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Fig. 1.

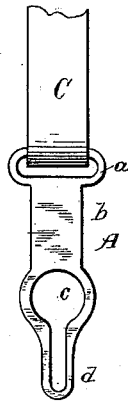


Fig. 2.



Fig. 4.

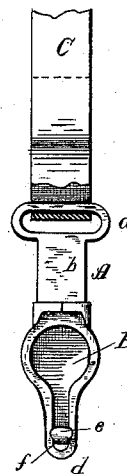
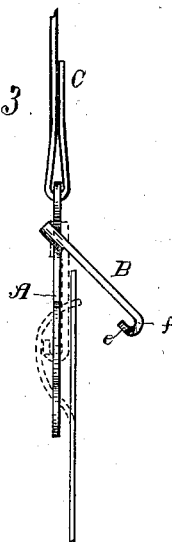


Fig. 3.



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## GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRED E. BRIGHT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a description of the same and of the manner of constructing and using the invention in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it appertains to construct and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, the principle of the invention being herein explained and the best mode in which I have contemplated applying that principle, so as to distinguish it from other inventions.

The object of my invention is to provide a garment-supporter adapted to be economically manufactured, and also to effectively meet the requirements of a good garment-supporter in use.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in face elevation of the piece constituting the main body of the device. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the sliding clasp. Fig. 3 is an edge elevation of the complete device with the clasp thrown back. Fig. 4 is a face elevation of the complete device.

The device consists of two independent pieces, each having all parts integral with itself. The one piece A, which we will designate as the "holder," operates in conjunction with the other piece, which we will call the "sliding clasp," said pieces being respectively formed in detail as follows: The holder A is provided at its top with an oblong horizontal slot, *a*, being of proper dimensions to receive a band, C, which passes through the opening of said slot, and may be secured thereto by a suitable fastening. Below said slot extends a shank, *b*, of width less than that of the slot. Below said shank extend the walls of the opening in which the sliding clasp operates. Said opening is formed with its upper portion, *c*, circular in form, while its lower portion, *d*, is made practically oblong. The oblong portion *d* is of width less than the width of the head *e* of the hook *f*, formed on

the lower extremity of the sliding clasp B. The circular portion *c* of the opening is of width greater than the width of said head *e*. The sliding clasp has its main body portion *g* of length about as long or a little longer than shank *b*. The clasp B has a sliding movement along the back of shank *b*, and also has a limited hinge movement to and from the said back, said hinge movement being of limitation such as to arrest the clasp short of right-angular position relative to said shank.

The means by which the double movement of the clasp is obtained is as follows: Each corner of the upper extremity of portion *g* has formed at right angles to the latter a flange, *h*, and each said flange has formed at right angles to itself a second flange, *l*. Said flanges *l* are of less dimensions than are the flanges *h* in the longitudinal plane of the garment-supporter. Flanges *h* extend upwardly beyond the body portion *g*, so as to form a cut-away recess, *m*, between the rear sides of the upper portions of said flanges *h*, while flanges *l* are formed on the upper portions of the front sides of flanges *h*. The sliding clasp B is loosely secured to the shank *b* by means of the flanges *h*, which are bent over the outer edge of the shank *b*, one on either side, thus forming a groove or loop, and permitting the clasp B to have sliding movement on the shank *b*.

The operation of this garment-supporter can be readily understood. The band C being secured at its upper extremity to a suitable support, the clasp is swung back on its hinge-flanges, so as to have its hook thrown back out from the circular opening *c*. A portion of the article which is to be supported is then brought up against the rear side of the holder A, and the clasp is then swung down, so as to cause its hook to press the fabric through circular opening *c*, it being engaged with the head of said hook. The clasp is then slid down into full lowered position, so as to wedge the fabric between head *e* and the walls of the oblong opening *b*. Said article, being caught over the head *e* of the hook, is effectually locked by the device, as is apparent.

I claim—

In a garment-supporter, the combination, with the holder A, formed in its upper body

portion with the longitudinal shank *b*, and  
provided at its lower extremity, below said  
shank, with the key-hole slot *c d*, of the clasp  
B, having its main body portion *g* provided  
5 at its lower extremity with a garment-locking  
device, and having its upper extremity pro-  
vided at its two edges, respectively, with the  
sliding loop *h l*, said loop overlapping opposite  
sides of said shank *b* and having sliding move-  
10 ment thereon, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing to be  
my invention I have hereunto set my hand  
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