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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIAS OPPENHEIMER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stocking and Sleeve Supporters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of one of my improved stocking and sleeve supporters shown opened. Fig. 2 is a sectional side elevation of the same, taken through the line xx, Fig. 1, and shown closed.

The object of this invention is to provide stocking and sleeve supporters simple in construction, and convenient and reliable in use.

The invention consists in a stocking and sleeve supporter constructed with a plate having a forwardly-projecting inwardly-inclined flange upon its curved lower end and two or more slots in its shank, a plate having an inwardly-projecting outwardly-inclined flange upon its curved lower end, and a connecting-pivot, whereby the said plates will be held from being drawn apart by the strain of the article being held, as will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

The supporter is constructed with two plates, A B, connected by a pivot, C. The base-plate A has a forwardly-projecting flange, D, formed upon its lower end, which flange is inclined 35 inward, as shown in Fig. 2. The flanged lower end of the plate A is curved upon the arc of a circle having its center at the pivot C. The shank of the plate B is connected with the shank of the plate A by a rivet, C, which 40 is riveted loosely, so as to serve as a pivot to the said plate B. The lower end of the plate Bhasa rearwardly-projecting flange, E, formed upon it, which flange is inclined outward, as shown in Fig. 2. The flanged end of the plate 45 B is curved upon the arc of a circle having its center at the pivot C, and the said plate is

made of such a length that the flange E will be parallel with the flange D, and at such a distance from it that the edge of a stocking or a fold of a sleeve can be inserted between 50 the said flanges. With this construction the inclined flange D will support the flange E against the strain of the article being held, so that the plate B cannot be forced outward, and thus made to release the said article.

The shank of the base-plate A projects and has two or more transverse slots, F, formed in it to receive the strap G of the supporter, which is flexible and preferably elastic. In the arrangement shown in the drawings the 60 strap G is passed forward through the second slot F and back through the first slot, and is held from slipping by the pressure of the said strap against the rear side of the end of the said shank. With this construction the length 65 of the strap G can be easily adjusted by swinging the shank of the plate A forward, and drawing the said strap through the slots F in one or the other direction.

If greater security against slipping is required, the strap G can be passed forward through the first slot F, back through the second slot, forward through the third slot, and back through the first slot, or arranged in any other desired manner.

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

A stocking and sleeve supporter constructed substantially as herein shown and described, so and consisting of the plate A, having a forwardly-projecting inwardly-inclined flange, D, upon its curved lower end, and two or more slots in its shank, the plate B, having a rearwardly-projecting outwardly-inclined flange, 85 E, upon its curved lower end, and the connecting-pivot C, as set forth.

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