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Fig. 1.

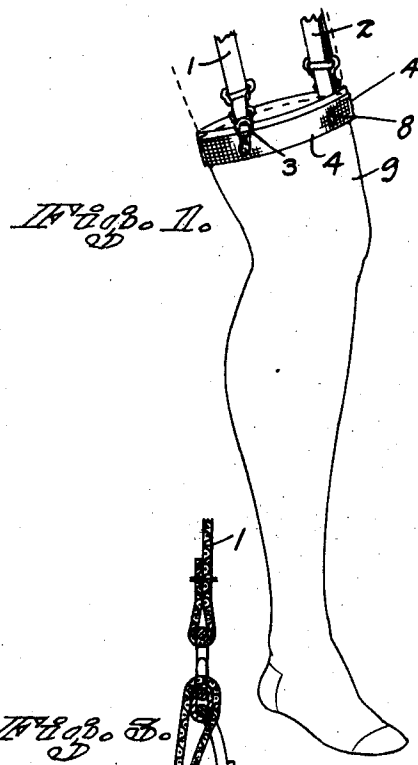


Fig. 2.

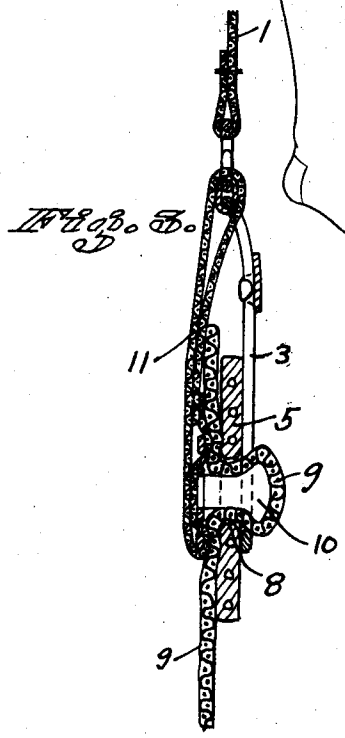
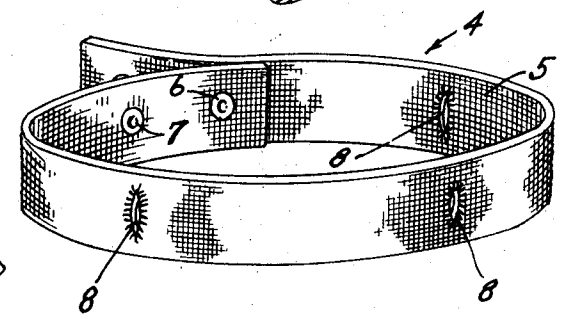


Fig. 3.



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The present invention relates to improvements in women's garters or hose supporters.

Articles of this nature fall under two general types, one of which may be called suspension supporters, having their upper ends attached to a belt, corset or undergarment, while their lower extremities are attached to the stockings; the other type consists of elastic bands fitted in encircling position around the limbs of the wearer.

My improved device consists of a combination of both of the above mentioned forms and has for its main object the providing of means for reinforcing the stocking at the point where the grips are applied, to prevent the forming of runs or tears common to the sheer hosiery so much in use.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device in use;

Figure 2 is a detailed perspective view of the leg encircling band of my device;

Figure 3 is a vertical section through one of the suspension fasteners, stocking, and elastic band.

Referring to the drawings, the numerals 1 and 2 designate the lower extremity of a hose support of a well known form carrying fasteners or grips 3. The elastic band 4 differs from the usual form in that it consists of a length of elastic webbing 5, the two ends of which are provided with snap fasteners 6 and 7, as plainly shown in Figure 2. The length of elastic webbing is further provided with a plurality of openings or button-holes 8 in spaced relation. When the snap fasteners are mated the length of elastic becomes an endless band of suitable dimensions to surround the leg as shown in Figure 1.

Referring to Figure 3, it will be seen that the tab 11 of the supporter 1, carrying a button 10 at its lower end is inserted between the leg of the wearer and the upper portion of the stocking 9; the elastic band 4 then being adjusted the head of the button 10, together with that portion of the stocking which lies directly in front of it is forced through the opening 8 in the band 4 and the grip 3 locked in position over the button head outside the band. In this position the band 4 serves to reinforce the stocking at the point of greatest strain and wear.

Having described my invention, it is to be understood that the same is susceptible of various changes and I reserve the right to employ such changes as may come within the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

A safety garter comprising an elastic, leg-encircling band constructed of non-metallic material and having openings therein, supported clasps, each having buttons for engaging with a stocking, the buttons and stockings being receivable in said openings, and fastening members carried by said clasps and being engageable with the portions of the buttons and stocking protruding through the openings, the walls of the openings yieldingly engaging with the buttons for holding the stocking thereon and for acting as a yielding means for keeping the fastening members against the heads of the buttons.

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