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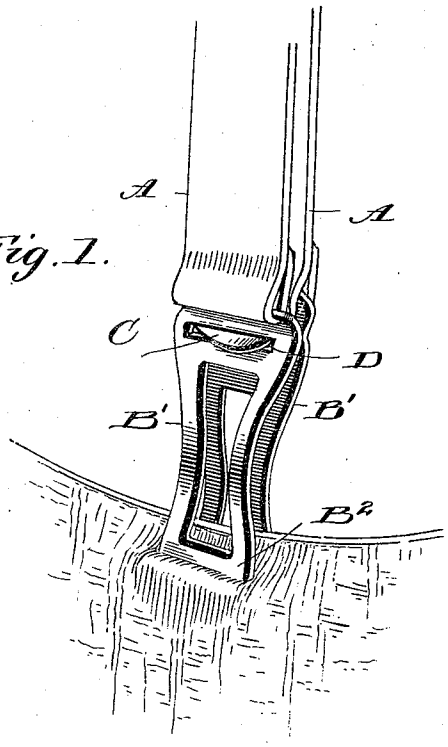
Fig. 1.



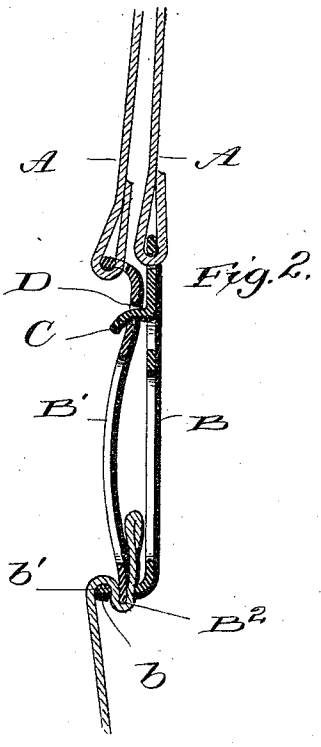
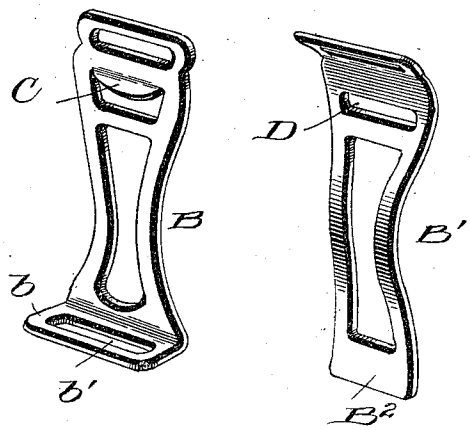


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMELIA S. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Central Falls, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hose-Supporters; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in garment-supporting devices, and especially to a hose-supporting fastener by which the stocking may be securely held by the fasteners without causing any stretching or appreciable wear on the portion of the hose which is engaged by the metallic members which form the fasteners.

The invention relates, further, to the provision of two metallic plates, each mounted on separate straps, one of the said plates having an angled portion provided with an elongated slot or aperture through which the end of the second plate is adapted to be inserted after the edge of the stocking is placed over the said aperture, thus causing a portion of the stocking to be forced therethrough, the two metallic plates being held together and the stocking retained between the fasteners by an integral hook on one plate engaging in an aperture in the second plate.

To these ends and to such others as the invention may pertain the same consists, further, in the novel construction, combination, and adaptation of the parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

I clearly illustrate my invention in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which drawings similar letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved hose-supporting device, showing the manner of its adjustment when retaining a stocking. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section through the fastener. Fig 3 shows detail views of the two plates separated.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A A designate the two supporting-straps, to the ends of which are secured the metallic plates B and B′, which form the fasteners. The plate B has its free end bent at a right angle, as seen at *b*, and the said angled portion is provided with an elongated aperture *b*′. Near the upper end of the said plate B is the upset portion C, which is stamped out of the shank portion of the plate, thus forming a hook which is designed to engage in the transverse aperture D in the plate B′ to hold the two portions B and B′ together after the free end B^2 of plate B′ is inserted through the aperture *b*′.

In operation the edge of the stocking is placed over the aperture *b*′, and then the free end B^2 of plate or member B′ is placed over the upper side of the surface of the stocking and the edge pushed through the said aperture *b*′, after which the integral hook C is inserted through the aperture D, thus securely holding the stocking between the ends of the plates B and B′, as will be readily seen.

It will be noted that the elongated aperture *b*′ in plate B′ is considerably larger than the length and width of the end of the plate B, so that the stocking is not tightly clamped and has a bearing over the widened portion *b* and under the rounded edge of the end B^2, which makes any tearing of the material improbable.

When the supporter is attached in the manner described, the pressure of the stocking upward, when it has a tendency to be drawn from the retaining-clamps, is sufficient to keep the integral hook C in engagement with the slot D and the stocking securely supported.

When it is desired to release the fasteners from engagement with the stocking, it may be easily and quickly accomplished by inserting the finger between the two supporting-straps and pushing down sufficiently to release the integral hook C from the slot D.

I am aware that it is old to construct hose-supporting fasteners composed of two separate metallic plates which are adapted to be held together by means of an integral button

on one engaging in a slot in the other, the stocking being retained between the ends of the fasteners, and hence I make no claim for such a construction.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, the hose-supporting fasteners, consisting of the separate plates B and B′, the plate B having its free end bent at right angles to its length and provided with the transverse aperture *b′* therein, an integral upset hook C adapted to engage in a transverse aperture D in plate B′, the free end of the plate B′ being adapted to be inserted through the aperture *b′* and hold the edge of a stocking in said aperture *b′*, the two plates being held together by the pressure of the stocking against the free end of the plate B′ which holds the plates hooked together, all combined substantially as shown and described.

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

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