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Fig. 1.

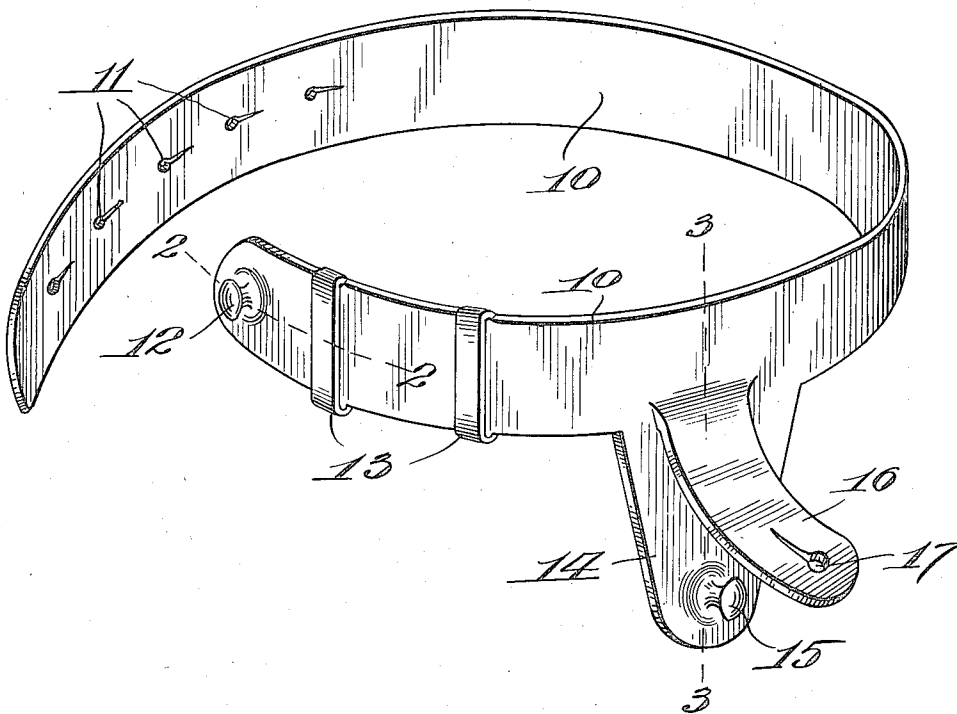


FIG. 2.

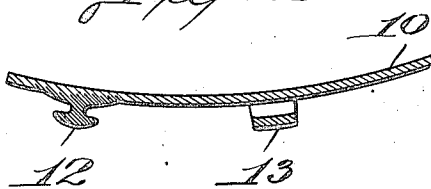
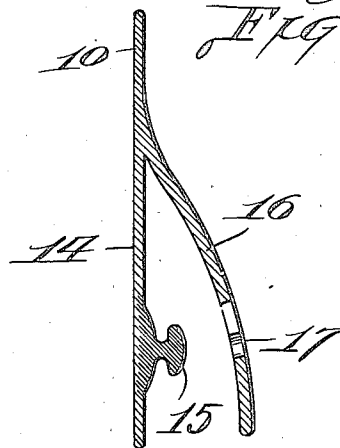


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GROVER B. MELLUS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, county of Los Angeles, and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a garter that is specially designed for use in connection with the garments that constitute a bathing suit, the principal objects of my invention being to construct a garter wholly of rubber or other material that is not affected by water, to construct the garter and all parts thereof, from a single piece of material, thereby greatly simplifying and decreasing the cost of production, and further to provide a garter of relatively simple practical structure and which will be very effective in use.

With the foregoing and other objects in view my invention consists in certain features of novelty hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and illustrated, in the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a garter of my improved construction.

Fig. 2 is a detail section taken on line 2-2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken on line 3-3 of Fig. 1.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings which illustrate a practical embodiment of my invention, 10 designates a band or strap that is adapted to encircle the limb of the wearer, said band being formed of rubber or composition having rubber as its principal ingredient. This band is soft and flexible and is provided near one end with a series of apertures or eyelets 11, any one of which is adapted to receive a headed stud 12 that is formed integral with the opposite end of the band when the latter is in position upon the limb for use.

The stud is treated or vulcanized so that it is substantially harder than the body of the band.

Arranged on the outer face of the band 10 adjacent to the stud 12 are transversely disposed loops 13 that serve to retain the overlying end of the band that is secured to stud 12.

Formed integral with band 10 is a depending tab 14 and projecting outwardly from the lower portion thereof is a headed stud 15. This stud is treated or vulcanized so that it is much harder than the relatively soft flexible tab 14. Formed integral with the upper portion of tab 14 is an overlying tab 16, in the lower portion of which is formed an aperture or eyelet 17, and the latter being adapted to receive the head of stud 15 when the garter is in use.

It will be understood that when the garter is in use a part of the hose or stocking is arranged over stud 15, after which tab 16 is manipulated so as to engage said stud and that portion of the hose or stocking covering the same, and when the stud is seated in the aperture or eyelet 17 the hose or stocking will be firmly retained in proper position upon the limb of the wearer.

Inasmuch as the entire garter is formed from a single piece of material it can be easily and cheaply produced and as said garter is constructed wholly of rubber or rubber composition, it will not deteriorate as a result of contact with water, therefore the garter is particularly useful and serviceable in connection with the hosiery forming a part of a bathing suit.

Obviously the construction of the garter may be varied in slight details without departing from the spirit of my invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claim.

I claim as my invention:

As a new article of manufacture, a garter composed wholly of rubber and including a leg encircling strap, one end being provided with a series of apertures, an aperture engaging stud projecting from the other end of said strap, a pair of tabs formed integral with and depending from the strap, the inner one of said tabs being provided with a stud and the outer one of said tabs being provided with an aperture that is adapted to receive said last mentioned stud.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature this 24th day of April, 1922.

GROVER B. MELLUS.