

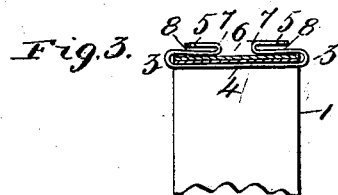
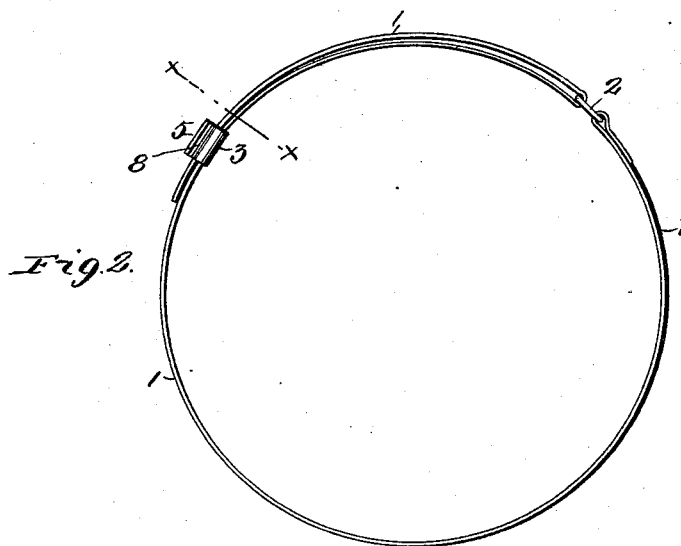
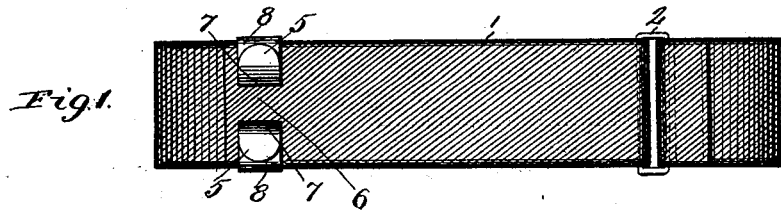
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GARTER-FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD W. PUELLMANN, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented 5 new and useful Improvements in Garter-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in garter-fasteners; and it consists in the novel 10 combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more particularly described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my complete invention. Fig. 2 is a 15 top plan view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on the line *xx* of Fig. 2.

The object of my invention is to construct a simple, practical, and durable fastener 20 which is particularly designed for garters, but may also be used for suspenders, body-belts, and the like, and may be ornamented in any suitable manner, whereby any suitable adjustment is obtained without a free overlapping end, the parts after being adjusted 25 remaining in their adjusted position, the fastener which I employ being constructed in a manner and applied as hereinafter specifically described.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents a 30 garter which is composed of an elastic strip of the well-known construction and consists of suitable textile fabric and rubber, and secured to one end of the same is a loop 2, which 35 freely receives the opposite end of said elastic, as clearly shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, the free end of said elastic overlapping the remaining portion thereof and adapted to co-operate with the fastener 3 in a manner now 40 to be described.

The fastener 3 is adjustable at any position along the length of the elastic 1 and consists of a single piece of metal, preferably formed from sheet metal stamped or otherwise 45 formed, the width of which corresponds substantially to the width of the elastic 1 or, in other words, freely receives the same.

The fastener 3 consists of a flat medial portion 4, the opposite ends of which are suit- 50 ably bent toward one another, leaving a suitable space for the two thicknesses of the elas-

tic 1, the terminal ends of the plate which forms said fastener being bent again in the opposite direction, as shown at 5, whereby a suitable space 6 is left between the curved 55 portions 7 of the fastener for the insertion of the elastic into the fastener.

As clearly shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, the extensions 8, which form a part of the fastener and a reception for the elastic about 60 its folded or overlapping portion of the garter, are inclined, whereby the bent yielding portions 7 are closer to the flat medial portion 4, which construction provides a more effective means or construction for clamping and 65 holding the elastic in its adjusted position when the garter is applied or adjusted upon the person.

In applying the garter the parts are assembled as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings and 70 adjusted, the fastener 3 being moved along the length of the garter or toward the end of the same, thereby dispensing with a free or overlapping end, and to remove the garter the free end of the garter can be easily with- 75 drawn from under the inclined portions 8 of the fastener, whereby the parts will become released and the garter readily removed.

A desirable way of applying the garter is to remove the free end of the elastic from the 80 loop 2 and pass the same around the limb of the wearer and afterward pass the free end of the elastic through the loop 2 and pass the same back over the remaining portion of the elastic, forcing the free end of said elastic 85 within the space 6, formed between the curved ends 7 of the fastener, until said free end of the elastic lies flat upon the remaining portion of the elastic, after which the fastener 3 may be adjusted or moved toward the free 90 end of the elastic for the purpose previously described.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim is—

A band, comprising a strip of elastic or other 95 suitable material, a loop secured to one end of the same, and a fastener adjustably located upon said elastic and adapted to receive the free end of the elastic, after the same has been 100 passed through the said loop, and folded back upon the remaining portion of the elastic, said fastener consisting of a single piece of

metal having a flat medial portion, the opposite ends of which are bent toward one another, leaving a suitable space for the two thicknesses of the strip, but separated therefrom, forming a suitable space for the insertion of the said strip within the fastener, the terminal ends of said fastener, being bent in the opposite direction, and substantially parallel with the medial portion of the same, and

the said opposite ends of the fastener being inclined toward said medial portion, as and for the purpose described.

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

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