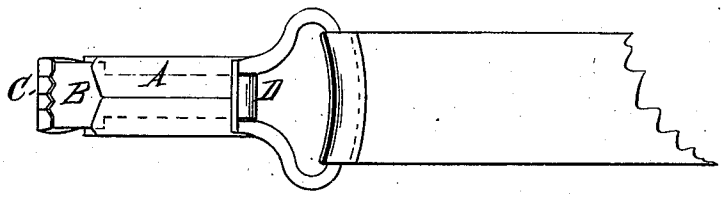
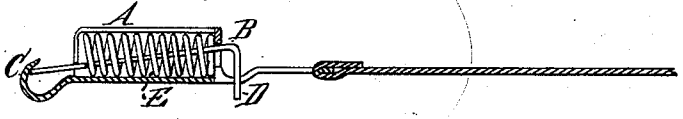


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLASPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS J. CARROLL, of Bridgeport, county of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improved Stocking and Sleeve or Skirt Supporter, which is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is an enlarged view of my skirt-supporter, and Fig 2 a central section of the same.

A is the metallic case; B, a slide-bar; C, the corrugated hook; D, the finger-piece, and E the coiled spring.

The object of my invention is to produce a supporter which shall be more simple in construction, easier of application, more certain and secure in action, and more readily detached than those heretofore in use. This is accomplished by inclosing slide-bar B in metallic case A, having corrugated hook C at its end, the slide-bar being operated by finger-piece D at the end and spring E on the surface thereof.

The operation is as follows: Slide-bar B being drawn back, hook C so engages with the sleeve, stocking, or skirt, that when spring E returns bar A, on the release of the finger-piece D, the bar is forced under the hook with sufficient force to confine the article firmly between them.

This supporter being an inclosed spring-slide, operated by its own downward extension and against the inner surface of that part of the case which is turned up to form the hook over the open space at the end of the hook, in which the article to be secured is inserted, no claim is made to supporters having pins to secure them to clothing, or clamp-fastening buckles with sliding bands; but

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of case A, bar B, hook C, finger-piece D, and spring E, operating together, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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