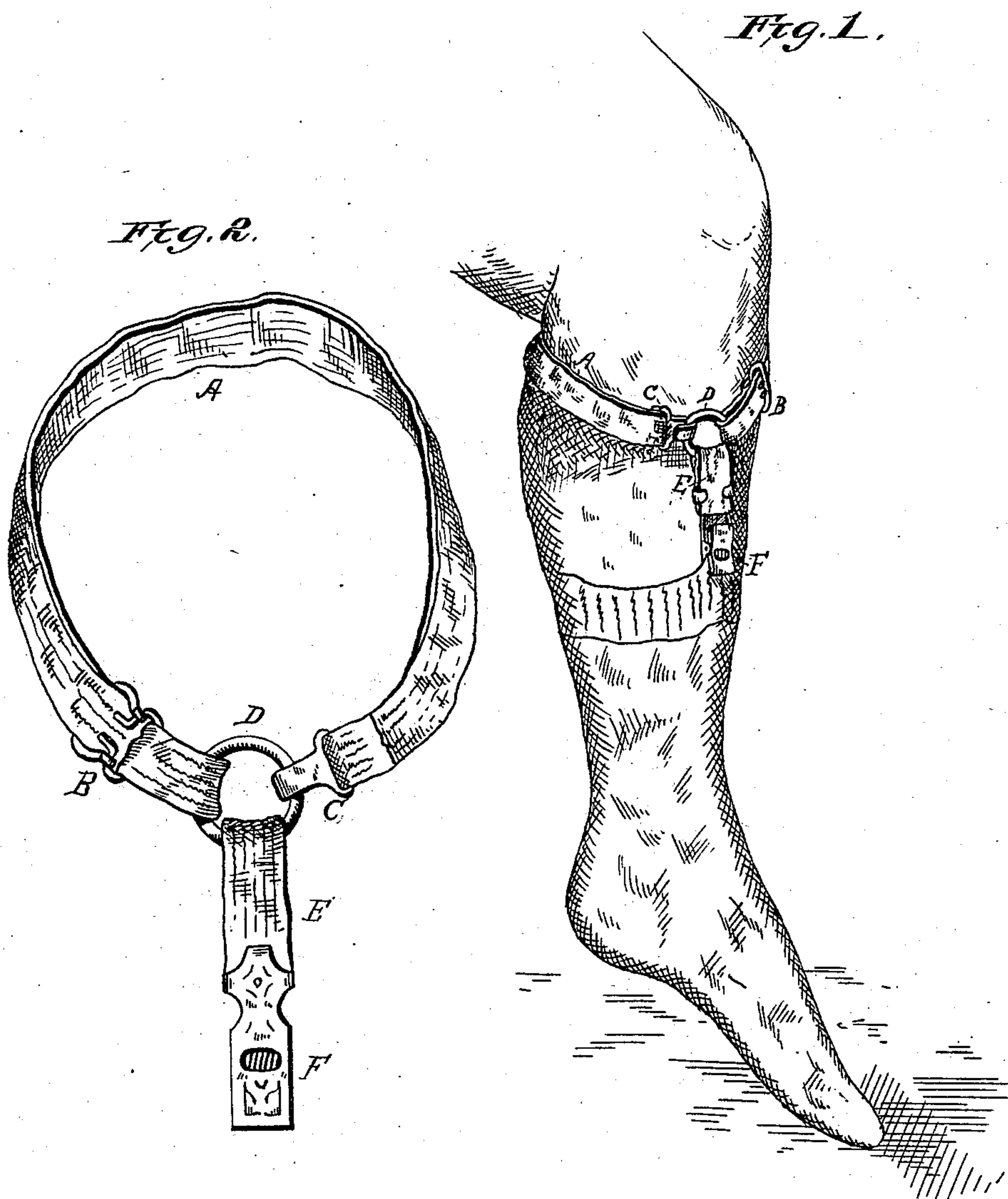


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## GARTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RANDOLPH MITCHELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Gentlemen's Garters, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to garment-supports, its main object being to support socks or stockings and sleeves, although it can be used for  
10 such other portions of garment as it can be applied to.

In the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, both figures represent my  
15 invention in perspective, Figure 1 showing the article applied to a leg, and Fig. 2 showing it detached.

In the figures, A represents a strip of elastic cloth of suitable width, and of length sufficient to adapt it for use on a human arm or leg. To one end of this strip or band is secured a buckle, B, for the purpose of shortening or lengthening it, the tines of the buckle  
20 catching in the main portion of the strip. Caught in the loop formed when the buckle is in position is a ring, D. Secured to the other end of the band A is a hook, C, made of suitable strap-metal. When the band A is made  
25 to surround the arm or leg, the hook C is caught in the ring D, for holding the band in position.

E represents a short elastic strap, one end of which is secured to the ring D. The other end of this strap is provided with a small

gripping device, such as is in common use, 35 consisting simply of two jaws pivoted together and provided with a spring, so arranged as to keep the outer ends of the jaws pressed toward each other, the jaws being provided with teeth to enable them to more securely hold the  
40 fabric placed between them.

The application of this article is readily seen by reference to Fig. 1. The band A surrounds the leg above the calf, and the hook C is caught in the ring D. It will now act as an ordinary  
45 garter. To support the stocking below, the elastic strap is stretched downward and the fabric is caught in the gripping-jaws of the device F, and is thus constantly drawn upward.

I am aware that the general principle of this  
50 invention is not new; hence I do not claim it, broadly; but

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The elastic band A, one end of which is provided with a buckle and looped into ring D, the other end being provided with a hook adapted to catch into said ring, in combination with the short elastic strap E, one end of which is secured to ring D and the other having a  
55 clamping device attached to it, substantially as shown and described.

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

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