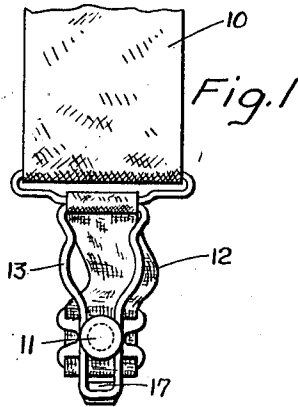
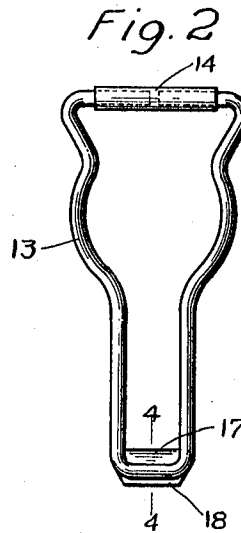
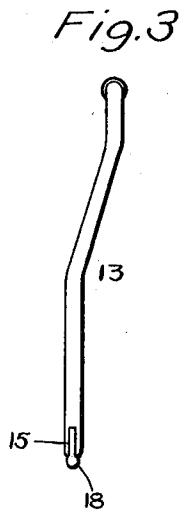
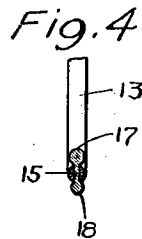
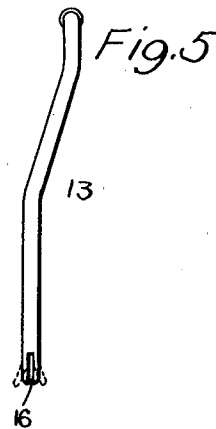


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH H. PILKINGTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waterbury, county of New Haven, State of Connecticut, have invented an Improvement in Hose-Supporter Loops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to the class of stocking and other garment supporters in which a stud carried by a textile strip is passed under the stocking and the stud with a ply of the stocking over it is passed into a loop which receives the neck of the stud but is smaller than the head thereof, the stocking being gripped between the stud and the loop and the strain being upon the lower end of the loop which in use is drawn under the head of the stud to retain the ply of stocking between itself and the stud, and the invention has for its object to provide a simple and inexpensive loop which shall be padded at its lower end, so that while the stocking shall be retained securely the danger of tearing the stocking shall be reduced to the minimum and the necessity for an elastic or other covering for either the stud or the loop is avoided. My present invention therefore enables me to produce a clasp having all the advantages of clasps with covered studs or loops and at a greatly reduced cost.

With these and other objects in view I have devised the novel supporter loop which I will now describe, referring to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and using reference characters to indicate the several parts:

Figure 1 is an elevation of a stocking supporter clasp embodying my novel loop as in use; Fig. 2 a front elevation on an enlarged scale of the loop detached; Fig. 3 a side elevation of the loop detached; Fig. 4 a section on the line 4—4 in Fig. 2; and Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the loop as prepared to receive the pad.

The clasp as a whole is attached to a textile strip, indicated by 10, which may or may not be elastic.

11 denotes the stud which is carried by an independent textile strip indicated by 12, and 13 the loop which may be of the ordinary or any preferred configuration and is formed from a blank of wire the ends of which are locked by a sleeve 14.

15 denotes the pad which is formed from any suitable material as felt, textile material, rubber tubing or rubber cord, a pad formed from a short piece of rubber cord being indicated in the drawing. Pads of a suitable length are provided and are rigidly secured to the loop in the simple and inexpensive manner which I will now described.

A kerf, indicated by 16, is made longitudinally through the lower end of the loop and for a short distance through the sides thereof. The walls of the kerf are then opened out as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 5, the pad is inserted therein and then the walls of the kerf are closed down tightly upon the pad. The effect is to grip the pad firmly and lock it securely in place and furthermore to cause the pad to bulge outward between the sides of the loop forming a cushion, indicated specifically by 17, which in use is drawn up under the head of the stud and secures the stocking in place but reduces the danger of tearing even the finest stocking to the minimum as the strain comes upon the cushion of the pad and not upon the stocking. In order to insure that the pads will not work loose in long continued use, I make them large enough so that when gripped by the walls of the kerf they will also bulge outward slightly, as indicated at 18, below the lower end of the loop.

Having thus described my invention I claim:

A device of the character described comprising a loop formed from a single piece of wire, said loop having a kerf extending longitudinally through the lower strand thereof and through the sides thereof for a short distance above the lower strand, and a pad formed of a straight piece of material disposed in said kerf and retained in position by closing the walls of said kerf upon the same, whereby a cushion is formed upon the inner and outer face of the lower strand of the loop, said cushion extending between the sides of said loop and terminating at the top of said kerf.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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