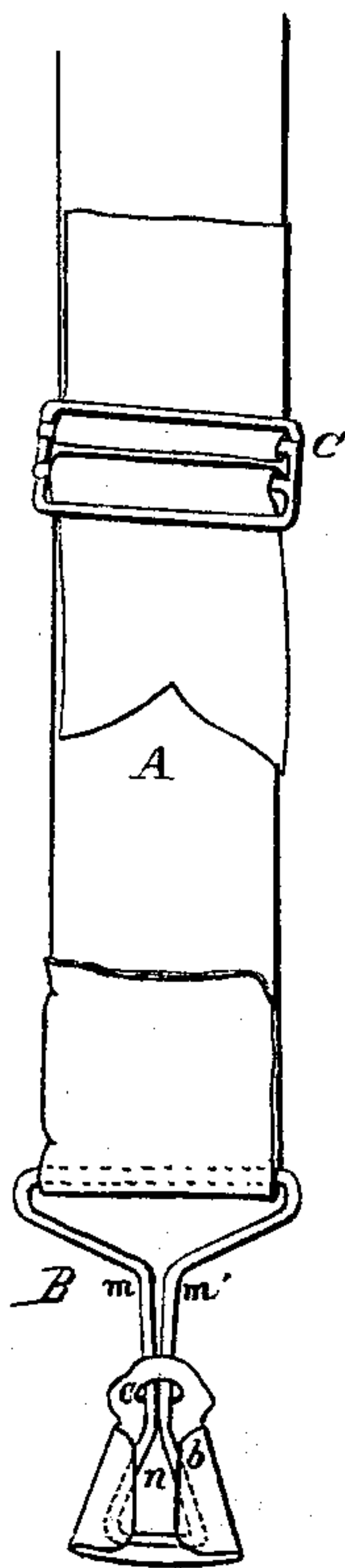


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IMPROVEMENT IN CLASPS FOR STOCKING-SUPPORTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD HALSEY, of San José, in the county of Santa Clara, in the State of California, have invented a new and Improved Clasp for Stocking-Supports; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which is represented a face view of the clasp.

My invention consists in forming the clasp of two triangular or wedge-shaped parts, one formed of sheet metal, and sliding on and inclosing the other, so that the two may be locked together, as hereinafter described.

The upper part B of the clasp is formed of a wire or wires, *m m'*, bent into a loop at the top to provide for attachment of the strap A, and into a triangular shape at the lower end or foot *n*. The wires pass intermediately through a hole, *e*, in the top portion of a thimble, D, which is formed of a sheet-metal plate, of a rectangular or oval shape, and whose sides *b b* are bent inward at an angle opening downward from the hole *e*. Thus the thimble D and foot *n* correspond in their general form

or outline, and the former is adjustable on the wires *m m'*, to allow the fabric to be inserted.

When the foot *n* is drawn up into the thimble, the stocking or fabric will be clamped securely between them.

To maintain a permanent connection of the clasp with the fabric, it is more or less essential the strap A (which will, in practice, be pendent from a waistband or other portion of the dress) should be elastic; and, to adjust its length, an ordinary slide, C, may be employed.

I do not design to limit the use of the clasp, as above indicated, since it is applicable to garters as well.

What I claim is—

The clasp formed of the part B, having triangular foot *n*, and the correspondingly-shaped thimble D, combined as shown and described.

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