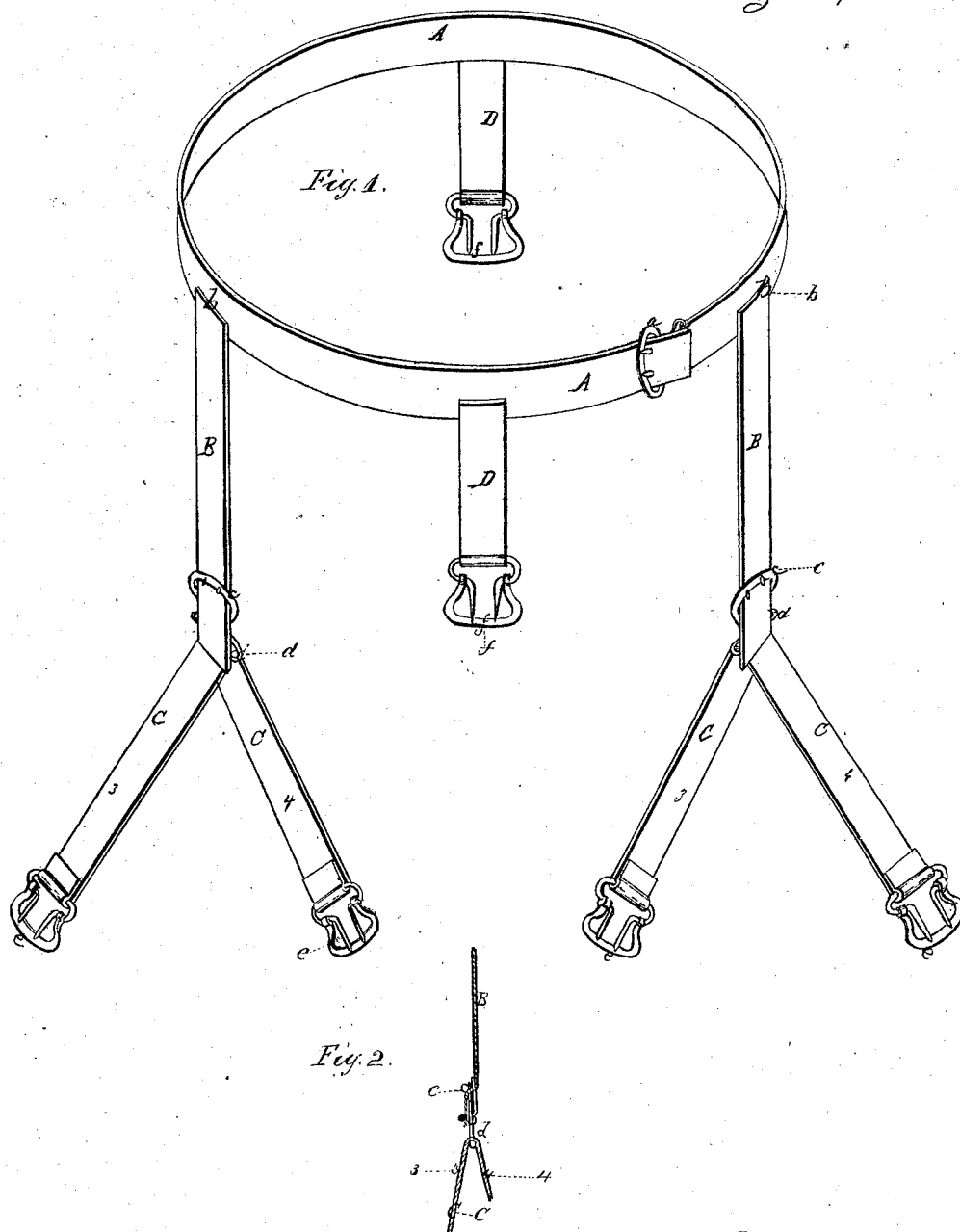


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## SUPPORTER FOR STOCKINGS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH L. DANIELS, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Supporters for Stockings and other purposes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved supporter.

Figure 2 is a detail to be referred to.

My invention relates to certain improvements in supporters for stockings, and the manner of supporting diapers, &c., for use during the monthly period of women; and my invention consists in a sliding strap, provided with a buckle or other fastening at each end, for holding up two sides of the top of the stocking, the bight of the strap being free to play loosely within the eye or loop of the buckle or other device, by which the sliding strap is fastened to the strap which connects it with the waist or belt, by which construction the sliding strap will readily adjust itself, so that the length of either side will be increased or diminished, to conform to the various positions assumed by the leg.

My invention also consists in one or more straps connected with the waist or belt, for supporting the diaper or other substitute employed by women during the period of the menses, each strap being provided with a buckle or other fastening, for readily attaching and adjusting the diaper in place.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner in which I have carried it out.

In the said drawings—

A is an elastic waistband or belt, to one end of which is secured a buckle, *a*, by means of which the belt may be readily adjusted to conform to the size of the body of the wearer.

B B are elastic strips or straps, the upper end of each of which is secured, at *b*, to the waistband A, the lower end of each strap B being fastened to a buckle, *c*, through the eye or loop *d* of which freely slides the bight of an elastic strap, C, each of the two lower ends of which is provided with a buckle, *e*, which catches into and securely grasps the sides of the top of the stocking of the wearer, in order to keep it in place upon the leg after having been snugly drawn up thereon.

The points *b b*, where the straps B B are attached to the waistband or belt A, should be a little forward of the hips, so as to allow the straps B B to be led in front, thereby conducting the two portions 3 4 of each of the sliding straps C to a point a little above the knee, from which point they separate and proceed across the knee to opposite sides of the top of the stocking, which are caught by the buckles *e e* at the lower ends of the said strap.

Straps, not sliding, but rigidly connected with the strap B, have heretofore been attached to the stocking by means of buttons sewed thereon engaging with loops or button-holes at the ends of the said straps, but these connections are either constantly becoming unbuttoned or the buttons are falling off.

D D are two short elastic strips or straps, the upper ends of which are secured to the waistband or belt, while the lower ends of these straps D D are provided with buckles *f f*, for securing a diaper thereto when necessary.

It will be seen from the foregoing that, by the employment of the sliding straps C C, and by making the several parts of the supporters of elastic material, perfect ease and freedom are given to the limbs in all of the positions assumed by them, either at rest or in motion, the buckles also admitting of the ready adjustment of the parts, to conform to the size of the body and length of the stocking of the wearer, thereby avoiding the objections incident to the use of buttons, and to the rigid connection of the straps B B with these, C C.

If desirable, the waist-belt or strap A may be dispensed with, and the straps B B may be attached to the waist of the drawers, thus especially adapting them for children's use, or the waist-belt A and straps D D may be retained, and the stocking-supporters be dispensed with, without departing from the spirit of my invention.

A shoulder-brace may also be employed with either the stocking or diaper-supporter, or with both, if desired.

*Claim.*

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—  
The combination of a stocking and diaper-supporter, in the manner and for the purpose herein described, when the same consists of the band A, supports D, B, and C, and buckles e, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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