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Fig. 1.



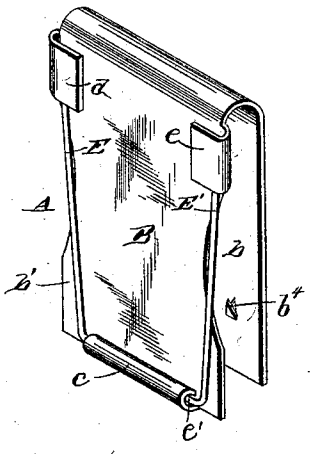


Fig. 2.

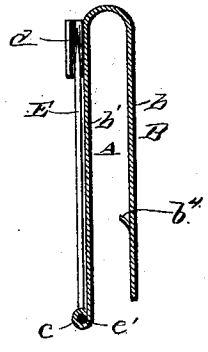
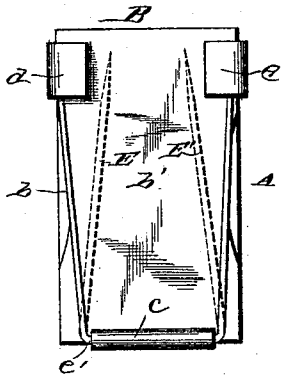


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, REUBEN HENRY SINK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grass Valley, in the county of Nevada and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in garment-supporters; and it consists of the peculiar combination and novel construction and arrangement of the various parts for service, substantially as hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved supporter for upholding the undergarments of men without the necessity for auxiliary suspending devices on the suspenders for supporting the pantaloons, and which shall possess superior advantages over others which have preceded it in points of simplicity and strength of construction, ease and rapidity of adjustment, effectiveness of operation, and cheapness of manufacture.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate a garment-supporter embodying my improvements, Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a vertical central sectional view thereof, and Fig. 3 is a view showing the manner of connecting the free ends of the securing-pins in the keepers provided therefor.

Referring to the drawings, in which like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the figures, A designates the garment-supporter of my invention, which is constructed in the manner which I will now proceed to describe in detail.

The supporter is provided with a clasp, B, which is made of a single piece of metal, preferably spring metal, to adapt the sides or sections thereof to yield toward and away from one another in adjusting or connecting the supporter to the pantaloons of the wearer. This clasp is formed by bending a piece of elastic or spring metal upon itself to form the two sides or sections *b b'*, which are connected at their upper ends and separated at their lower edges, as shown. The inner side, *b'*, of the clasp is provided at its lower edge with a transverse eye, *c*, which is formed by leaving a tongue in the blank of which the clasp is made and then bending the tongue upon the body of the inner section, as will be very readily understood. The upper side edges of the inner section are provided with vertical eyes *d* and *e*, which are formed in a similar manner to the eye *c*, and these eyes are adapted to receive the free ends of securing-pins E E', which I will hereinafter more fully describe. As the eyes *d e* serve to retain and keep the free ends of the pins from engagement with the garments of the wearer, I will hereinafter term them the "keepers," and the said keepers are located on substantially the same plane but on opposite sides of the inner side or section, *b'*, of the clasp, as shown.

E E' are the vertical securing-pins, which are arranged in a vertical line at opposite edges of the inner side or section, *b'*, of the clasp, and the lower ends of the said pins are connected by a cross pin or bar, *e'*, which is fitted in the eye *c* of the clasp to connect the pins thereto. This cross-bar connects the pins together very securely, and is swiveled or journaled in the eye of the clasp to adapt the pins to swing toward or away from the latter. The free ends of the pins are adapted to be compressed together by the pressure of the fingers on the pins, so that they will take or fit in the keepers at the upper ends of the clasp.

Inwardly-projecting inclined retaining points or teeth b^4 are formed integral with the side *b* by being struck up out of the metal of the same, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, and operate in the manner hereinafter described.

The operation of my invention is obvious. The pins are disengaged from their keepers and swung outwardly from the clasp, after which they are passed through the upper edge of the drawers of the wearer, or any other garment which it is desired to support. The free ends of the pins are again connected or engaged with the keepers, and the clasp then fitted over the upper edge of the pantaloons to support the drawers without independent or auxiliary straps and clasps on the suspenders, as is usual, the retaining teeth or points b^4 engaging with the cloth of the upper edge of the pantaloons and effectually preventing the device from working loose or slipping off of the upper edge of the pantaloons. Two or more of these clasps may be employed and connected to the drawers and pantaloons at equidistant points, and they serve to effectively

and securely support the drawers from slipping down.

The supporter can be very easily and readily connected to both the pantaloons and the under-garment, and as readily disconnected therefrom to remove the clothing from the person.

The device is simple and effective, as well as cheap, and can be adjusted in a moment's time.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, the herein-described garment-supporter, comprising the yielding sides *b b'*, formed of a single piece of sheet metal, one of the sides having an integral eye at its lower end and the integral keepers *d e* near its upper end and on opposite sides, as described, and the other side having the inclined retaining points or teeth *b'* formed integral with it, and the pins connected at their lower ends by a cross-bar which is swiveled in the eye, and having their free ends adapted to enter the keepers, substantially as described, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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