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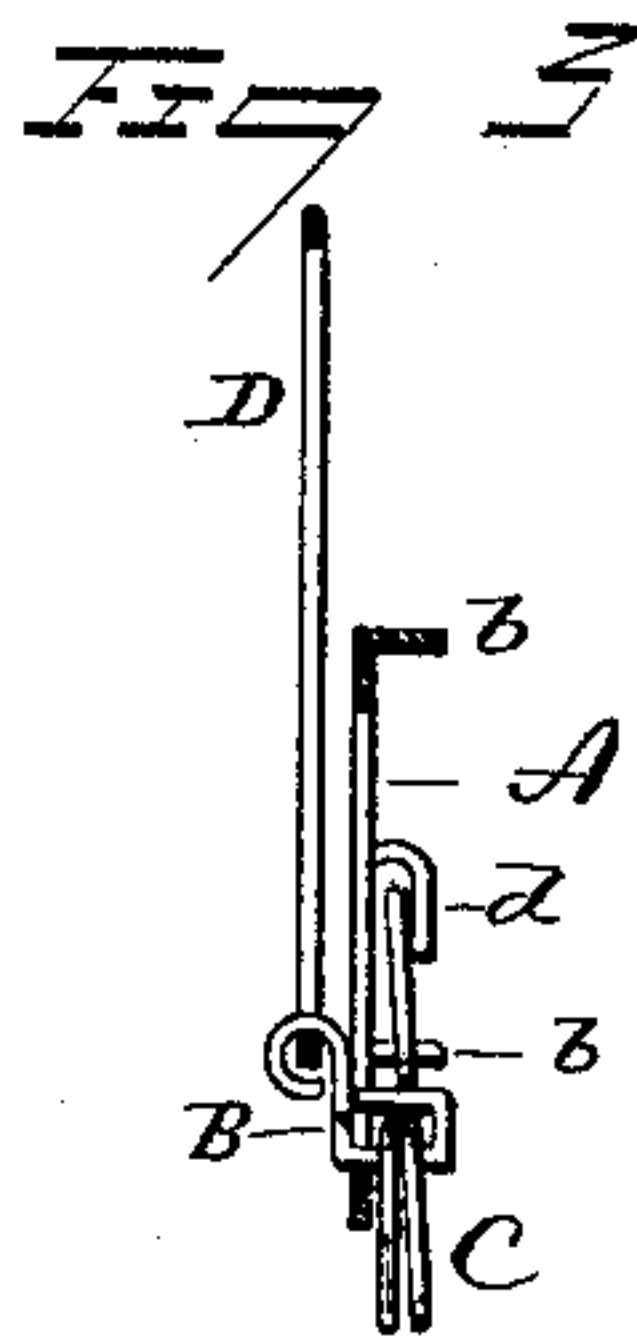
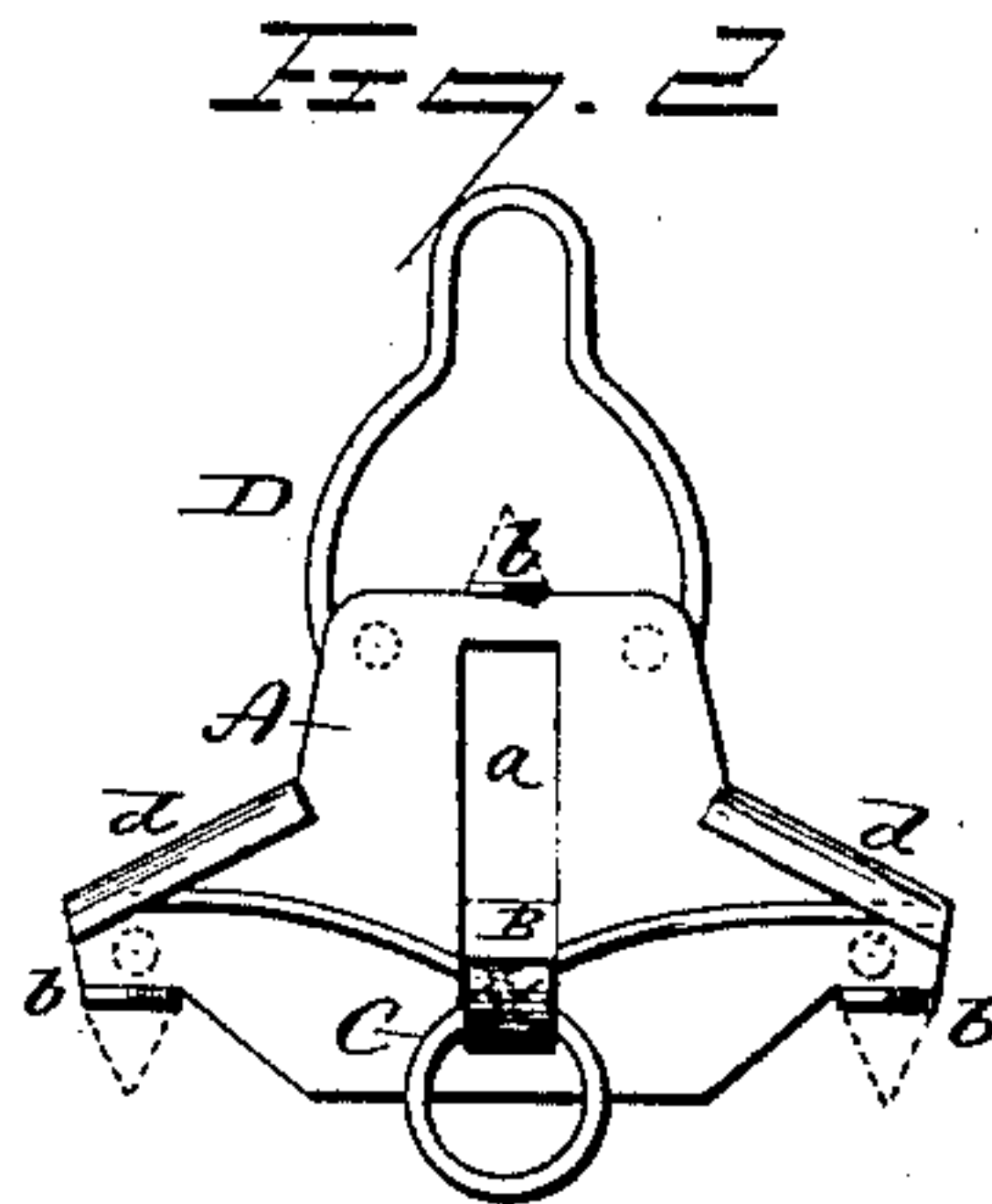
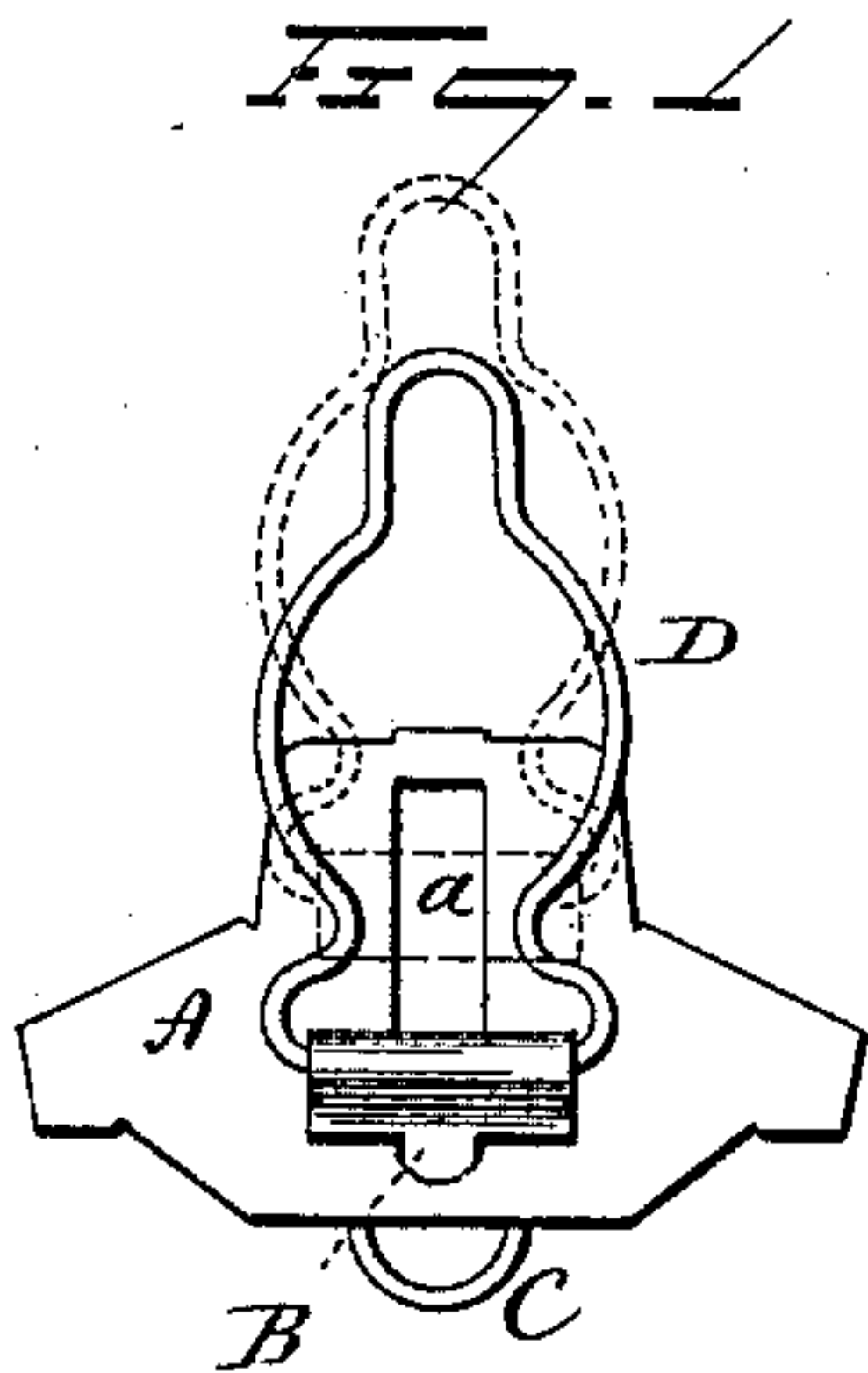


Fig. 4

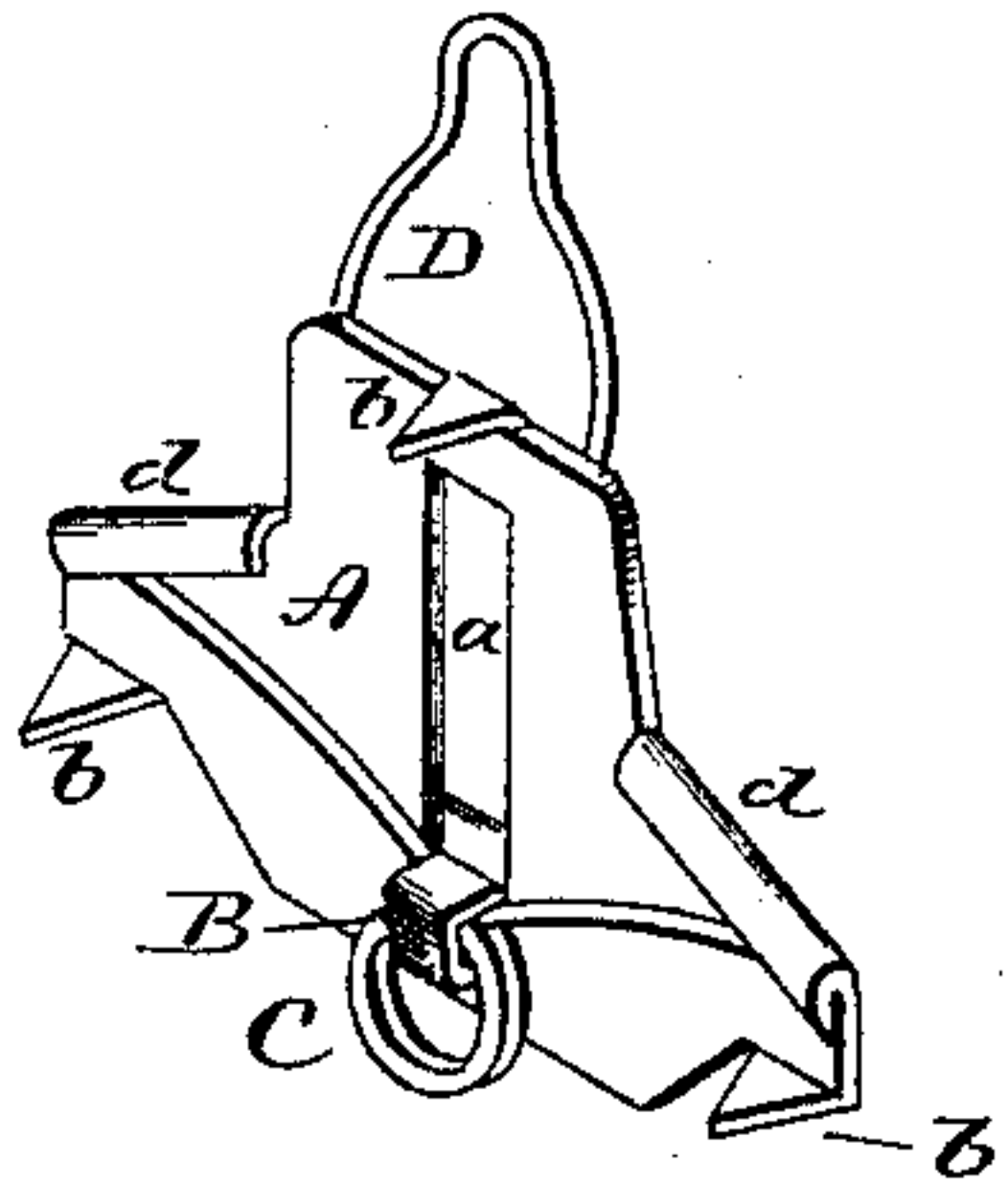


Fig. 5

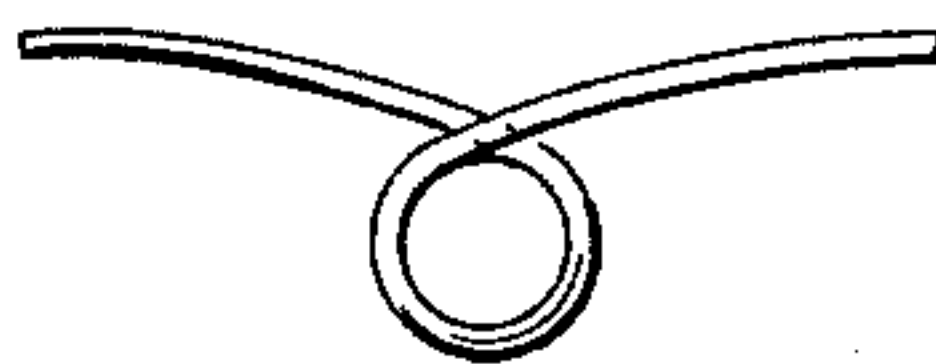


Fig. 6

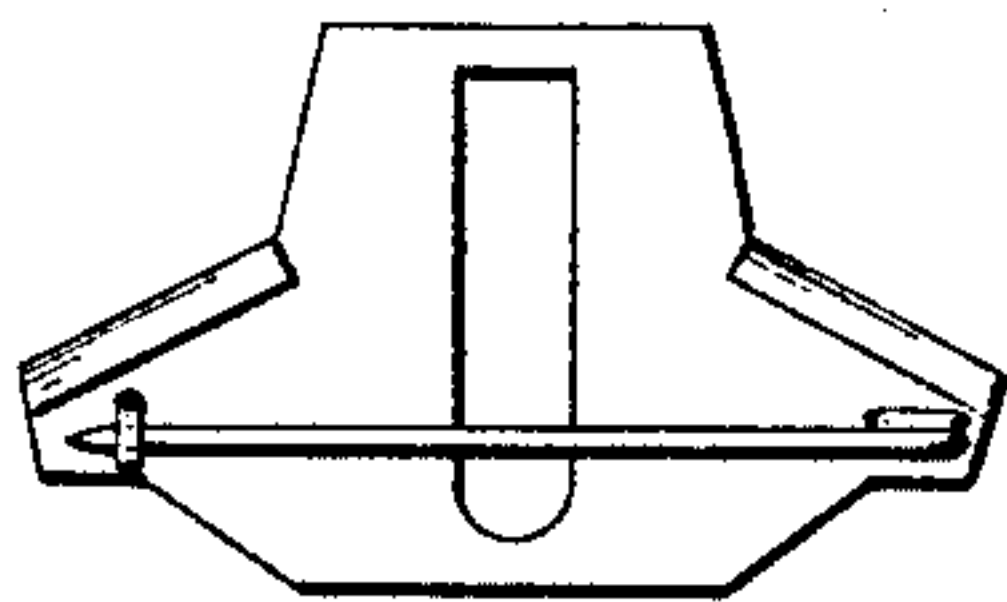
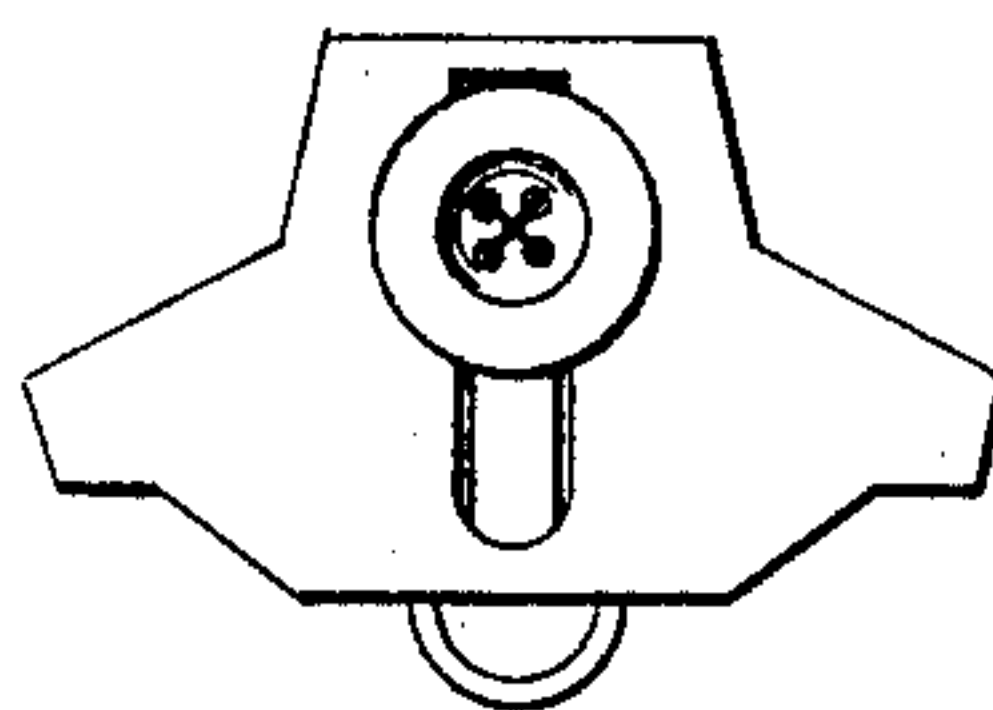


Fig. 7



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## GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH H. PILKINGTON, of Waterbury, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Garment-Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a front view; Fig. 2, a rear view; Fig. 3, a vertical central section; Fig. 4, a rear perspective view; Fig. 5, the spring detached; Figs. 6 and 7, modifications.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of garment-supporters which are constructed to be secured to one garment, and provided with a button, loop, or other attachment by which another garment may be attached, and in which the said attachment is adapted to yield under the strain caused by the movements of the body; and it consists in the construction hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claim.

A represents the plate or base, preferably constructed from sheet metal and of any desirable shape, and with a vertical central slot, *a*, therein, and with spurs *b b b* at convenient points on its edge, by which the plate may be secured to the garment. A slide, B, is arranged in said slot, and so as to work up and down therein. Upon the inside of the plate is a torsion-spring, C, its two ends extending right and left, and so as to rest in bearings *d d* at the respective ends of the plate. The bearings *d d* are best formed projecting from the plate, as seen in broken lines, Fig. 2, turned over the ends of the spring, but so as to leave the ends of the spring to work freely therein. At the center the slide is attached to the spring, and so that the tendency of the spring is to hold the slide at one end of the slot. Upon the outside of the plate a loop, D, or other fastening device, is attached to the slide.

In applying the device, as, say, for illustration, to a pair of boy's pants, the spurs are passed through the band and bent down on the reverse side to secure the device to the pants, and with the loop D upward. The

loop is engaged with a button on the waist. The spring is of sufficient strength to hold the pants up in place, but will yield to the bending of the body, as indicated in broken lines, Fig. 1, so as to relieve the points of connection from the strain which would come upon them were the connection rigid and unyielding.

Instead of constructing the plate with spurs, by which it may be secured to a garment, it may be provided with holes, as indicated in broken lines, Fig. 2, and sewed on; or it may be provided with a pin, as shown in Fig. 6, so as to be removably attached, it being understood that the plate shown in Fig. 6 is the same plate shown in the other figures, and that the same slide, spring, loop, &c., are to be applied in substantially the same manner as in the other figures, Fig. 6 simply illustrating the substitution of the pin for the spurs as a means of fastening.

While I prefer to attach a loop to the slide in the form of a button-hole, as I have hereinbefore described, a button may be attached to the slide in place of the loop, as seen in Fig. 7—that is to say, if a button shall be preferred to a button-hole, then a button will be attached to the slide. If a button-hole is preferred, then the loop will be attached to the slide. Otherwise than the substitution of the button for the button-hole, Fig. 7 represents the same construction as the other figures, the spring and slide on the rear of the plate not appearing in that figure.

I do not wish to be understood as claiming, broadly, an elastic garment-supporter, as such I am aware is not new.

I claim—

The combination of the plate A, adapted to be secured to a garment and constructed with a vertical central slot, *a*, a slide, B, in said slot, a torsion-spring, C, arranged upon one side of said plate and extending to the right and left from said slide, its two ends resting in bearings formed at opposite ends of the plate, the spring and slide connected at the slot, and an attaching device on said slide, substantially as described.

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