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Fig. 1.

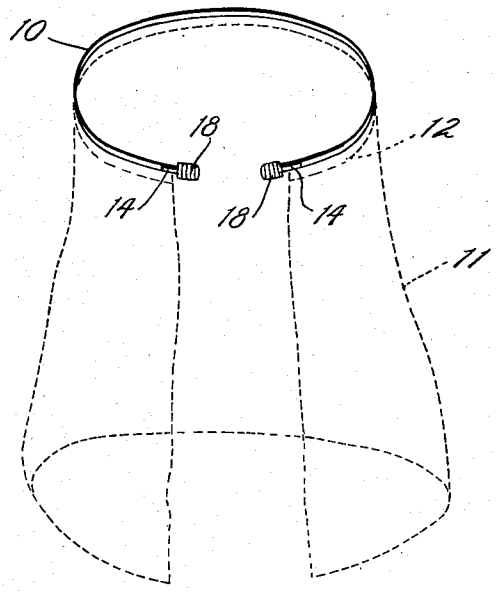


Fig. 2.

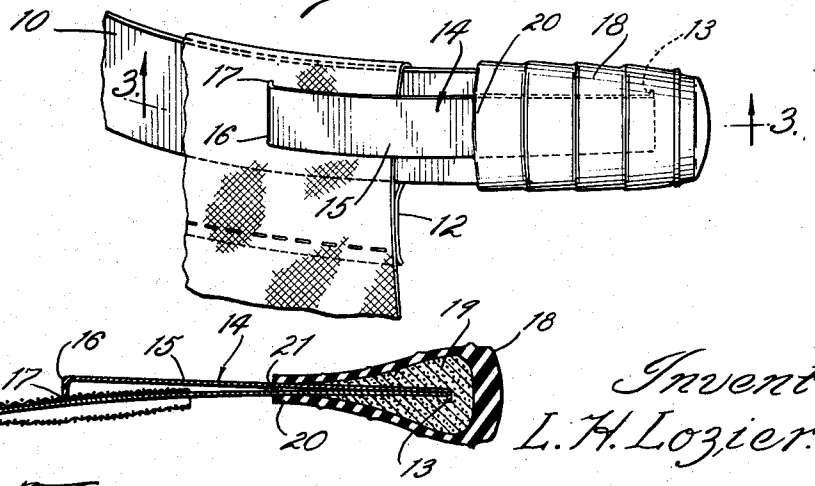


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to supports for garments and has to do more particularly with a body-encircling member adapted to have an apron or the like disposed thereon and an improved clip structure for retaining such garment in a desired position upon the member.

Heretofore garment supporting members of the general class herein referred to have comprised a flexible resilient body-encircling member adapted to be detachably assembled with an apron or the like which has a hemmed section along an upper edge. In such instances, the body-encircling member has been inserted through the hemmed section endwise thereof and the material of the apron adjacent to the ends of the hemmed section have been telescoped onto the body-encircling member where they have been held in fixed relation with said member by clamping means. Said clamping means, however, have heretofore been of a character ineffective for holding the end sections of the apron upon the hem in the desired fixed relation with respect to the body-encircling member. Furthermore, the heretofore provided means for holding the apron engaged with the body-encircling member near its end sections have been such that they have projecting portions which are likely to injure objects with which the wearer of the device has occasion to come into close proximity.

An object of the present invention is the provision of an improved means for selectively and detachably holding an apron or other garment in place upon a body-encircling member.

Another object of the present invention is the provision of an improved guard means for securing a clasp to the end of a body-encircling member in such a fashion as will greatly diminish the likelihood of said clasp injuriously contacting such things as articles of furniture.

Still another object of the present invention is the provision of an improved garment supporting member and clasp having the above recited characteristics and wherein the clasp is securely fastened in place upon the device by means of an improved combination of interlocking parts.

The above and other desirable objects of this invention are obtained by the novel arrangement and the improved combination of the parts described hereinafter in conjunction with the single sheet of drawings, hereby made a part of this application, and wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view illustrating an embodiment of the invention assembled with an apron shown in dotted lines;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view showing an end section of the device illustrated in Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Like reference characters are used throughout the various figures of the drawing and in the following description for designating similar parts.

Reference should first be had to Fig. 1 and particularly to a body-encircling member 10 which may be made of a flat piece of spring steel or other suitable material having the desired characteristics of strength and resilience. Supported upon the body-encircling member 10 is an apron 11 having a hemmed section 12 along its upper edge. Said hemmed section 12 effects an elongated pocket open at its ends whereby the body-encircling member may be inserted into said hem section in such a manner that the ends of said member will be permitted to project outwardly from the ends of the hemmed section. After the apron 11 has been assembled with the member 10 said member is placed upon the body of the wearer by separating the end sections of said member so that it may be placed about the trunk of the wearer's body. Usually the ends of the member 10 will be disposed backwardly of the wearer.

Means are provided for maintaining the apron in the desired position upon the body-encircling member 10. One of such means is plainly illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3. Both ends of the member 10 have secured thereon identical clip or clasping devices so that only one of such devices is here shown in detail.

Referring now to Figs. 2 and 3, one end of the body-engaging member 10 is engaged by a hook 13 upon one end of a flat spring clip or clasp member 14. The main body section 15 of the clip 14 extends in general parallelism with the juxtaposed section of the member 10 and has upon one end a jaw 16 projecting toward the member 10. Said jaw 16 has a rounded point 17 which enables it to more effectively engage the material of the apron 11 at its hemmed section and thus hold such section of the apron in the desired position along the body-encircling member.

Subsequently to thus placing the clip 14 upon an end section of the member 10, a cap 18 of rubber or the like which has been filled with a substance 19, is inserted over the engaged ends of member 10 and the clip 14 in the manner illustrated in Fig. 3. The substance 19 is in a liquid or plastic condition when the cap 18 is applied and hence is displaceable by and envelops the ends of the members 10 and 14 when the cap is

finally in place. Later the substance 19 solidifies and adheres to the parts 10 and 14. The cap 15 firmly engages the members 10 and 14 at the neck-section 20 thereof about its end opening 21 and thus opposes separation of the members 10 and 14 at this section. The substance 19 upon hardening, prevents lateral separation of the members 10 and 14 at their end portions interiorly of the cap 18, while the hook 13 upon the member 14 precludes movement of said member 14 longitudinally of the member 10 in the direction force is adapted to be imparted to the member 14 because of tension applied to the apron 11.

When the hemmed portion 12 of the apron 11 is telescoped over the body-encircling member 10, the end sections of said hemmed portion are first carried beyond the jaws 16 of the clips 14. Thereafter the jaws 16 are lifted from the member 10 incident to flexing the spring clips 14 so that the end sections of the hemmed portion may then be moved a short distance toward their respective ends of the member 10 and thus disposed beneath the jaws 16. Thereupon the jaws are released and allowed to engage the end sections of the hemmed portion and hold the same in place upon the device. The apron 11 will at this time be assembled with the body-encircling member 10 in the manner shown in Fig. 1.

By using separate pieces of material from which the clips 14 and the member 10 are formed, an effective clasp arrangement is provided wherein the jaw 16 may be directed toward the member 10 in a manner leaving no undesirable projecting parts. Furthermore, the cap 18 covers the engaged sections of the members 10 and 14 so there will be no hard projecting parts upon the extreme ends of the device.

A further advantage is obtained by virtue of the caps 18 being of large diameter at their closed ends and thus projecting a greater distance from the body of the wearer than the clip 14 or the member 10. In this manner the caps 18 are effective for shielding objects which otherwise may be scratched or marred by the parts 10 or 14.

While the preferred embodiment of my invention has been herein shown and described, it will be understood that the underlying principles of the invention may be embodied in other useful forms, and so it is intended that the scope of my invention will be in nowise limited excepting as set forth in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A garment supporting device comprising an elongated resilient body-encircling member, a clip including a jaw at one end thereof, said clip being arranged with the jaw directed toward said member and having a section at the other end thereof disposed in contiguity with an end section of said member, and a pliable retaining member covering the contiguous end sections of said clip and said member and providing means for holding said clip and said member in assembly.

2. A garment holder comprising a body-encircling strip, a clip including at one end a jaw directed toward said strip and having at the other end thereof a portion interlocking with an end portion of said strip, and means for holding said interlocking portions co-assembled, said holding means comprising a pliable material completely covering said interlocking portions.

3. A garment holder comprising an elongated body-encircling member, a resilient clip including at one end a jaw projecting toward and into co-operative relation with said member and including at the other end a portion interlocking with an end portion of said member, and means for holding said interlocking portions co-assembled, said holding means comprising a body of solidified substance enveloping said end portions and a cap of pliable material disposed over said body.

4. A garment supporting device comprising an elongated resilient body-encircling member, a clip including a jaw at one end and a hook at the opposite end thereof, said clip being disposed with said hook engaging an end of the body-encircling member and with the jaw in cooperable gripping relation with said body-encircling member, and a retaining cap receiving said hook and the end of the body-encircling member engaged thereby, said cap having a neck portion fitting about said clip and said body-encircling member.

5. A garment supporting device comprising an elongated body-encircling member, a clip including a jaw at one end and a hook at the opposite end thereof, said clip being disposed with said hook engaging an end of the body-encircling member and with the jaw in cooperable gripping relation with said body-encircling member, a body of solidified substance enveloping said hook and the end of the body-encircling member engaged thereby, and a cap of pliable material disposed over said body and having a neck portion fitting about said clip and said body-encircling member.

6. A garment holder comprising a body-encircling strip, a clip including at one end a jaw directed toward said strip and having at the other end thereof a section disposed in contiguity with an end section of said member, and a pliable retaining member covering the contiguous end sections of said clip and said member for holding them in assembly, and said retaining member having an appreciably greater dimension transversely of said clip and said member than the combined transverse dimensions of said clip and said member.

7. A garment holder comprising a body-encircling member, a clip including at one end a jaw directed toward said member and having at the other end thereof a section disposed in contiguity with an end section of said member, means for holding said clip and said member together at their contiguous sections, and a pliable sheath covering said contiguous sections, said sheath having an appreciably greater dimension transversely of said clip and said member than the combined transverse dimensions of said clip and said member.

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