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Figure 1.

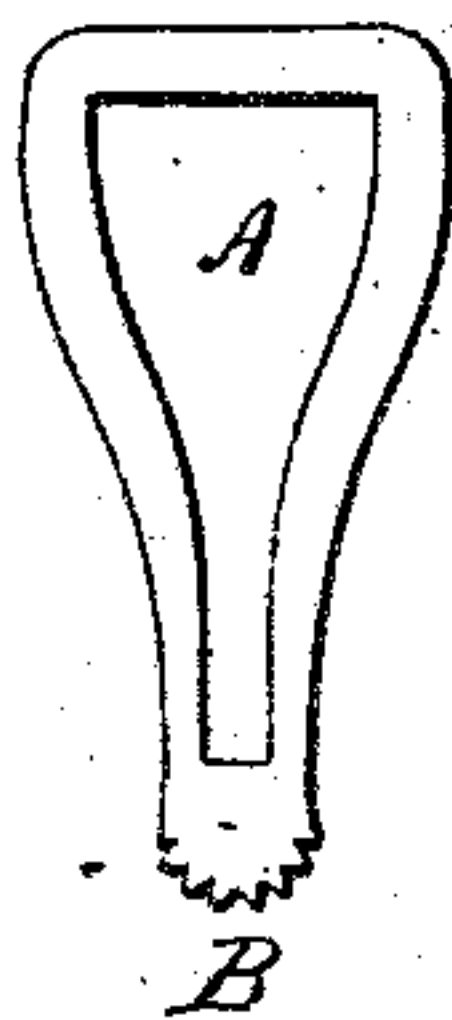


Figure 2.



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HOSE-SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. CLOUGH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hose or Stocking Supporters; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

Heretofore hose-supporters have been made in the form of a clasp, some of which have been constructed of several pieces of metal, including a spring. This form is expensive and occupies an undue amount of space, while those which are simpler in construction bind or pinch the material in proportion to the amount of strain exerted upon them, and in cases of great strain the extrication of the matter from such is attended with difficulty.

The object of my invention is to simplify the construction of said articles and produce a device at once inexpensive and easy of adjustment. Its nature and advantages will be seen by reference to the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 represents a front plan view of the supporter. A is an opening, through which the material to be held is inserted. After such material has been sufficiently thrust or pulled through said opening, it is then cast over the serrated end B, when with the usual strain the material becomes fastened by being drawn up onto the end B. When the material is thus fastened, it will not become detached by any pressure on the device, or by pushing or pulling it in any direction. To detach it, it is only necessary, however, to throw the engaged material off from the end B, when it

readily slips through the opening A. The supporter-strap, which may be of elastic web or any suitable material, is attached to the supporters by any desired means at the end opposite B.

The device shown in Fig. 2 is a slight modification of my invention as to the shape of the opening A, and in this case is provided an additional slot, *a*, which is, however, not essential to good working.

I prefer to construct my improved supporter from flat metal by stamping it out with a die of proper shape, which can be done at one operation with a suitable press. It will be necessary to provide the end B with two or more points or serrations to properly hold the material in position. I am aware that there are in use certain devices for supporting garments, being oblong in shape, and are provided with central slots, which slots by their form pinch and hold the material inserted therein, and in such devices there are necessarily ends or margins which constitute the end boundaries of such central slots; but such ends have never been used for the purpose of holding the material, nor have they been of proper construction to subserve such a purpose, and I do not claim such constructions.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A flat metal clasp or garment-supporter having the central opening, A, and the serrated extremity B, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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