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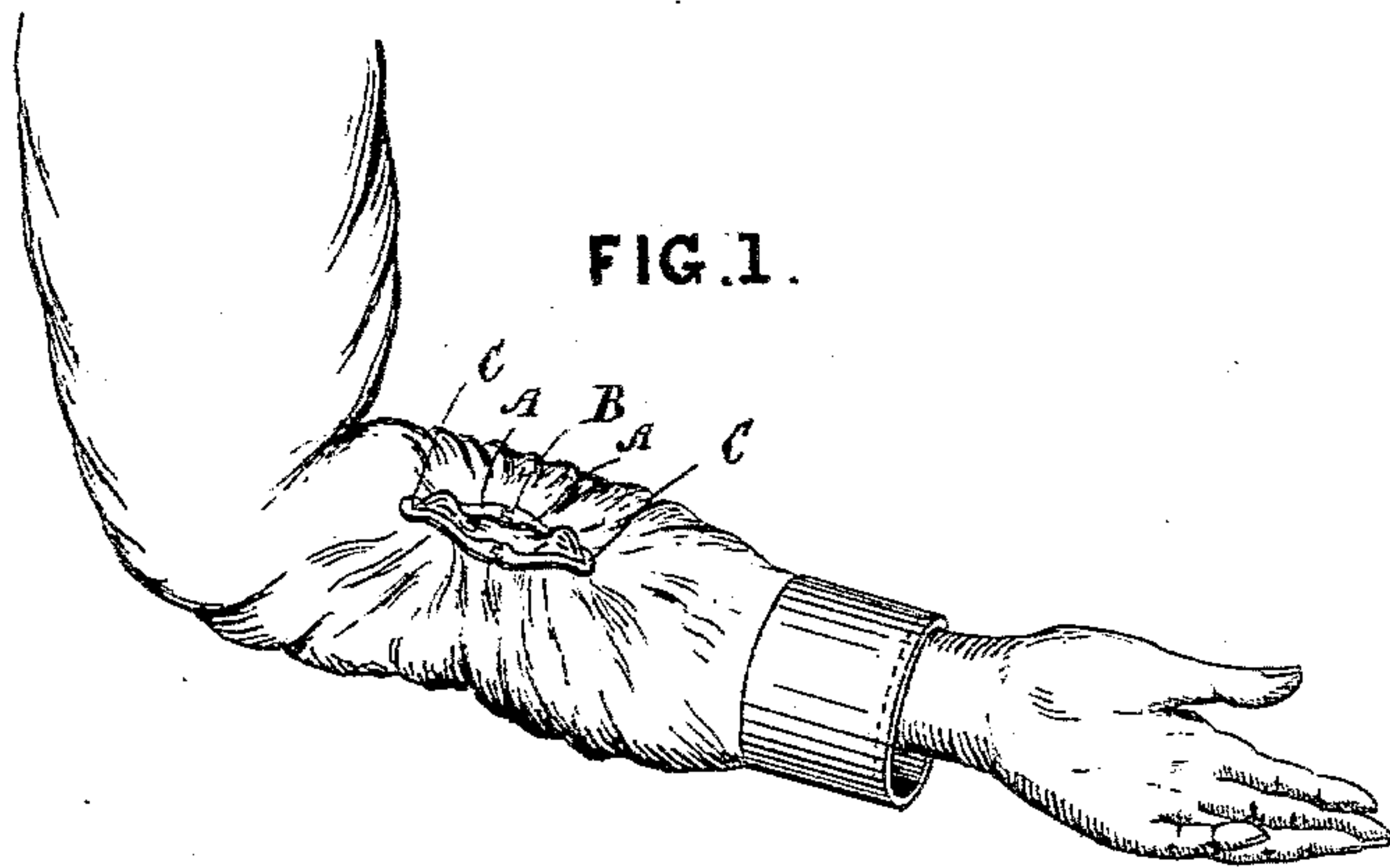


FIG. 2.

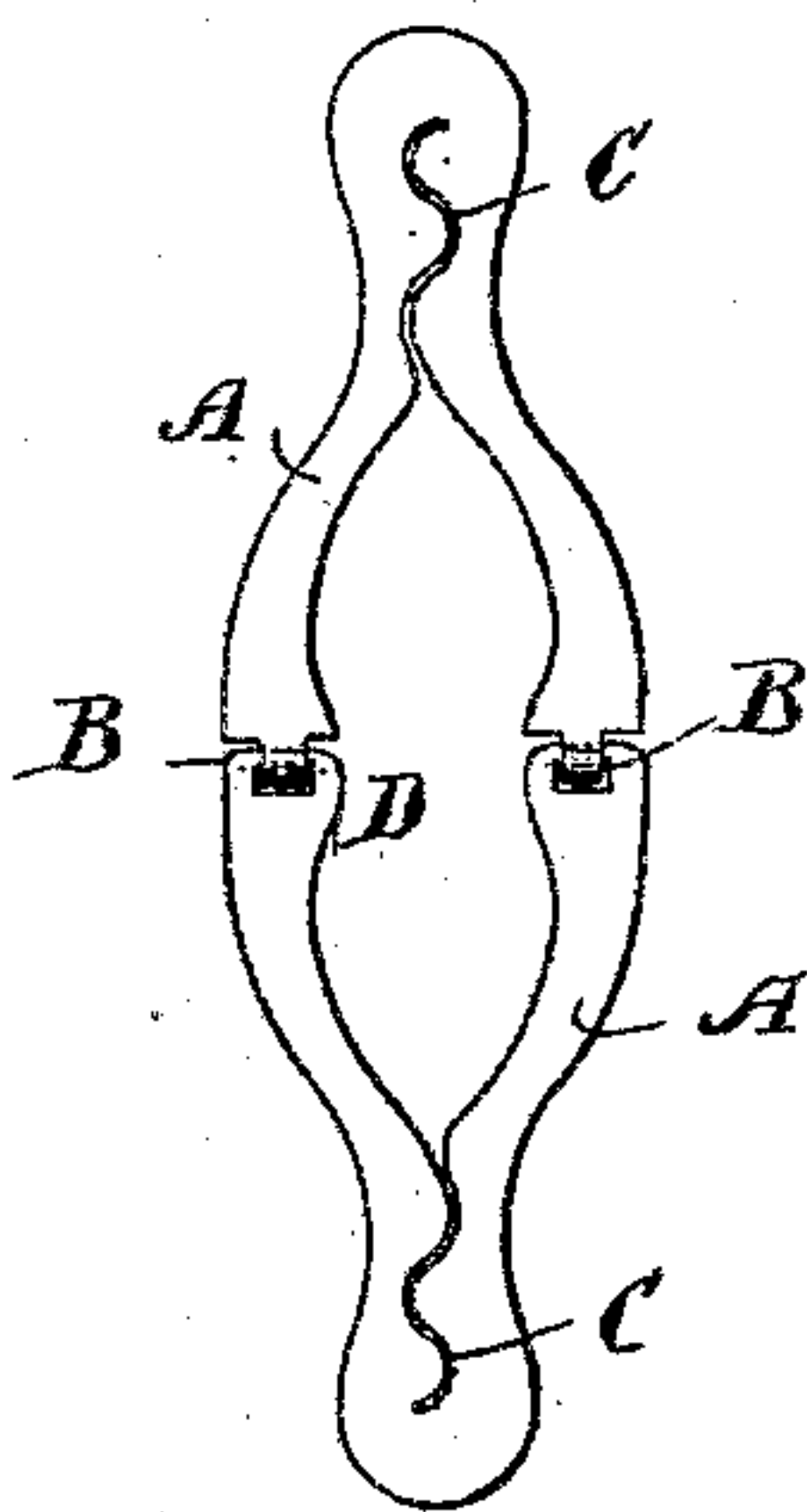


FIG. 3.

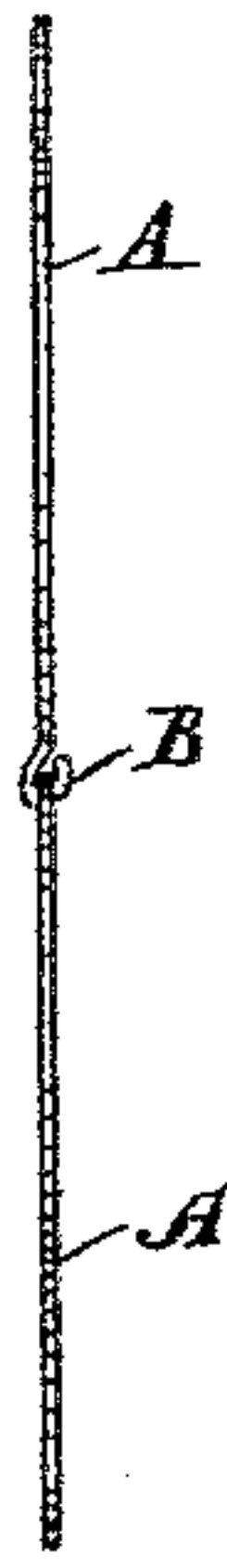


FIG. 4.

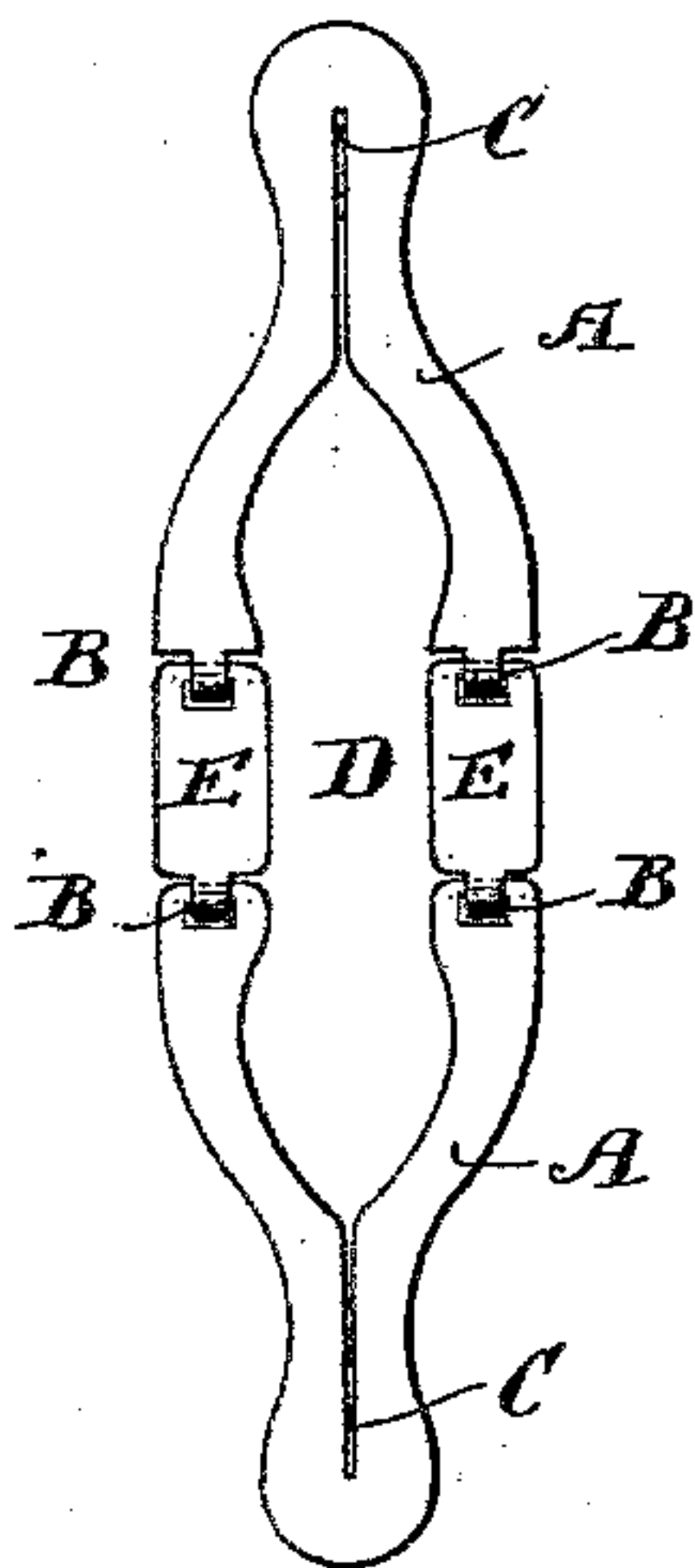
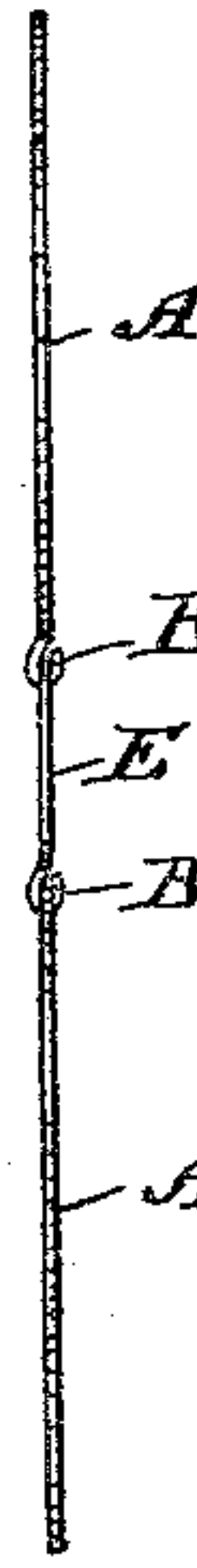


FIG. 5.



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## GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK W. LOWE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in that class of garment holders or supporters used for shortening or taking up shirt-sleeves and supporting stockings, &c.; and the invention consists of two V-shaped pieces of metal hinged together, the outer ends of which form loops, into which portions of the garment to be looped up are inserted and securely held.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents my invention as applied to a sleeve. Fig. 2 is a face view, and Fig. 3 an edge view, of my invention. Figs. 4 and 5 are respectively a front and edge view of a modification of my invention.

A A are two metal holders, hinged together at B B, and each having at its outer end a slit, C. When it is desired to shorten a portion of a garment—such as a sleeve—or connect a portion of one garment to another, a portion of the sleeve or other part of a garment is drawn through the aperture D and pressed into the slit in one portion of the supporter, while another portion is pressed into the slit in the other part of the holder, as shown in Fig. 1. The parts of the garment are thus securely held by the supporter, and the greater the strain upon the same the more firmly are they held.

In case the holder should be placed on the garment at a point at or near the joint of the arm or leg or other part of the body liable to bend over, the holder, being hinged, will admit of a free movement of the limb or body,

which could not be readily obtained if the holder were made of a single rigid or solid piece of metal.

In releasing the garment from the holder, the portion held by one part of the holder may be readily withdrawn from the slit, when that portion will be free, while the other end may be left attached to the garment ready for future use.

The slots C may be made of a serpentine shape, as shown in Fig. 2, or straight, as shown in Fig. 4; but the serpentine shape is preferable, as it will hold the garment more firmly than the straight slit.

In Fig. 4 the holders A A are shown as connected together by intermediate strips or links, E E, so as to form a double joint, and thus allowing a more free movement of the limbs or body at the point of attachment on the garment.

By means of the construction as above described I produce a garment-holder that may be readily applied and detached, the same being complete in itself and not requiring any elastic straps or bands, nor spring catches or clasps.

What I claim as my invention is—

A garment-holder consisting of two pieces of metal, each having a narrow slit at one end and separated or open at the opposite ends, and hinged or pivoted together directly or with intermediate connections, substantially as shown and described.

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

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