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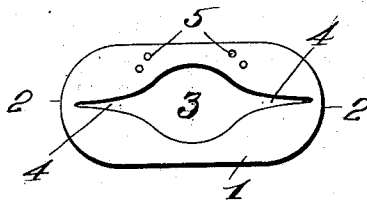
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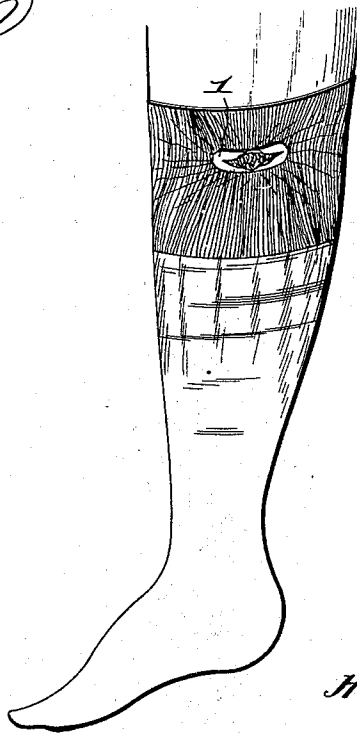
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HERBERT H. JONES, of the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates generally to garment-supporters, and more particularly to hose-supporters; and it consists of the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a garment-supporter of my improved construction. Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof. Fig. 3 illustrates the supporter in position as required for practical use.

In the construction of my improved garment-supporter the body 1, having the rounded ends 2, is constructed of a plate of suitable material, such as sheet metal, of the desired thickness, and said plate is slightly curved from end to end. Formed in the center of the plate is a circular aperture 3, with which aperture communicate the horizontally-arranged V-shaped openings 4, the same being extended toward the ends of the plate 1 and being gradually tapered toward their ends. Formed through the plate, above the opening 3, are the small apertures 5. When my improved device is in use as a hose-supporter, the plate is located on the exterior of the hose at the point where it is desired to tighten said hose around the limb and a portion of the hose is passed through the aperture 3, and then by pressing the plate against the limb and pulling on the portion of the hose that is passed through the aperture 3 a certain portion of the hose is pulled through said aperture and the V-shaped openings 4, and in so doing that portion of the hose that is in horizontal alinement with the plate will be stretched and tightened around the limb in a manner which will efficiently support the hose as long as the plate remains in position. Owing to the natural elasticity of the hose or garment there will be a back pull or return movement of that portion of the goods that has been drawn through the aperture 3, and when this return movement takes place the goods will naturally work into the tapered openings 4, and as said openings taper to-

ward their outer ends the goods will be automatically clamped or engaged in said openings. This will very effectually locate the plate upon the hose, and consequently the hose will be supported in the desired manner.

By the use of a supporter of my improved construction in connection with hose the elastic bands usually made use of are entirely done away with, which elastic bands tend to stop or retard the circulation of the blood in the limb on which they are located, and no particular spot or circumference upon the limb will be pressed upon, owing to the fact that when a portion of the hose is drawn through the opening in the supporter the pull or pressure of the garment is distributed over a considerable area adjacent the plate 1.

The device is applicable for the backs of vests, waists, and pants, or it may be used in connection with any garment that is clamped or held upon the body or any portion thereof by pressure.

The supporter can be very readily detached from a garment simply by raising one end and at the same time pushing the goods clamped in said raised end out of the V-shaped opening.

If desired, a rosette or bow may be located upon the supporter by stitching through the apertures 5, and by making the rosette or bow large enough the entire supporter is concealed from view when in use.

A garment-supporter of my improved construction can be very easily manipulated, occupies very little space, offers no inconvenience while in use, and very effectually supports any garment upon which it is located.

I claim—

A garment-supporter, of metal, suitably bent to fit the limb of the wearer, and having an aperture 3 in its center which is elongated into a wedge-shaped opening 4 at each end, the point of each of said wedge-shaped openings extending outwardly from said aperture and a plurality of apertures in said supporter for securing the same to the garment, substantially as specified.

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

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