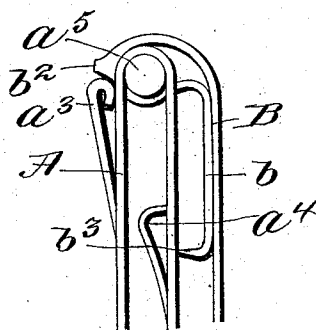
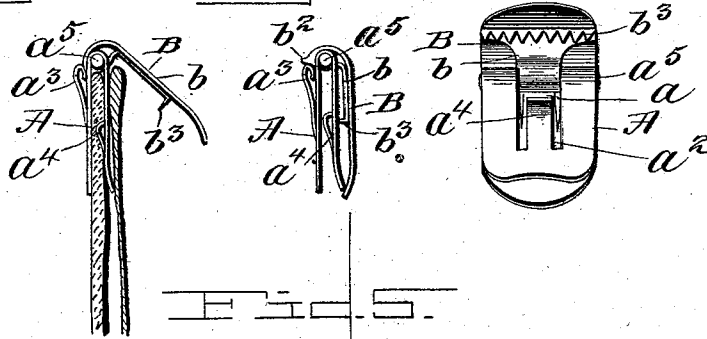
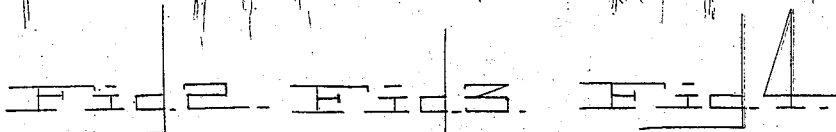
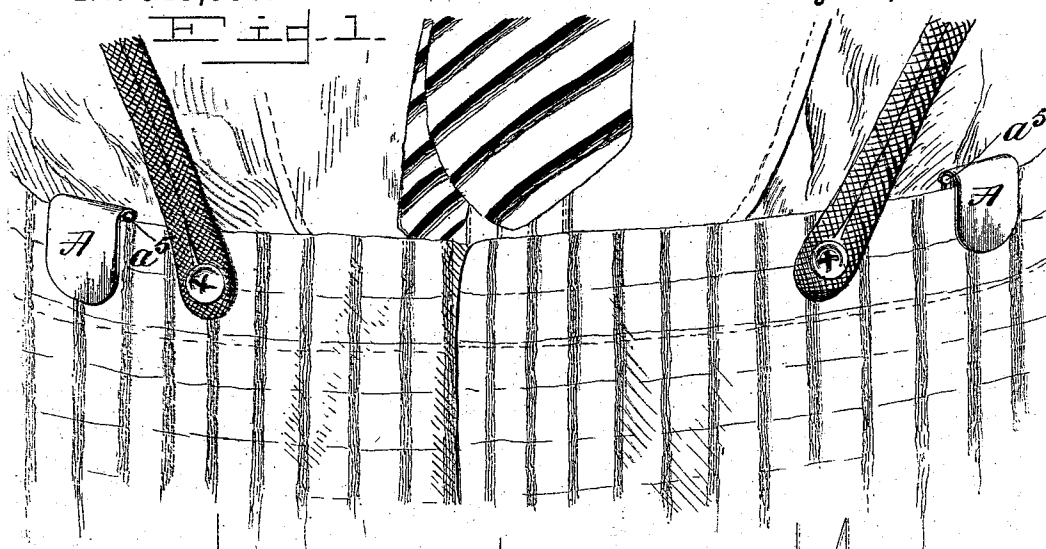


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, EDWARD I. ROBBINS and CHARLES HENSSLER, citizens of the United States, residing at Trenton, in the county of Mercer and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to garment-support-  
ers.

The object is to produce a neat, simple, and inexpensive device in the nature of a support for drawers or overalls, by which they may be removably attached to the trousers, in a manner to be securely supported thereby.

With this object in view the invention consists in various novel combinations, arrangements and details, which will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, similar letters indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of one embodiment of the invention applied. Fig. 2 is a view in elevation of the device, showing it opened and the manner of placing and securing a garment. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the device detached and closed. Fig. 4 is a view in perspective showing the device detached and opened. Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view in elevation, on an enlarged scale, of the upper portion of the device.

In the drawings, A represents the body proper, which, when the clasp is applied, serves as the fixed member thereof. This body is provided with two longitudinally-disposed openings  $a a^2$ , which extend from a point near the center of the body toward the ends, and lying partially in these openings and forming part of the body are two spring-tongues  $a^3 a^4$ . The portion between the openings may be bent up to serve as a pivot, about which the movable member of the clasp turns, or, if desired, a pin  $a^5$ , may be employed.

B represents the movable member of the clasp, which is approximately J-shaped, and provided with an extension  $b$ , forming a continuation of the curved extremity thereof. This extension  $b$  is cut away at each side and

passed through the openings of the body, then doubled back upon the main portion, in a manner to encircle the pin or that portion of the body between the openings, also to form a projection  $b^2$ , which is adapted to be acted upon by the spring-tongue  $a^3$ , and thereby yieldingly retain the movable member in an opened or closed position. The extension  $b$  terminates in upturned engaging projections  $b^3$ .

In use the device is applied by being placed so that the U-shaped body straddles the waist-band of the trousers, in the manner shown in Fig. 2, the spring-tongue  $a^4$  serving to retain the device against slipping or becoming accidentally detached. The movable member is then turned upward and the band of the drawers or overalls placed in position to be engaged by the spurs or teeth as this member is closed against the body portion, where it is yieldingly yet securely held by the second spring-tongue acting upon the projection thereof.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A garment support formed of two pieces of metal connected by a spring hinge, one of said sections being slotted and provided with two spring tongues, and the other member having a series of spurs, as and for the purpose described.

2. A garment support comprising two pieces of metal connected by a spring hinge, the members being of an approximately U or J shape, the U shaped member being slotted and provided with two spring tongues and the J shaped member being provided with a series of integral spurs, as and for the purpose described.

3. A garment support formed of two pieces of metal, one of which is slotted and provided with spring tongues, the other piece having a curved end doubled upon itself and having its extremity turned up as an engaging projection, as specified.

4. A garment supporter, formed of two pieces of metal and comprising two members which are respectively of an approximately U

and J-shape, the U-shaped member being slot-  
ted and provided with two spring tongues, and  
the J-shaped member having a portion form-  
ing a continuation of its curved end, shaped  
5 and doubled upon itself, in a manner to en-  
circle a portion of the U-shaped member and  
having its extremity turned up, as an engag-  
ing projection, as specified.

In testimony whereof we have affixed our  
signatures in the presence of two witnesses. 10

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