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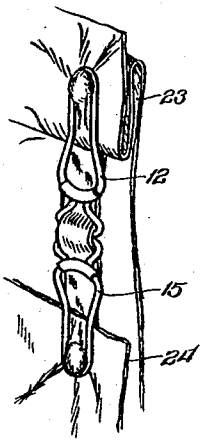


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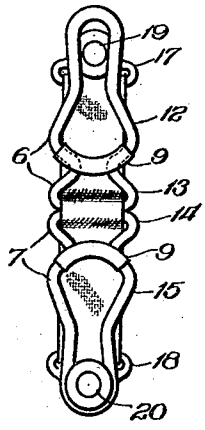


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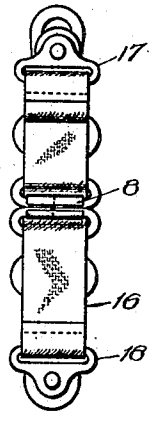
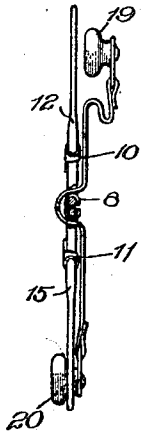


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERICK O. HAMMERBERG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Garters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in garters, and it consists in the combinations, constructions and arrangements herein described and claimed.

An object of my invention is to provide a garter suitable for properly holding up a man's sock without making use of an encircling band which might restrict circulation.

A further object of my invention is to provide a garter that may be quickly and easily attached and adjusted.

A further object of my invention is to provide a garter that is simple in construction and that may be produced rapidly and cheaply.

Other objects and advantages will appear in the following specification, and the novel features of the invention will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming part of this application, in which

Figure 1 is a front view of the garter attached to the drawers and supporting the sock.

Figure 2 is a front view of the garter,

Figure 3 is a rear view of the garter,

Figure 4 is a side view of the garter.

In carrying out my invention, I have used two similar wire members, which I have indicated in general at 6 and 7, bent substantially as indicated in the accompanying drawings. These members are held in hinged relation by a metal clasp 8, which is bent around and links together the wire members. The wire members are strengthened and held to shape by substantially semi-circular wire connections 9, having prongs 10 and 11 bent around the wire members, as indicated in Figure 4. These wire connections 9 divide the wire members 6 and 7 into two portions, the contiguous hinged portions 13 and 14 forming a double link through which a tape 16 may slide. The looped portions 12 and 15 narrow at the opposite ends to be adapted to the rubber coated buttons attached to either end of the tape 16.

The piece of tape 16 is approximately the same length as the combined lengths of the wire members and is passed around the hinged connection of the two wire members, but is not fastened thereto, so that it is slidable. This tape has fastened to each end link members 17 and 18 supporting the rubber covered buttons 19 and 20.

From the foregoing description of the various parts of the garter, the manner of using may be readily understood. In adjusting the garter, the fabric of the drawers is gathered into a fold 23. This fold is pressed over the rubber covered button 19 attached to one end of the tape 16 and the looped portion of the wire member 12 is drawn over same until firmly attached. The fabric of the sock 24 is now pressed over the corresponding rubber covered button 20 attached to the other end of the tape 16, the loop of the wire member 15 is drawn over the rubber covered button 20, and the adjustment is complete.

This garter is simple in construction and has the advantage that while satisfactorily performing the service for which intended, it permits free and unrestricted movement of the limbs.

I desire to call attention to the fact that the device constructed as described has one utility which renders it very desirable. In fastening the upper loop to the drawers, the button is passed into the narrow portion, as stated, and then the lower portion of the garter is bent at right angles and forms a stiff handle by means of which the upper loop may be drawn down tightly to secure the button to the fold in the drawers. In this operation, the thumb is placed behind the lower loop when it is bent at right angles, thus affording a firm connection by means of which the attachment may be made.

Ordinarily the circular garter tends to prevent proper blood circulation, causing an itching and a chafing. My invention eliminates this annoyance.

I claim:

A garter or supporter comprising a pair of oppositely extended metal loops, each formed of a single wire and having a straight end portion, a rigid metal clasp for hinging said straight end portions together, said loops being formed with relatively nar-

row portions at their remote ends and each being formed with its intermediate portions converging, a cross strip for the proximate intermediate portions of each loop for dividing each loop into two portions, a flexible strip threaded upwardly through the inner portion of one loop, around said hinged straight portions of said loops, and then downwardly through the inner portion of the second loop, and a button carried at each end of said strip, each adapted to engage with the adjacent relatively narrow end portion of the adjacent loop.

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