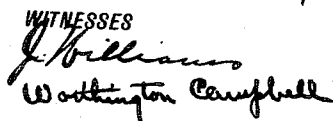


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL A. SINCLAIR, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to certain improvements in garters and more particularly to that type which fastens around the leg above the calf and has a fastener depending therefrom for detachable engagement with the sock.

The main object of my invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive garter from which all the fastening devices are readily removable to leave a body portion entirely of fabric and easily washed without injury.

A further object is to reduce the number and simplify the character of the fastening devices and so secure them to the body portion of the garter that they will not contact with the person.

I secure these objects by the simple construction shown in the accompanying drawing to which reference is to be had and in which similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garter constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2 is a view similar to a portion of Fig. 1 but showing the parts unfastened; Fig. 3 is an edge view of the garment attaching portion; and Fig. 4 is a view somewhat similar to Fig. 2 but showing a simplified form of garment attaching means; and Fig. 5 is a sectional detail of the connected ends of the band.

The body portion of my improved garter is formed of a piece of tape 10 of such length as to encircle the leg of the wearer a short distance below the knee. This band may be made of various lengths so as to fit different wearers, although variations within ordinary limits may be taken care of by the use of a plurality of button holes, as hereinafter more particularly pointed out. This band at one end thereof has two superposed pieces of tape 11 and 12 depending therefrom. The tape 11 may be secured merely to the lower edge of the band by a seam 13, while the outer piece 12 overlaps the end of the tape 10 and is secured thereto not only by the seam 13 but by seams 14

and 15, which define a pocket 16 open at the edge adjacent to the free end of the band 10. The outer wall of this pocket, which is formed by the tape 12, is provided with a buttonhole 17, so that a fastening device in the form of an ordinary bone collar button 18 may be slipped in through the open edge of the pocket and held with the head portion projecting through the buttonhole, as is clearly indicated in Fig. 5. It will be noted that the base portion of the button lies between the two layers of fabric and is of larger size than the buttonhole 17. Thus when the garment is in use, the button cannot become dislodged but, by proper manipulation, it may be readily removed through the open edge of the pocket. The opposite end of the tape or band portion 10 has a plurality of buttonholes 19, any one of which may be buttoned over the head of the button 18, so as to hold the band firmly around the leg and provide for slight variations in the circumference of the leg. The buttonholes are illustrated as extending transversely of the tape in Figs. 1 and 2, but in Fig. 4 I have illustrated buttonholes 19^a extending lengthwise of the tape. Either arrangement may be employed. The tape 11 has its lower end folded back upon itself and held by a transverse seam 20 and a longitudinal seam 21, which, together with the fold, forms a pocket 22 similar to the pocket 16. Within this pocket is held a button 23 with its head projecting through a buttonhole in the outer wall of the pocket. This button may be readily removed in the same manner as the button 18.

The tape 12 has a buttonhole 24 adjacent its free end, which may be buttoned over either the button 18 or the button 23. Preferably I employ a loop 25 of a character commonly employed in garters and slip this on to the tape 12 and bend the latter back upon itself and button the buttonhole 24 over the button 18. The tape is of such length that the small portion of the loop or eyelet 25 will cooperate with the button 23 so as to grip a portion of the sock or other garment therebetween, as is illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3. If desired, the loop or eyelet 25 may be entirely dispensed with and the sock or stocking may be placed over the button 23 and the buttonhole 24 may be buttoned over the button and sock or stocking so as to retain the latter in engagement with the button and without necessitating the em-

ployment of the loop 25. The arrangement of the parts would then be as substantially shown in Fig. 4 prior to the placing of the fabric of the sock over the button 23.

5 My improved garter is formed with its body portion entirely constructed of non-elastic tape, which is not rotted or injured by perspiration or by hot water. Thus the garment is very durable and may be readily
10 washed. Before washing the garter the two buttons 18 and 23 are removed, as is also the loop 25. The remaining portion of the garment is thus nothing but fabric and there are no separate parts to become lost or mis-
15 placed. In case the button is lost, a new one may be readily supplied, as the button is of a character commonly employed in connection with other garments. The particular means which I employ for securing the but-
20 tons in place serves also to protect the person from contact with these buttons or with any parts except the fabric.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Let-
25 ters Patent is:

1. A garter including strips of non-elastic tape secured together to form a band adapted to encircle the limb, and two superposed
30 depending portions, one of said depending portions and one end of said band being overlapped, stitching connecting said overlapped portions to define a pocket open along one edge, and the outer wall of said pocket
35 having a buttonhole partly encircled by said stitching, a detachable button having a base within said pocket and a shank extending out through said buttonhole, the opposite end of said band having a buttonhole for re-
40 ceiving said shank and the outer of said depending portions being folded back upon itself to form a loop and provided with a

buttonhole adjacent to its free end for receiving said button, a detachable button carried by the other of said depending portions adjacent to its free end and an eye detach- 45 ably carried by said loop and adapted to cooperate with said last-mentioned button to receive and retain a portion of the garment therebetween.

2. A garter including strips of fabric se- 50 cured together to form a band adapted to encircle the limb and two superposed depending portions, one of said depending portions and one end of said band being overlapped and stitched to form a pocket 55 therebetween, open along one edge, and the outer wall of said pocket having a buttonhole partly encircled by said stitching, a button removable from said pocket through said open edge and having a base within said 60 pocket and a shank extending out through said buttonhole, the opposite end of said band having a buttonhole for receiving said shank, the inner one of said depending portions at its lower end being folded back upon 65 itself and stitched to form a pocket open at one edge and having a buttonhole in its outer wall, a button having a base within said pocket and a shank projecting out through said last-mentioned buttonhole and 70 removable through said open edge and the outer of said depending portions having a buttonhole adjacent its free end adapted to receive either of said buttons.

In testimony whereof I have signed my 75 name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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