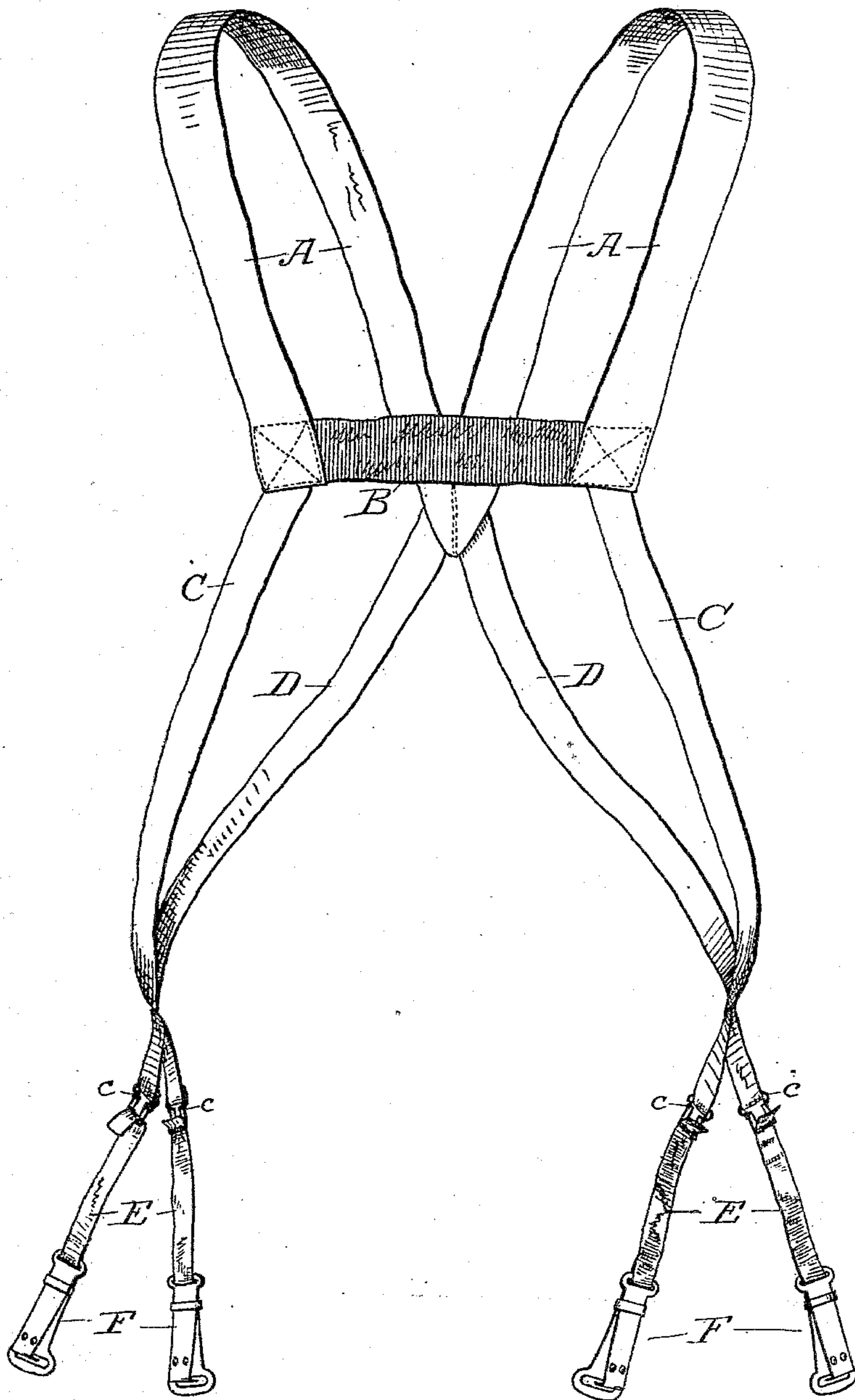


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GERTRUDE CAMPBELL, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful
5 Improvements in Stocking-Supporters for Children; 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
10 the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a
15 stocking-supporter for children which is so constructed as to conform to the shape of the body and hips, and at the same time be able to yield to and equalize any undue strain. This I accomplish by making the shoulder-
20 straps of one piece of non-elastic web, which describes a V in the back, and has its ends in front connected by an elastic cross-strap. From the ends of the shoulder-strap, and from the vertex of the V formed in the back depend
25 non-elastic straps, which cross each other just below the hips, and have buckles on their ends which secure an elastic strap, on the lower end of which is an improved clasp.

In the drawing, the figure is a front view
30 of my invention.

In the drawing, A represents the non-elastic shoulder-strap, the ends of which commence at a point immediately under the false ribs of the body, and, passing thence over the
35 shoulders, pursue an oblique course to a common point, *b*, opposite the backbone of the wearer, just below the horizontal plane of the ends of said strap, thus forming the V hereinbefore mentioned. The ends of the shoulder-strap are connected by the elastic cross-
40 strap B, which, while preventing the said shoulder-straps from working outward off the shoulders, accommodates any lateral strain on the ends of said strap A. Secured and extending slightly outward and downward at
45 about an angle of twenty degrees from each

end of the shoulder-strap is a non-elastic web, C, which is provided with a buckle, *c*, on its lower end, and extending obliquely outward and downward from the vertex of the V formed
50 in the back by the shoulder-strap are the straps D, about the same length as straps C, which they cross near their ends, which latter are likewise provided with buckles *c*. The angle at which strap C is connected to the
55 shoulder-strap enables it to fit the body about the hips comfortably. Secured in the buckles *c* on the ends of the straps C and D are the elastic webs E, all of the same length, and having secured on their lower ends the clasps
60 F. It is apparent that within the range of the length of the elastic strap E it is adjustable vertically by the buckle *c*, and thus can, if desired, avoid any slack.

My stocking-supporter is so constructed
65 that no inconvenience is experienced because of the straps working off the shoulders or because of an undue strain on one side or the other. If there is a lateral strain, it is accommodated by the cross-strap, whereas if it is a
70 vertical strain it is accommodated by both the cross strap and strap E.

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

1. The combination of the shoulder-straps
75 connected at the point shown in the back, an elastic breast-strap connecting the front ends of the said shoulder-straps, the straps C, secured at an angle to the front ends of the same, and the straps D, connected to the back ends
80 thereof, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with the strap A, straps C and D, straps E, and clasps F, of the elastic front cross-strap B.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
85 my own I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

GERTRUDE CAMPBELL.

Witnesses:

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