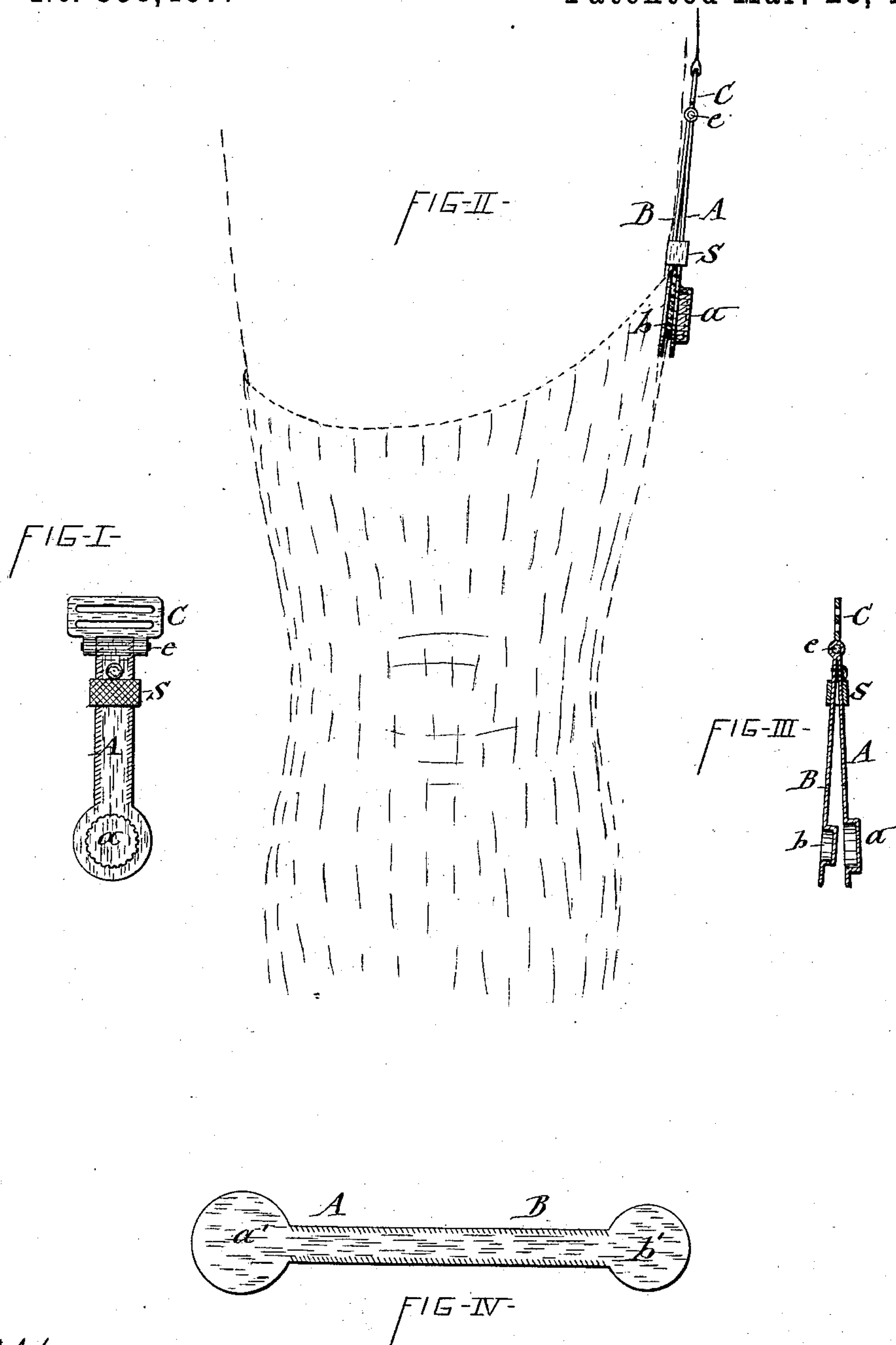


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STOCKING-SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. BEMIS, of Oneida, in the county of Madison, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful
5 Improvements in Stocking-Supporters, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to the class of stocking-supporters which have two arms adapted
10 to grip between them a portion of the stocking. Hitherto the gripping portion of one of said arms consisted simply of an eye cut in the end of the arm, and into this eye a boss
15 on the other arm forced a portion of the stocking to be supported. Such stocking-supporters have proven very defective, in that they cut the stocking by the sharp edge of the eye of the supporter.

20 The object of this invention is to obviate the aforesaid defect; and to that end it consists in employing in connection with the gripping-arm provided with the boss a gripping-arm formed with a cup adapted to receive the aforesaid boss, thus presenting an annular band, between which and the circumference of the boss a portion of the stocking is clamped, and said band obviates the danger
25 of cutting the stocking.

30 In the annexed drawings, Figure I is a face view of my improved stocking-supporter. Fig. II is an edge view of the same, illustrating the operation. Fig. III is a longitudinal section, and Fig. IV is a plan view, of the blank
35 from which the gripping-arms of the stocking-supporter are formed.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A and B represent two flexible metallic arms,
40 which are connected together at one end, and are formed at their free ends, respectively, with a cup, *a*, and with a boss, *b*, adapted to enter said cup, said cup and boss constituting female and male grippers to receive between
45 them a portion of the stocking to be supported.

S denotes a slide formed of a strip of metal bent around the arms A B so as to embrace the same. By pushing said slide toward the
50 free ends of the arms the latter become com-

pressed, so as to cause the boss *b* to force into the cup *a* the intervening portion of the stocking, and thus obtain a firm hold on the latter, which hold is further insured by serrating or corrugating the sides of either or both the boss
55 and cup. The arms A and B are hung on a metal loop, C, by which the stocking-supporter is usually attached to an elastic band, which latter is generally suspended from some other garment in various ways well understood
60 by those using this class of devices.

The described gripping-arms I form of a blank consisting of a straight elongated sheet-metal strip, A B, terminating with circular disks *a' b'*, as illustrated in Fig. 4 of the draw-
65 ings.

By means of a drop or press and suitable dies connected therewith I strike or press the disks *a' b'* into the shapes of the cup *a* and boss *b*, and then fold said blank at the
70 center of its length and back upon itself, the resistance of the metal causing the free ends of the arms to stand normally apart from each other. The pintle *e* of the loop C, I introduce between the two arms A B at the fold
75 of the blank, so as to be embraced thereby, and thus hinge said arms on the loop. The slide S is slipped onto the arms A B before connecting the same to the pintle *e*.

Having described my invention, what I
80 claim is—

The improved stocking-supporter consisting of the flexible metallic arm A, formed at one end with the cup *a*, consisting of a cap or cover provided with the annular band, the
85 flexible metallic arm B, connected to the opposite end of the arm A, and formed at its free end with the boss *b*, adapted to enter the aforesaid annular band, and the slide S, embracing said arms, substantially as described
90 and shown.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal, in the presence of two attesting witnesses, at Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York,
95 this 12th day of November, 1885.

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