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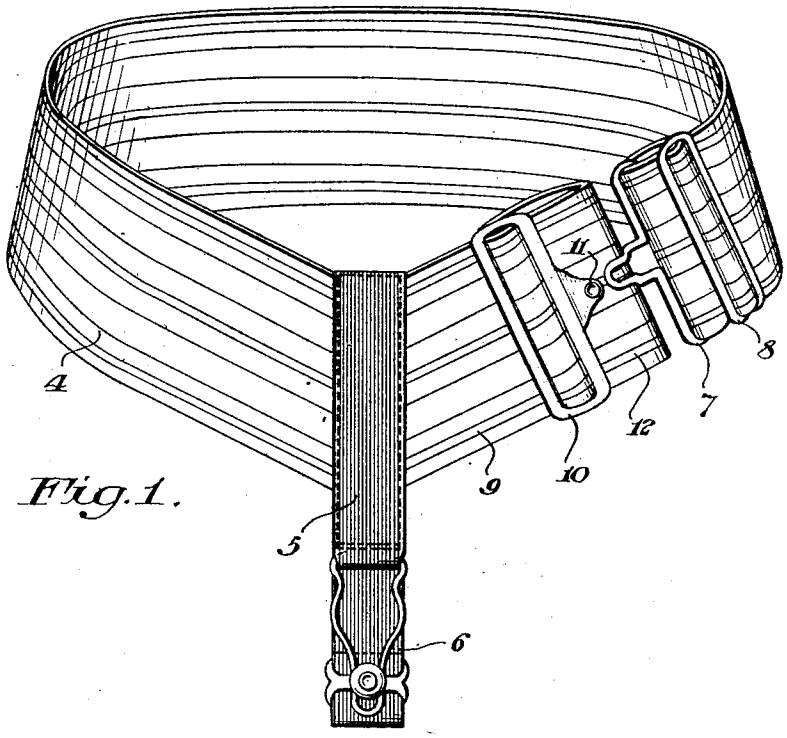
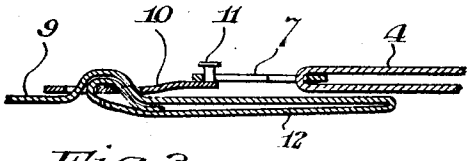


Fig. 1.



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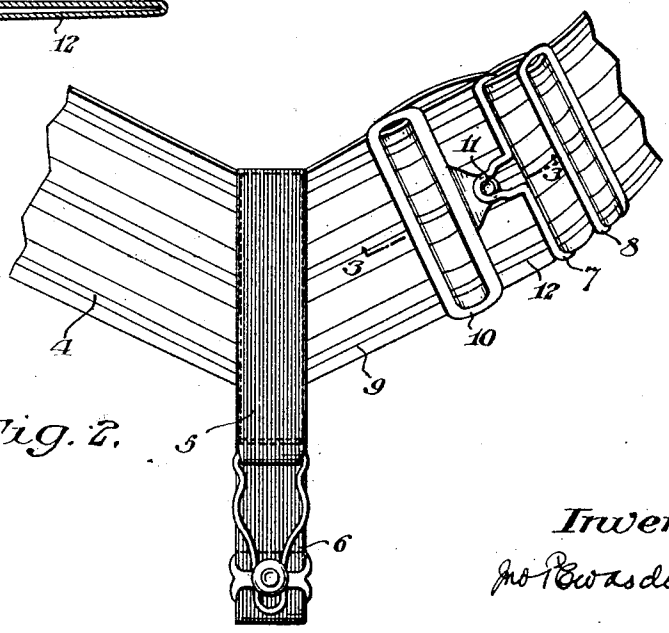

Fig. 2.

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My invention relates to garment supporters. The object is to provide an improved cast-off, or disengageable means for uniting two parts of the supporter so that said parts may be assembled in the simplest and most efficient way, so that the stresses shall be properly distributed and so that the cast-off elements shall all be protected from contact with the underlying surfaces.

Referring to the drawings which illustrate merely by way of example, a suitable embodiment of my invention:—

Fig. 1 is an elevation of a wide web garter containing my invention with the cast-off elements separated.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary elevation showing the cast-off elements in engagement.

Fig. 3 is a section through line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In the embodiment herein shown, 4 indicates the leg band of a wide web garter, 5 the connecting strip or element which supports the stocking clasp 6. This connecting strip or supporting element 5 is secured to one end of the leg band 4. To the free end of the leg band 4 is secured one cast-off member 7 and the adjusting slide 8. To the opposite side of connecting strip or supporting element 5, from that to which leg band 4 is secured, is secured the short single strip of webbing or other suitable flexible material 9. This strip 9 is threaded through the cooperating cast-off member 10 which is a body having two slots and three bars, the two outside bars flanking the slots while the middle bar lies between the two slots, the outer marginal bar, remote from strip 5 is provided with the cast-off engaging means, such for example as post 11. After threading strip 9 through cast-off member 10 the strip 9 is folded back upon itself and again passed through the two slots of member 10, beneath the layer first threaded as clearly shown in Fig. 3. The portion of material extending beyond or to the right of member 10 and folded back upon itself forms an extension 12 which underlies both cast-off members 7 and 11 when they are in engagement.

It will be understood that various forms of cast-off elements may be used and their relative positions may be transposed.

It will be understood that, while webbing is indicated as a suitable material for the structure shown, strips of other flexible materials may be used, and that the invention may also be applied to garment supporters other than garters.

What I claim is:

In a garter, the combination of a leg band, a stocking clasp and clasp supporting body, one end of the leg band secured to the clasp supporting body, a cast-off element secured to the other end of the leg band, a relatively short single flexible band also secured to the clasp supporting body, and a second cast-off element having a pair of slots through each of which the said relatively short flexible band is threaded twice so as to cover all under surfaces of said second cast-off element and also to provide a folded portion extending beyond said second cast-off element and beneath said first cast-off element when said elements are in engagement.

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