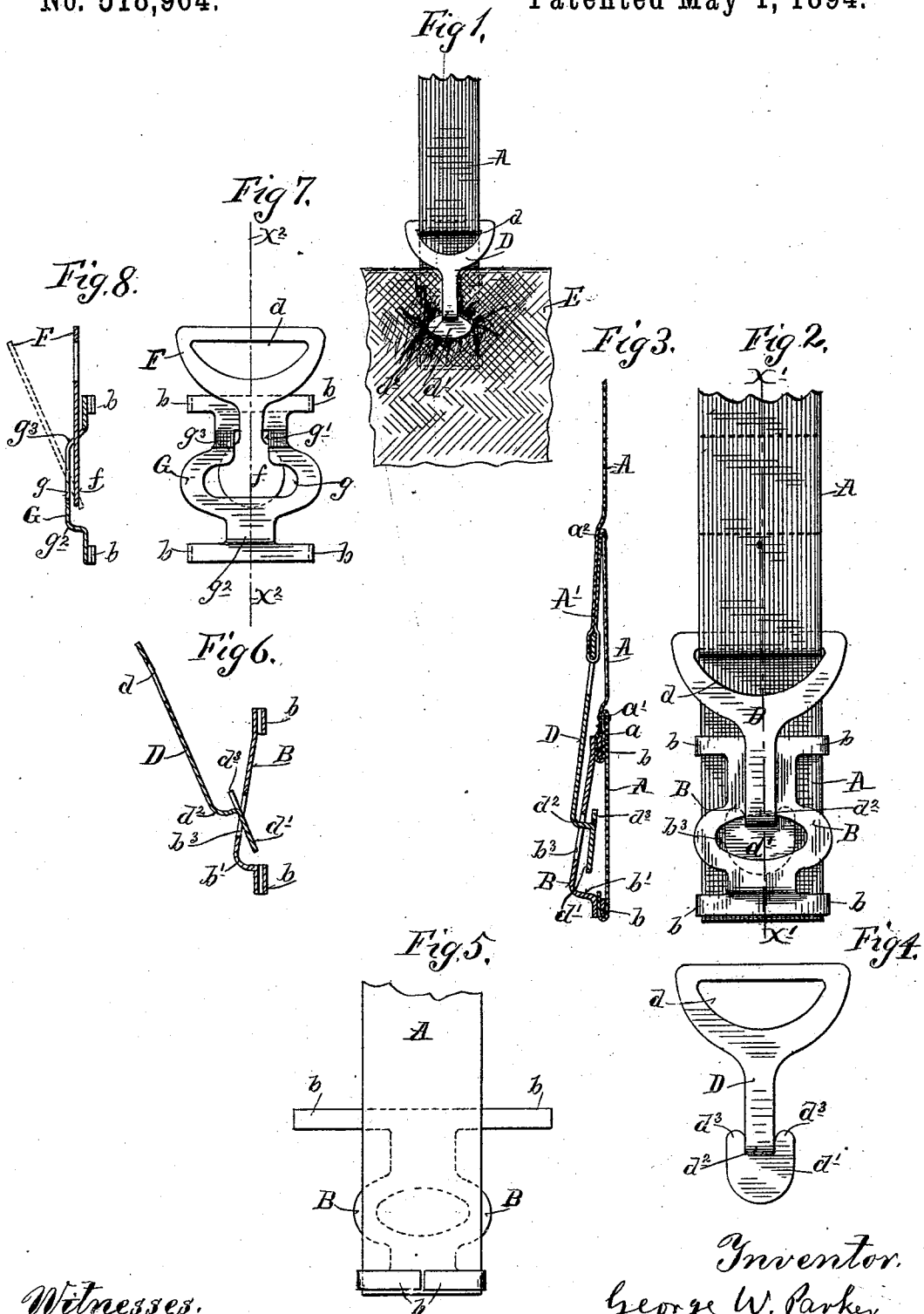


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. PARKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; and I do hereby 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.

My invention relates to garment supporters; and has for its object to provide an improved device of this class, for holding hose and other garments in proper position.

To this end, my invention consists of certain novel features of construction, which will be hereinafter fully described and be defined in the claims.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein, like letters referring to like parts throughout—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the preferred form of my device, as applied to a garment; such as hose. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the device, detached, on a larger scale. Fig. 3 is a vertical section, on the line X' X' of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a front or plan view of the tongue-piece detached. Fig. 5 is a rear elevation or bottom plan of the eye-piece or plate partially attached to the web. Fig. 6 is a section, on the same lines as Fig. 3, with the webs detached, showing the angle at which the tongue-piece is insertible into the eye of and engageable with the eye-piece. Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 2, and Fig. 8 a view similar to Fig. 3, on the line X² X² of Fig. 7, showing a slightly modified construction of the device detached from the webbing.

A is the body or main strip of webbing; to which the eye-piece or plate B is secured; and A' is the outer web-loop, to which the tongue-piece or plate D is secured. Both of the said pieces or plates B and D are made of brass, or other malleable metal. The blank for the eye-piece B is formed with lateral projections *b*, as shown in Fig. 5, which may be bent over against the body of the plate, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and be made to clamp the webbing to the eye-plate. In thus securing the webbing A to the eye-plate B, the end of the web is clamped between the body of

the eye-plate and the lower fastening lugs *b*, and the body of the webbing is embraced at a point higher up by the upper fastening lugs *b*, after allowing sufficient slack between the two pairs of fastening lugs, to provide a fold *a*, which may be tacked to the body of the web, as shown at *a'*. In this way, the eye-plate B is made fast and prevented from movement on the main strip of webbing A. The eye-piece B is stamped up with an off-set *b'*, so as to afford a bulge or raise to the plate at its lower end, to give a pocket for the fabric below the eye *b*³ of the said plate. As shown, this pocket or bulge to the plate is given by a single offset *b'*, at the lower end of the plate, so that the body or face of the said plate stands on an incline, with respect to the webbing A; and this is the desirable construction. It will be understood, however, that the upper end might also be offset with a like result, so far as the pocket is concerned; but it might not permit the web loop A' and the tongue-piece D to draw as close to the body as in the preferred construction. The eye *b*³ of the eye-plate B, is laterally elongated, and is preferably of elliptical form, as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 5. The tongue-piece D is provided with a web-passage *d*, at its upper end, through which the web A is passed and doubled back to form the web-loop A', the loop being tacked to the body of the web, as shown at *a*². The tongue of the tongue-plate D is provided with an enlarged head *d'* expanded laterally; which head in my preferred construction, is off-set inward from the body of the tongue, by means of a bend *d*², as clearly appears in the principal views. The tongue-head *d'* is preferably formed with backwardly projecting catch-lugs *d*³, which, when the parts are in their closed position, underlap and engage with the eye-plate. The expanded tongue-head *d'* is of greater cross-section than the eye *b*³ of the eye-plate B, lengthwise of the web; and the eye *b*³ is laterally elongated to a width greater than the width of the expanded tongue-head. In virtue of this construction, the tongue-head *d'* and the eye *b*³ can only be made to engage or be disengaged by an angular movement of the tongue-plate and eye-plate, with respect to each other; and when the said parts are engaged and the tongue-plate assumes its normal position

parallel with the eye-plate, they will be securely held together and will clamp and hold the garment E. This makes a reliable supporter. It will be noted that the way in which
 5 the main web A is applied to the eye-plate B and secured by the fastening lugs *b*, with the slack-fold *a*, affords cushions behind the catch-lugs of the eye-plate.

In the modification shown in Figs. 7 and 8,
 10 the general construction and co-operation of the parts are identical with that shown in the principal views; but the expanded tongue-head *f* of the eye-plate F, is not offset, but is in the same plane with the tongue; and the
 15 head is shown as of circular form. The eye-plate G is similar to the eye-plate B, with the single exception that the laterally elongated eye *g*, is provided with an upwardly extended slot *g'*, of less size in cross section, than the
 20 tongue of the tongue-plate F. The body of the eye-plate G is not only struck up at *g*², to form a pocket below the eye, but is also struck up or raised at its upper part, as shown at *g*³, to bring the slot *g'* and the eye *g* in the
 25 proper positions, for co-operation with the straight tongue of the tongue-plate F. The dotted line position of the tongue-plate F, in Fig. 8, shows the engaging angle of the said parts. The garment E is of course, clasped
 30 between the tongue-plate and the eye-plate, when the said parts are in their engaged position.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is as follows:

35 1. In a garment-supporter, the combination with the main webbing A, of the malleable metallic eye-plate B, having the web attaching lugs *b*, the said parts being secured together with the lower pair of said lugs clamp-

ing the end of the web and cushioned by the body of the same, and the upper pair of lugs clamping the body of the web and cushioned by the reverse or slack fold *a*, substantially as described.

2. The garment supporter, comprising the main web A, the web branch or loop A', the eye-plate B secured to the main web A, provided with the laterally elongated eye *b*³, and having its body raised or struck up, as shown at *b'*, to form a garment pocket, and the tongue-plate B, secured to the web-branch A', the tongue of which has the offset expanded head *d'*, of less cross section than the eye *b*³ and of greater section lengthwise of the web than the said eye, and provided with the catch-lugs *d*³, the said parts cooperating substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. A garment supporter comprising an eye-plate secured to one branch of the webbing, having an elongated eye or slot, said eye-plate being struck up away from the webbing to form a pocket, and a tongue-plate secured to another branch of the webbing, having an expanded head of greater longitudinal dimensions than the eye of said eye-plate, whereby, by a longitudinal angular movement, with respect to each other, the head of said tongue-plate may be inserted into the pocket formed between the webbing and the eye-plate, and the parts interlocked, substantially as described.

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

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