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Fig. 1.

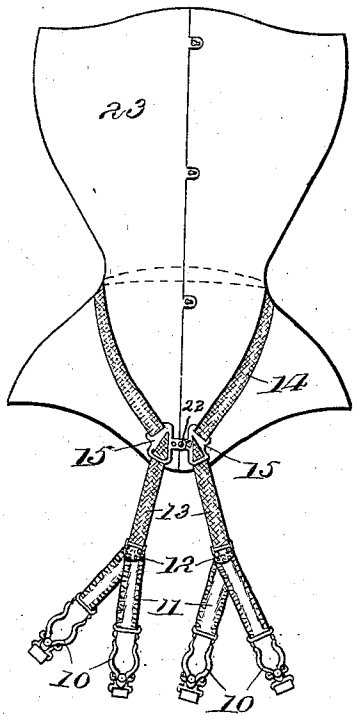


Fig. 2.

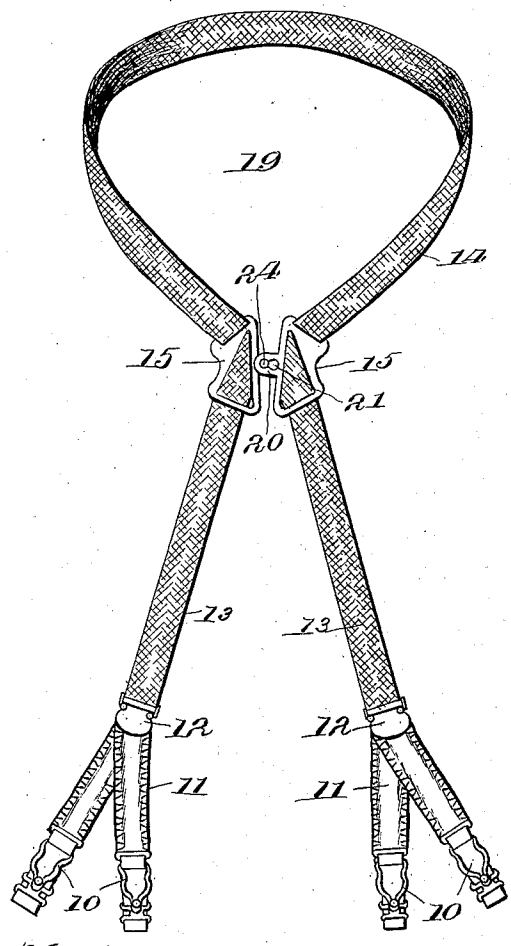
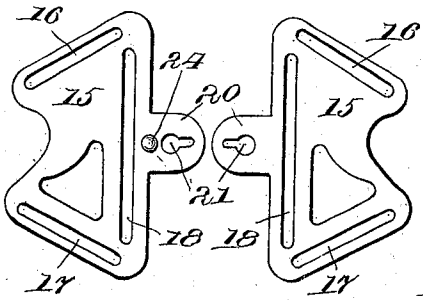


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PERRY S. BAUER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hose-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in hose-supporters; and its object is to support the stockings from the waist of the wearer without employing the ordinary belt and to dispense with safety-pins and devices of like character for attaching the supporter to the corset.

Another object of the invention is to confine the point of the corset without using a pad and also to provide a supporter which will automatically adjust itself to the various positions assumed by the wearer; and a further object is to provide a supporter which can be readily applied and worn as well without as with a corset.

With these and other ends in view the invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a supporter embodying my invention and arranged in use on a corset and connected with the lower stud thereof. Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the supporter, showing the guides connected as they would be when the supporter is worn without a corset or with a corset and not connected to the stud. Fig. 3 illustrates the two guides.

In the drawings like numerals of reference denote corresponding parts in the several figures, and referring thereto 10 designates fastening devices of any kind, which are carried by elastics 11, adjustably connected by buckles 12 to the ends 13 of the tape 14. The tape is adapted to be looped around the body of the wearer and is secured in this position by means of guides consisting of plates 15, which can be conveniently stamped out of sheet metal and provided with the angular end slots 16 17 and lengthwise slot 18, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. These slots are arranged in relation to each other so that the tape may be passed therethrough and its line of direction changed without binding in the guide. As shown in Fig. 2, the ends of the tape extending from the looped part 19 thereof first pass through the slots 16 from the front to the back face of the plate and then through the slots 18 to the front of the plate again and down through slots 17, so that not only is the direction of the tape changed, but it is also turned upon itself. In this way I provide for securing the tape around the wearer's waist in the form of a complete loop with the ends depending therefrom in proper position without crossing for connection with the stockings. The guides which hold the tape in looped form also permit the tape to slide therein and adjust itself automatically as required, according to the movements of the wearer. It will thus be observed that the guides are constructed so that the tape may extend from each end thereof in an angular direction, the upper part to form the loop and the lower part or end to be connected with the stockings, and at the same time the tape is freely movable through the guide. The guides are provided on their opposing edges with tongues 20, having slots 21 therein, adapted to receive the lower stud 22 of the corset 23; but in order that the supporter may be worn without a corset or worn with a corset and not connected therewith I provide a stud 24 on one of the tongues adapted to be engaged by the slot of the other, as shown in Fig. 2. It is apparent also that, if desired, the guides may be locked together by engaging the stud 24 with the slot of the tongue in the other guide and then hooking the tongues of the two guides under the lower stud of the corset. In this way the point of the corset will be confined and held down in the same manner as when the lower stud of the corset is engaged with the slot of the tongue of each guide. My improved supporter thus provides for supporting the stockings from the waistline of the body, and it will be observed that no sewing is required in making the supporters and no buckles are required except for attaching the elastics to the ends of the tape. The guides can be readily adjusted on the tape, so that the loop will conform properly to the size and figure of the wearer, and the length of the supporter can be regulated by means of the buckles 12.

The supporter thus constructed embodies the desirable features of a belt hose-supporter

in that the stockings are supported from the back of the body at the waist-line, but without using a belt-buckle, and my supporter also embodies the desirable features of those supporters which are hooked onto the corset, but without employing a pad, which is objectionable in many respects. The supporter can be worn just as well without as with a corset, and no safety-pins or similar fastening devices are employed for attaching the supporter to the corset or other garment. The stockings will be supported from the back of the wearer's waist, and the guides are arranged approximately over the point of the corset, so that the supporter will tend to promote an erect carriage and confine and hold down the point of the corset and compress the abdomen.

It will be observed that my improved supporter will automatically adjust itself to proper position on the wearer, and it can be conveniently applied and removed without disconnecting the stockings. The tape or any part thereof may be made of elastic, and, if desired, the guides can be covered with material of any kind. I have referred to the part 14 as a "tape," meaning a long narrow strip of the character of a strap, and it will be understood that it can be made of material generally known as "tape" or of any other suitable material, and although I prefer to make the tape of a continuous strip it is apparent that all requirements of my invention will be complied with if this tape were made in sections and connected together by any means. The guides enable the tape to be looped properly around the wearer's body and brought close together in front without crossing and with the ends hanging downward from a point which can be arranged directly over the point of the corset. The ends of the tape naturally diverge from the connected guides, so that the fastening devices carried by the elastics may be connected with the stockings on opposite sides of the leg or at widely-separated points in a manner which will most effectually support the stockings without wrinkling or sagging. As the ends of the tape are not crossed over each other, but are simply brought closely together by the connection of the guides, it is apparent that the supporter may be very easily applied and removed, and these guides also enable the tape to turn the corner at the juncture of the ends with the loop without kinking or interfering with the free adjustability of the tape therein.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A supporter of the character described comprising a continuous tape carrying means at its ends for attachment to stockings, and devices on the tape between its middle and its ends adapted to be connected to loop the tape around the wearer's body, the end portions of the tape being brought near together by said devices and hanging down therefrom without crossing each other.

2. A supporter of the character described comprising a pair of guides adapted to be connected together, and a continuous tape freely adjustable in said guides and adapted to be secured thereby in a loop around the wearer's body with its ends hanging down from the guides without crossing each other.

3. A supporter of the character described comprising a pair of slotted guides adapted to be connected together, and a tape adapted to be secured by said guides in a loop around the wearer's body, said tape being adjustably threaded between its middle and each end through the slots of one guide and turned at an angle therein, and devices at the ends of the tape for attachment to stockings.

4. A supporter of the character described comprising a pair of guides adapted to be connected together, and a tape adapted to be secured by said guides in a loop around the wearer's body, said tape being adjustably connected between its middle and each end with one guide and turned upon itself in passing through the guide.

5. A supporter of the character described comprising a pair of slotted guides adapted to be connected together, each of said guides being provided with a lengthwise slot at one side and angularly-arranged end slots, and a tape adapted to be secured by said guides in a loop around the wearer's body and having each end threaded through the slots of a guide and turned upon itself between the end slots in the guide.

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