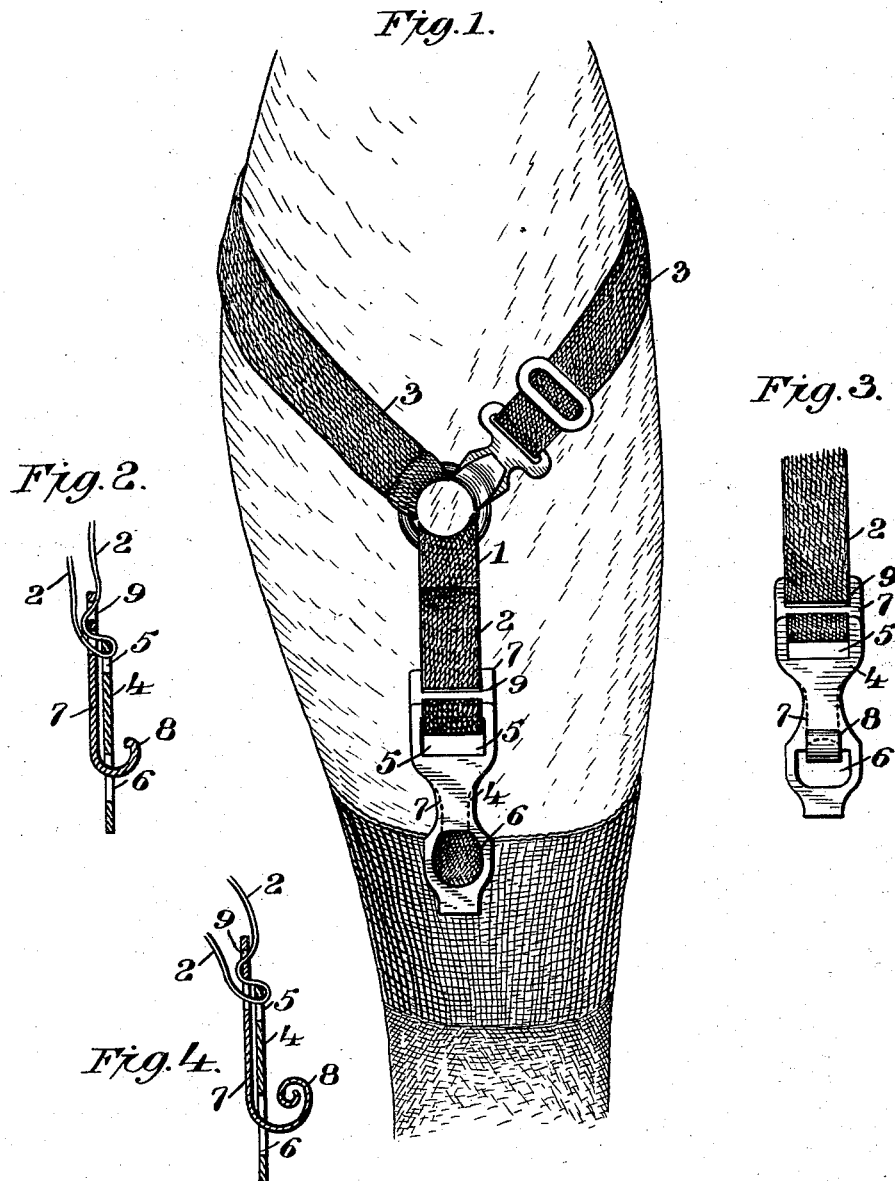


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. PLUMB, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ansonia, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to certain novel and useful improvements in garment-supporters, and has for its object to provide a device of this description which shall be simple in construction, capable of ready engagement with and disengagement from the garment, and which shall so grasp the latter as not to abrade or tear the same; and with these ends in view my invention consists in the construction and combination of elements hereinafter fully explained, and then recited in the claim.

In order that those skilled in the art to which my invention appertains may fully understand its construction and method of operation, I will now describe them in detail, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and the numerals marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 shows a garment-supporter constructed in accordance with my invention in adjusted position. Fig. 2 is a detail vertical section showing the two parts of the clasp in their closed position; Fig. 3, a face view of the same; and Fig. 4, a view similar to Fig. 2, showing a modified form of one member of the clasp.

The clasp is adapted to be used in various ways; but it is preferably applied to the end of a strap 1, which is doubled, as at 2, and is provided with any suitable means of attachment to the person—as, for instance, the strap 3, having a suitable hook and adjustment slide. The clasp itself consists of two parts, namely, a flat sheet-metal plate 4, slotted at its top, as at 5, and forming a cross-bar for attachment to the double portion 2 of the strap, and provided with an opening 6 near its lower end, which co-operates with the hook on the other member of the clasp. This member consists of a strip of sheet metal 7,

having its extremity bent into a blunt-faced hook 8 and doubly slotted at its upper end to form cross-bars 9 and slots for the attachment of the web.

As will be seen by inspection of Fig. 2 or 4, the relation of the hook to the opening 6 is such that the former may not, when the strap 2 is drawn taut, pass through the latter either inward or outward. Upon this peculiarity the holding power of the clasp in great measure depends. In operating the clasp the hook is first disengaged from the hole in the plate, the strap 2 being slightly slackened off to permit the disengagement of the parts. A fold of the goods to be held is then caught over the extremity of the hook and the latter returned through the opening in the plate. When so returned, the tightening of the strap draws the hook part 7 upward to the position shown at Fig. 2, whereby the fold of goods is bound between the hollow of the hook and the upper edge of the opening 6, in the manner shown at Fig. 1. To release the clasp the strap is slightly slackened and the hook with its covering of fabric pressed backward through the opening in the plate, thereby releasing the fabric.

Without limiting myself to the precise details of construction herein shown and described, I claim—

A garment-supporter comprising two members, one of which has a cross-bar at its upper end and an opening at its lower end and the other member having two plain cross-bars at its upper end and a hook at its lower end, which hook is adapted to enter the said opening and engage its upper edge, and a web or strap passed about the cross-bars of the hook member and caught around the cross-bar of the apertured member to unite said members and draw the hook and attached garment up into the opening in the apertured member and hold them there, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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