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Fig. 1

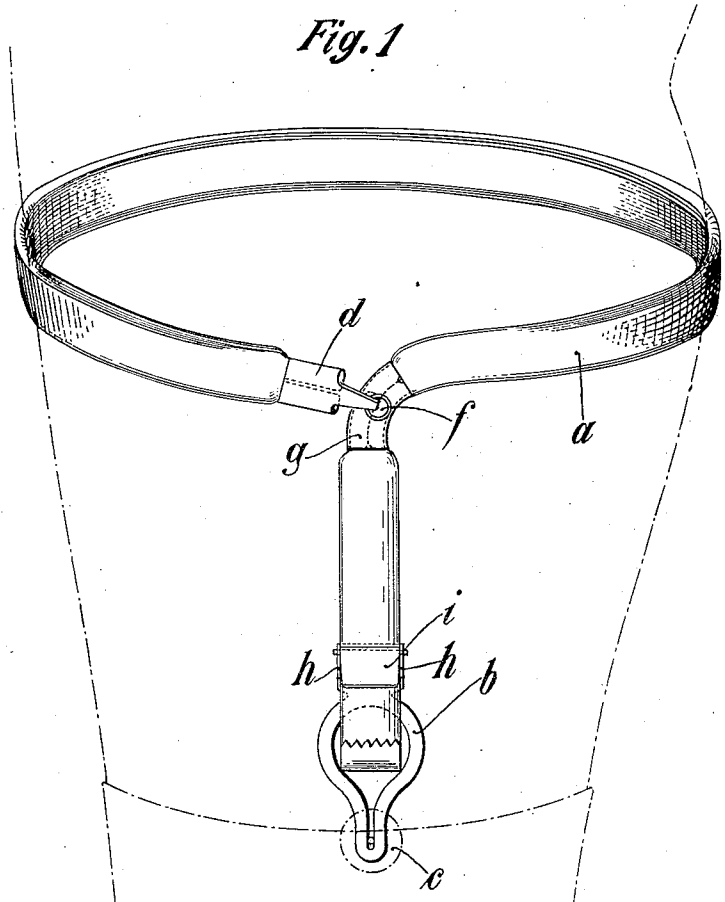

Fig. 2

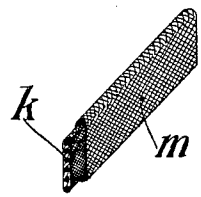

Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRITZ BARTH, a citizen of the German Empire, residing at Barmen, in the Province of Rhenish Prussia and Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Suspenders for Socks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to suspenders for socks, and its object is to provide a suspender comprising one single elastic band or belt whose one end carries a member for attachment to a sock and whose other end carries a fastener to be attached to a slide movable on the band.

The said invention consists in the construction and combination of parts hereinafter more particularly set forth and claimed.

Figure 1 is an elevation showing one form of my improved suspender for socks, Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing part of the band, and Fig. 3 is a side elevation showing the member for attachment to the sock.

Referring to the drawing, the suspender comprises an elastic band or belt *a* in one continuous piece. This is looped about the leg, as indicated by dotted lines, and its one end carries a hook-shaped fastener *d* which can be hooked into the hole *f* in the slide *g* movable along the band. This slide consists of a flat sheet-metal sleeve which is so narrow that when the suspender is normally loaded, the slide is not unintentionally shifted on the band, while when the band is stretched more severely its section is diminished to such an extent that the slide can readily be shifted along it.

In order to facilitate the bands bending edgewise at the place where the fastener is attached the slide *g* is curved. The band itself comprises a flat elastic insertion *k* surrounded by a braided tubular fabric *m*. Owing to this arrangement the band can be bent greatly edgewise without bulging out laterally and without folds being formed.

Attached to the free depending end of the band is the member *b* for attachment to the stock. This member is formed as an eye or loop and can be attached to the sock either by placing it over a button or stud shown in dotted lines attached to the sock to be suspended, or by clamping the edge of the sock in the loop. The member *b* is the base of a buckle having a pair of bent bearing lugs *h* integral with said member, in which lugs is pivoted a clamping plate *i*, by means of which the member *b* can be adjusted on the band, and the suspender can be rapidly and readily adjusted in length.

Instead of being formed as an eye or loop the lower portion of the attachment member *b* may be made as a clamp or otherwise, in order to enable it to be attached to the sock.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A sock supporter consisting of a single elastic band, having at one end a hook and at or near the other end a sock-engaging device, in combination with a sleeve on said band having a hole for engaging said hook, the diameter of said sleeve being sufficiently small to prevent it from moving along said band until the latter is reduced in cross section by being drawn upon.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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