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Fig. 1.

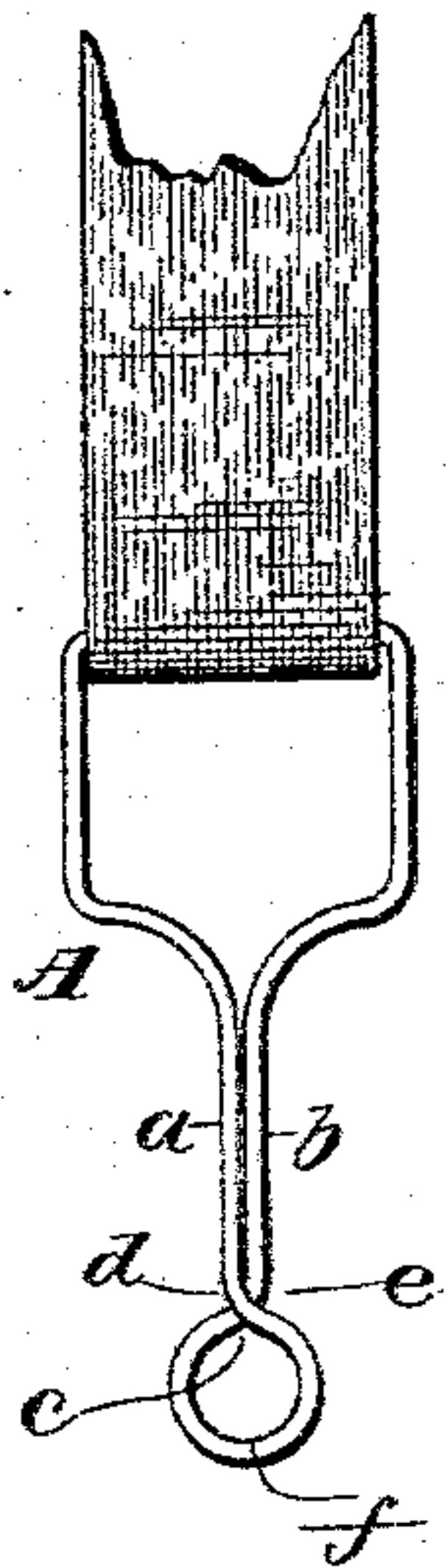
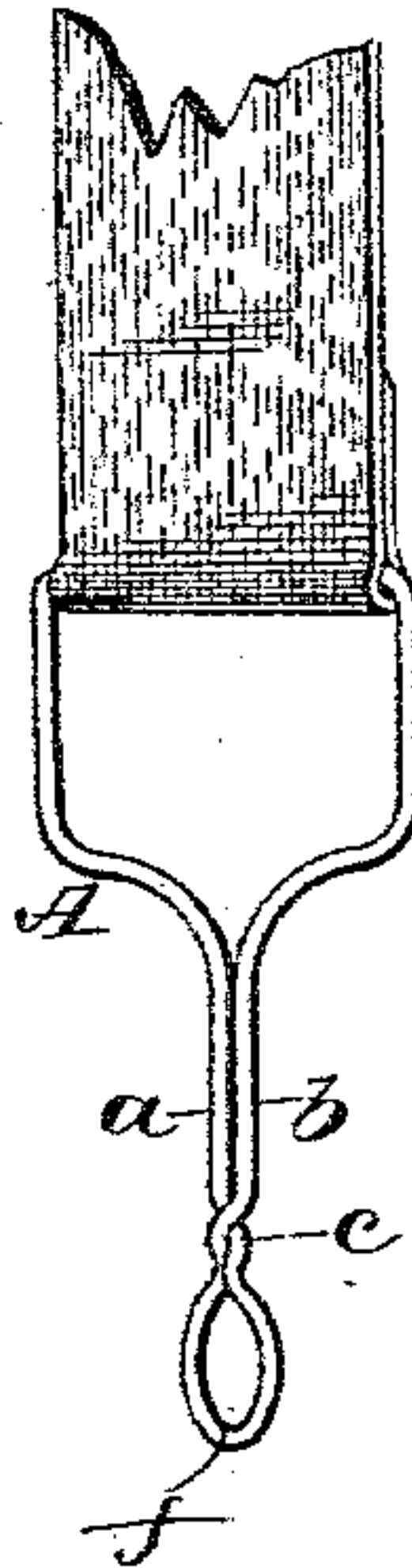


Fig. 2.



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## GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY A. SEYMOUR, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in garment-supporter loops.

Hitherto a loop has been employed for supporting stockings and other garments in which a pair of parallel spring holding-jaws were yieldingly held together at the lower end by a spring-eye, and provided with a loosely-mounted band or collar adapted by its position immediately above the spring-eye to prevent the passage of the fabric to be held into the spring-eye, where it would be liable to pull out. Objection has arisen to this form of loop because of the limited elasticity of the holding-jaws, and also from the fact that more material than is necessary is employed in the construction of the loop.

The object of my present invention is to provide a yielding loop in which a small amount of material is employed, and one which is simple, effective, and neat in appearance, and capable of being manufactured at a low cost.

With these ends in view my invention consists in certain features of construction and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved loop. Fig. 2 is a modification.

A represents a piece of spring wire or metal, preferably bent in the shape shown in the drawings to form a sufficiently-enlarged upper

shank, to which the webbing of the supporter is attached. Below the portion described the loop is gradually restricted, and the portions of wire or metal forming it extend parallel to each other, producing the spring holding-jaws *a b*, which jaws, after extending parallel with each other for a suitable distance to present an extended gripping-surface, cross each other at point *c*, forming shoulders *d e* and the spring-eye *f* below the shoulders. This spring-eye may have one or more turns in it, as found most desirable. While this particular construction is preferable, it will be seen that the wires forming the jaws *a b* might cross each other without the shoulders *d e* being formed in them, and yet be just as effective.

In the modification shown in Fig. 2, at point *c*, where the wires composing the spring holding-jaws cross each other, the wires are oppositely crimped, so that the jaws *a b* are both in the same plane.

I make no broad claim to a stocking-supporter in which one portion overlaps or crosses the other portion thereof.

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

A garment-supporter consisting, essentially, of a shank, a pair of parallel or approximately parallel spring holding-jaws, and a spring-eye formed by the jaws crossing each other at or near their lower ends, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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