

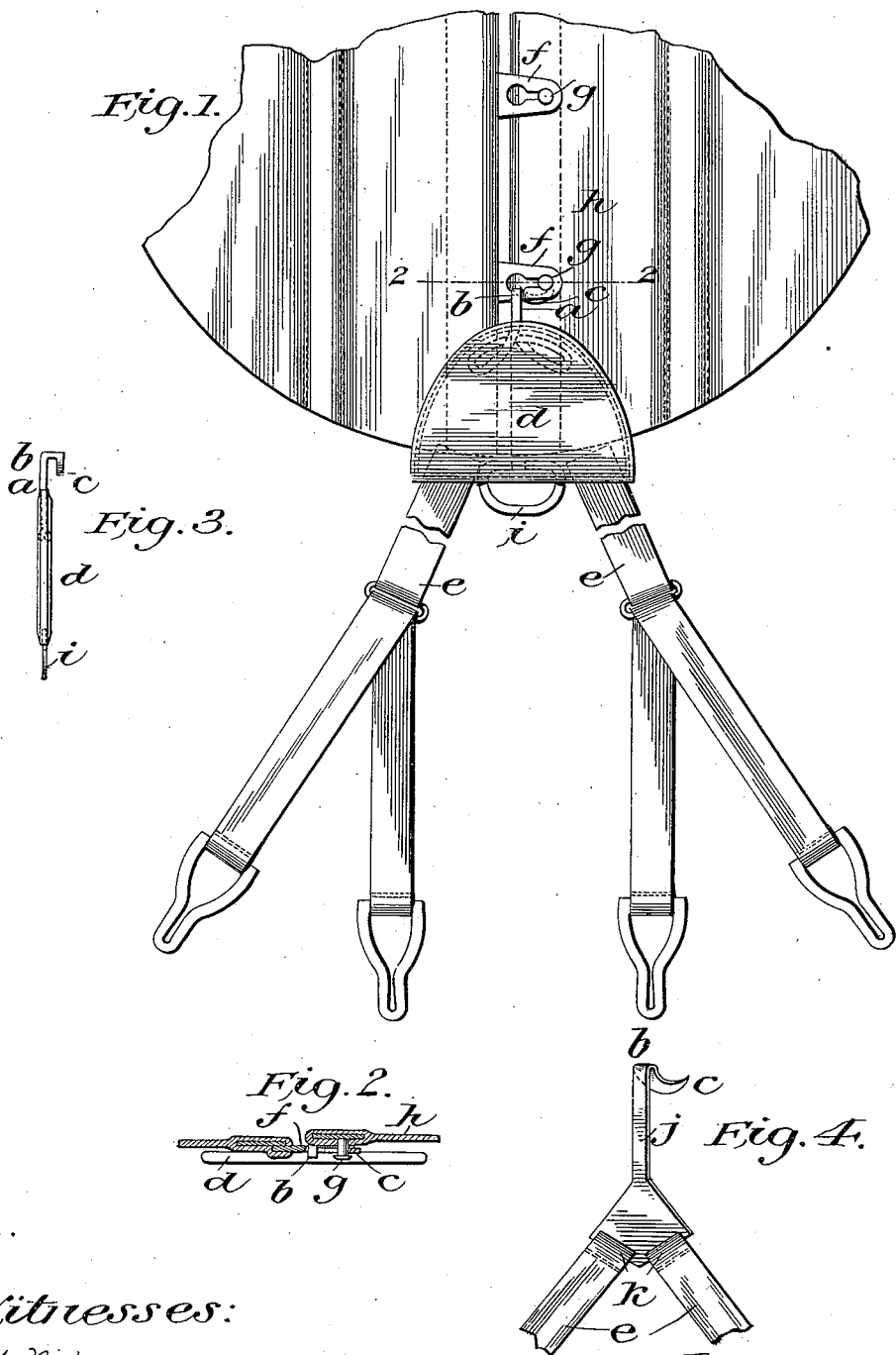
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES A. HUDSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Duplex Stocking-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

The improvements in garment-supporters, as duplex stocking-supporters, forming the subject of invention, consist of a novel form of hook attached to or forming part of the supporting connection-piece and adapted to be engaged with a loop-and-stud fastener of a corset in such manner that when applied in operative position the accidental displacement of the hook from the corset-fastener will be prevented. The hook of the supporting connection-piece, which constitutes the main feature of this invention, has its open limb or tongue extended laterally from the body portion in such fashion that when the hook is placed in position through the loop or eye of the corset-fastener this lateral extension will lie beneath the shank of the corset-fastener stud, thus preventing the hook from rising vertically in the eye or loop when the supporting connection-piece is in pendent position and so forming a perfect lock against the separation of the supporting device from the corset.

The construction of the hook of the device is such that connection with the corset may be made after the corset is applied and properly fastened on the body of the wearer or before the parts of the corset-fastener are placed together.

To fully describe the construction of my invention, I will refer to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents my improved garment-supporting device and the lower part of a corset to which it is attached. Fig. 2 is a transverse section on the line 2 2, Fig. 1, showing the hook in position in the loop of the corset-fastener. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the supporting connection-piece, and Fig. 4 is a modification of the supporting connection-piece.

The metal part of the supporting connection-piece may be made of wire or sheet metal,

having the suspension-hook at its upper part and formed at its lower for connection to the garment-supporting clasps or devices. It is shown at *a*, Figs. 1, 2, and 3, as consisting of a piece of wire, preferably flattened at its upper part, which is bent into hook form *b*; the open limb or tongue of the hook being extended laterally to form the retention-bar *c*. The bar *c* may be curved, as shown at Figs. 1 and 4, to insure the retention of the hook in locked position. As shown in Fig. 1, the piece *a* is bent at its lower part, so as to provide for the secure connection thereto of the fabric covering *d*, which at its lower end is connected to the webbings *e e* of the garment-supporters, here shown as a pair of stocking-supporters. The central part of the lower edge of the piece *d* is provided with a loop *f* for connection to other part or parts of garments or to other articles casually or periodically worn.

At Fig. 4 the supporting connection device is shown formed of a piece of sheet metal *j*, with the hook *b* and lateral extension retention-bar *c* formed as in the other construction described, the lower end of the piece *j* being provided with slots *k* for the attachment to the pieces *j* of the webbings *e e* of the supporters. These devices having the hooks *b*, with the extension retention-bars *c*, may be attached to the loop *f* of the fastener of the corset *h* either before or after the loop is placed over the stud *g*, the hook being slipped into the loop sidewise, so that the retention-bar *c* will pass beneath the stud *g* when the hook *b* is passed into the loop *f* after the parts of the corset-fastener are locked together and when the supporting connecting device *a* is in pendent position, or the stud *g* will slip over the extension *c* of the hook when the loop *f* is placed over the stud *g*, with the hook already placed in the loop *f*. It will be seen that with the retention-bar *c* extending under the stud *g*, as shown at Fig. 1, the hook *b* will be securely locked in the loop *f*, but may be readily removed therefrom by such a manipulation of the device, the like of which cannot occur by movements of the body or clothes of the wearer, when the supporting connection is properly applied to the corset, as to release the hook from the loop *f*.

The piece *j* of Fig. 4 may, for ornamental or protective purposes, be covered by a suitable fabric or may be left uncovered, as desired.

5 I claim as my invention—

1. A garment-supporting connection device, comprising a hook at its upper part adapted to be passed through and engage with the loop or eye of a corset-clasp and having a lateral extension arranged to lie beneath the stud of the corset-clasp when said connection device is in normal operating position, and so prevent its accidental displacement; and provisions at its lower part for attachment there-
10 to of garment-supporters.

2. In a duplex stocking-supporter, the combination with the clasps and webbings for a pair of stockings, of a suspension connection-piece having loops at its lower end for the attachment of the webbings thereto, and
20 a hook at its upper part formed to engage with the loop or eye of the clasp of a corset

and having a lateral retention extension arranged to lie beneath the stud of the corset-clasp, for the purpose set forth.

3. In a garment-supporter, the combination
25 of a corset having a loop-and-stud fastener; a suspension connection-piece having a hook at its upper part with a laterally-extending point adapted to hook into the loop of the fastener of the corset with the lateral extension
30 of the hook lying beneath the shank of the stud so as to retain the hook in the fastener-loop, and supporting connections for garments, as a pair of stocking-supporters, secured to the suspension connection-piece.
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