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Fig. 2.

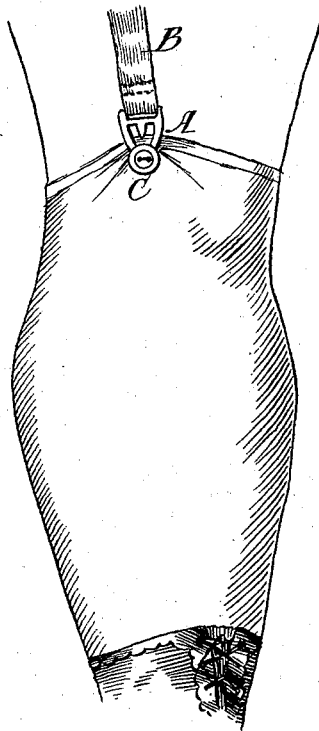
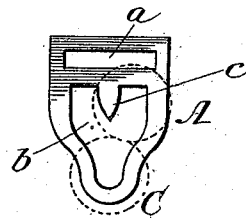


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT G. LULL, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, and a citizen of the United States, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Safety Stocking-Supporters, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows the device nearly or quite full size. Fig. 2 shows the device applied.

Heretofore it has been common to employ in stocking or other garment supporters a clasp having an opening at one end as wide as the diameter of the button to allow it to pass through, and converging at the other end to be held by a button; but the button is liable to slip out of such clasps at the wider portion when the strain on the supporting-strap is relieved by any sudden motion of the wearer or by a slacking of the supporting-strap, garter, or garment.

The object of this invention is to obviate this defect and to improve the construction of such clasps, so that the button cannot slip out or be detached except by manipulation; and its nature consists in providing the clasp with a guard to prevent its detachment from the button, as hereinafter described, and claimed as new.

In the drawings, A represents a clasp made of sheet metal, and having, as usual, a slot, *a*, for the attachment of a supporting-strap. This clasp A has an opening, *b*, for the insertion of a button on the garment to which the supporter is to be attached. This opening is sufficiently wide at the end, near the slot *a*, to allow of the easy insertion of a button when turned edgewise, and converges at the other end nearly to a point, so that the button cannot slip out while in the position shown in the dotted line at the narrow end. A tongue, *c*, projects from the upper or wide end of the plate A into the

opening *b* to about the point of beginning of convergence, which projection is pointed or rounded off at its end.

B is a supporting-strap.

C represents the button attached either to a stocking, as shown in Fig. 2, or on a waist-band, shoulder-strap, or other garment from which the stocking is supported.

In use the button is passed edgewise through the clasp at the wide end of the opening *b*, as an ordinary button-hole, and is then drawn to the narrow portion of the opening, where it is firmly held.

The clasp A is best made by being stamped from suitable sheet metal; but it may be made of wire, and for a cheaper form the slot *a* may be omitted and the strap be applied to or around the bar supporting the tongue *c*. The projection *c*, while it does not interfere with the insertion of the button edgewise, prevents the slipping of the button through flatwise when it comes into the base or broad part of the clasp. The projection also prevents the button from turning edgewise, so as to pass through without manipulation, thus securely holding the parts and rendering the clasp safe against accidental unbuttoning.

I am aware that clasps having an opening for the passage of a button, wider at one end than at the other, and that similar clasps provided with a slide having formed thereon a tongue to force the fabric into the opening, are old, and I do not claim such constructions; but

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The clasp A, having the projection *c* formed with the end thereof for the prevention of accidental unclaspings, substantially as specified.

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