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GARTER.

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Fig. 1.

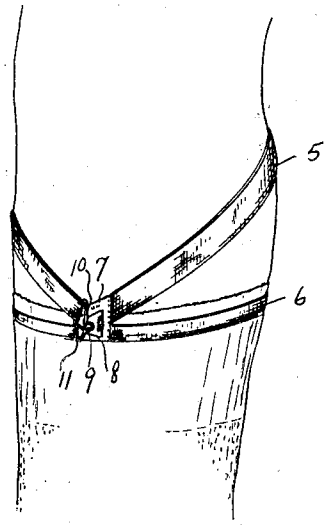
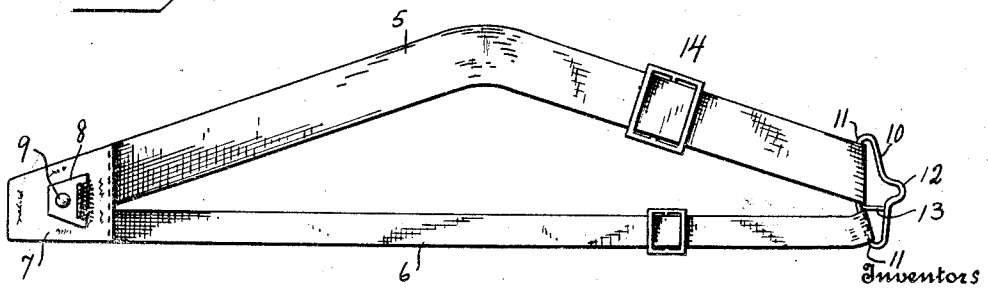


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, BYRON C. TAYLOR and URBAN V. TAYLOR, citizens of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garters, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to an improved garter, and has for its primary object to provide a garter particularly designed for use by men, which may be easily and quickly applied to securely hold the hose without necessitating the attachment of fasteners or other analogous devices to the hose, whereby possible tearing or injury of the latter is obviated.

It is another and more particular object of the invention to provide a garter embodying a pair of elastic bands connected at their ends and adapted to encircle the leg, one of said bands exerting a resilient clamping pressure on the stocking, while the other band is engaged around the leg above the stocking, and means for connecting the ends of said bands together.

It is another object of our invention to provide means for independently adjusting the two elastic bands, whereby their tension may be varied as desired.

And it is a further general object of the invention to provide a garter which is of relatively simple construction, convenient and serviceable in practical use, and capable of manufacture at relatively small cost.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the improved construction, combination and relative arrangement of the several parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, subsequently claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing our improved garter in its applied position; and

Fig. 2 is an enlarged elevation of the garter.

Referring in detail to the drawing, 5 and 6 respectively designate two elastic bands, the band 5 being of appreciably greater width than the band 6. The band 5 extends in converging relation from its center to the opposite ends of the band 6, and is connected at one of its ends to one end of the latter band by means of a silk pad 7, upon which a plate 8, having a stud 9, is sewed or otherwise securely fastened. The other ends of the bands 5 and 6 are engaged around the angularly disposed side portions 11 of a hook member 10. This member is centrally formed in its other side portion with an open loop 12. A bar, indicated at 13, connects the portions 11 of said member at their juncture to the opposite side portion of said member and prevents the relative longitudinal shifting movement of the bands 5 and 6 with respect to the member 10. The ends of these bands 5 and 6 are extended longitudinally and are provided with adjustable clamping devices, shown at 14, which may be of any conventional form. By means of the clamps 14, the elastic bands can be independently adjusted and their tension regulated as may be desired. Thus, the band 5 can be lengthened if it is desired to increase the angle of the end portions of said band with respect to the band 6 and without affecting the elastic tension of the latter band.

In the use of our improved garter, the two bands are engaged around the leg, the band 6 being disposed upon the upper edge of the sock or stocking, while the angular portions of the band 5 are disposeed about the leg above the stocking. The ends of the bands are then fastened together by engaging the stud 9 in the loop 12 of the member 10. The pad 7 overlies or covers the ends of the bands which are connected to the member 10. The fastening is preferably made at the front of the leg and the central portion of the wide elastic band 5 is engaged upon the rear side of the leg above the swell of the calf so as to effectively prevent slippage of said band in a downward direction. In this manner, the stocking will be securely supported and without necessitating the direct connection of clamps or other fastening elements to the material thereof, which frequently results in tearing or injury to the stocking. In applying or removing the garter, it is necessary to operate only one fastening means and it will, therefore be appreciated that the application and removal of the device can be very easily and quickly made.

From the foregoing description, taken in

connection with the accompanying drawing, it is believed that the construction, manner of use and several advantages of our invention will be clearly and fully understood. The device is exceedingly simple in its construction and can be manufactured and sold at relatively small cost. The length and width of the elastic bands may, of course, be varied as desired, and while we have herein referred to a particular connecting or fastening means for the ends of said bands, it is manifest that various other connecting devices might be employed for this purpose. It is accordingly to be understood that while we have herein shown and described one embodiment of our invention, which we have found to be very serviceable in practical use, the device is nevertheless susceptible of many modifications therein and we, therefore, reserve the privilege of adopting all such legitimate changes as may be fairly embodied within the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

We claim:—

1. A garter comprising two elastic bands of relatively different width and length, said bands adapted to encircle the leg and the narrower band engaged upon the stocking, the wider band extending around the leg above the stocking, the wider band converging from its middle portion to the ends of the narrower band, a pad connecting the bands to each other at one of their ends, a fastening element secured upon said pad, a hook member having spaced portions, the other ends of the bands being engaged upon one of the spaced portions of said member, said member having means to prevent relative shifting movement of the bands thereon and provided with a loop for engagement with said fastening stud to connect the opposite ends of the bands together.

2. A garter comprising two elastic bands of relatively different width and length, said bands adapted to encircle the leg and the narrower band engaged upon the stocking, the wider band extending around the leg above the stocking, the wider band converging from said central portion to the ends of the narrower band, a pad connecting the bands to each other at one of their ends, a fastening element secured upon said pad, a hook member having spaced portions, the other ends of the bands being engaged upon one of the spaced portions of said member, said member having means to prevent relative shifting movement of the bands thereon and provided with a loop for engagement with said fastening stud to connect the opposite ends of the bands together, and means for independently adjusting the length of said bands and varying the elastic tension thereof.

3. A garter comprising a pair of elastic bands, a pad connecting the bands to each other at one of their ends, a fastening element secured upon said pad, means connecting the other ends of the bands and provided with a fastener to coöperate with the fastening element, whereby the garter may encircle the leg, one band engaging the stocking, the other engaging the leg above the stocking, the opposite ends of one of the bands converging toward corresponding opposite ends of the other band, and means carried by the bands for lengthening and shortening the same.

4. A garter comprising a pair of elastic bands connected to each other at one end, a fastening element secured to the bands at said end, a loop through which the other ends of the bands have a running connection, said loop being provided with a fastener to coöperate with said fastening element, whereby the garter may encircle the leg, one band engaging the stocking and the other the leg above the stocking, and means carried by the bands for lengthening and shortening the same.

In testimony whereof we hereunto affix our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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