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Fig. 1.

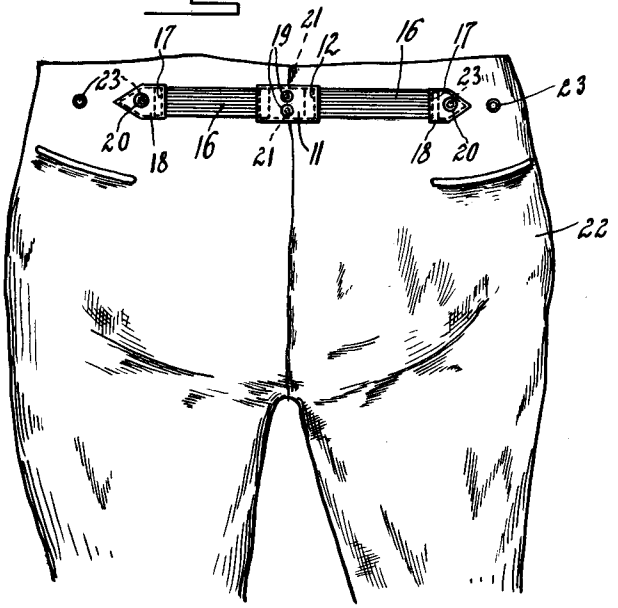


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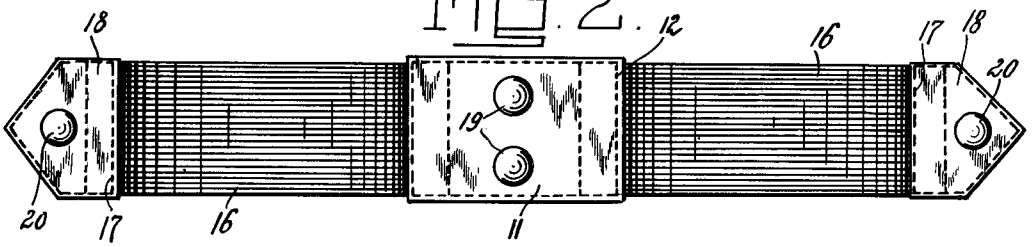
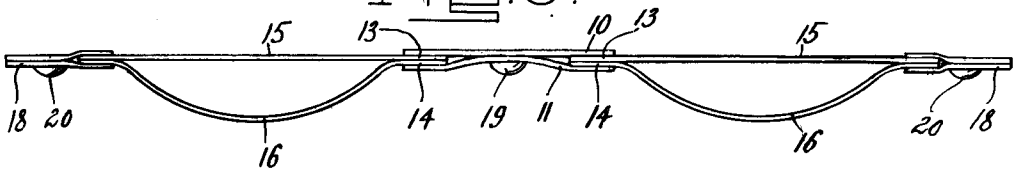


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMYL LEIBEL, a subject of the Emperor of Austria-Hungary, and resident of the city of New York, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to garment supporters, and more particularly to that kind of supporters both ends of which are attached to the garment and pass around part of the waist on the waistline of the wearer.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a garment supporter of this general character which is of a simple, inexpensive nature, and of a compact, strong and durable structure, and which enables the garment to be supported without causing inconvenience or discomfort to the person wearing the same.

With these and other objects in view, which will more fully appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the combination, arrangement and construction of parts hereinafter fully described, pointed out in the appended claim and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, it being understood that many changes may be made in the size and proportion of the several parts and details of construction within the scope of the appended claim without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

One of the many possible embodiments of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the device applied to a garment, in the present case to a pair of trousers; Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the device; and Fig. 3 is an edge view thereof.

Broadly speaking, the invention consists of an elastic strap comprising two or more layers of different lengths, which are suitably fastened together at their ends and middle sections, and provided at such ends and middle sections with detachable fastening devices which are adapted to coöperate with fastening devices upon the garment.

More particularly, the device consists of two flexible base plates 10 and 11, for instance leather pieces, between which are held by stitches 12, or otherwise, the inner ends 13 and 14 of elastic bands 15 and 16, respectively. There are two sets of elastic bands attached to two parallel edges of the base plates, one set extending to the right and the other one to the left, as clearly shown in the drawings, the outer ends of said elastic bands being fastened, also by stitches, indicated in the drawings by the numeral 17, to tabs 18, 18. It is to be observed that the bands 16 are substantially longer than the bands 15 and thereby extend loosely out of the planes of the bands 15, when the latter are in their normal unexpanded state. To the middle portions of the base plates 10 and 11 are secured in any suitable manner fastening devices 19, 19, such as for instance the sockets of detachable head and socket fastening means. Similar sockets, indicated by the numeral 20, are carried by the tabs 18. The sockets 19 are adapted to coöperate with heads 21, secured to the middle portion of the waistline of a garment, for instance to the trousers 22 shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, said heads being arranged upon the back of the trousers. The sockets 20 are adapted to be engaged with heads 23, 23, which are also arranged in the waistline of the garment, and more particularly at a distance from the heads 21, which is greater than the distance between the sockets 19 and one of the sockets 20. There may be arranged a plurality of heads 23 upon each side of the back of the trousers, as clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, to permit of an adjustment of the waistline of the garment.

The operation of this device is as follows:—

The sockets 19 and 20 are brought into engagement with the heads 21 and 23 upon the garment, whereby the waistline of the latter is reduced to closely fit the waist of the wearer, which will result in a firm support of the garment upon the body of the wearer. It will be observed that, inasmuch as the supporter is elastic, the inconvenience and discomfort is done away with, which a person is subjected to by wearing a strap or band of flexible material, such as a belt, held around the waist by a buckle or clasp.

In wearing the trousers, ordinarily the bands 15, 15 are somewhat stretched. The bands 16, 16, however, hang loosely relative to the bands 15. If the waistline of the trousers is extended, for instance as the wearer bends down, the bands 15 are

stretched and the bands 16 are brought in planes parallel to those of the bands 15 and expanded to a degree which depends upon the extension of the waistline of the trousers, the bands 16 in this case taking up to some extent the stress to which the bands 15 are subjected. If both sets of bands were of the same length, they would cause a pressure on the waist of the wearer, and on the other hand, the supporter would be easily detached from the garment if a sudden extension of the waistline of the garment would take place.

It is obvious that, while herein the supporter has been shown in connection with a pair of trousers, the same may be applied to other nether garments just as well.

What I claim is:—

In a garment supporter, the combination with a base plate, of a plurality of resilient bands attached to two parallel edges thereof, the bands attached to each edge being of different lengths, a tab secured to the ends of each set of bands, and fastening devices carried by said tabs and said base plate.

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