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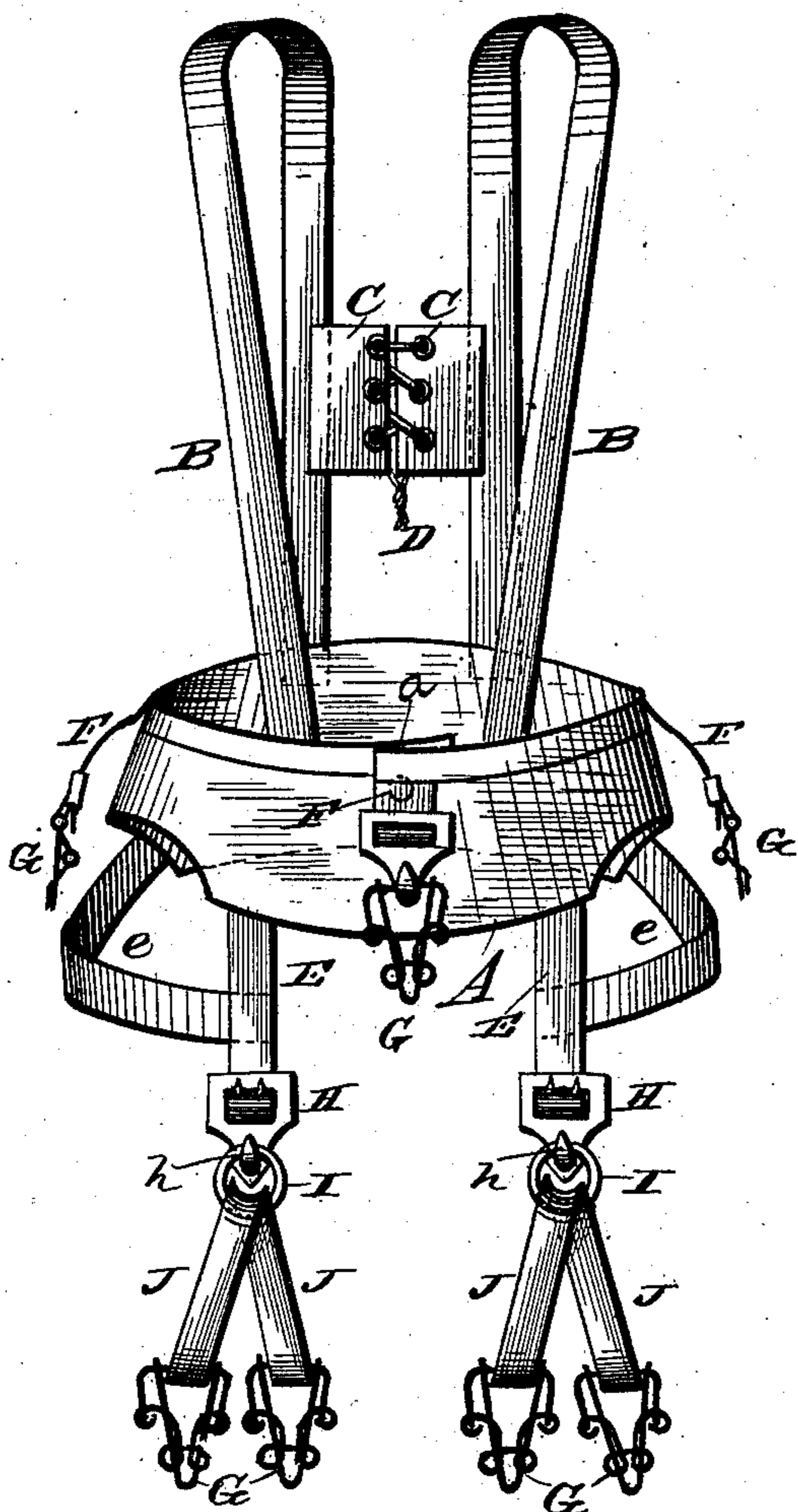
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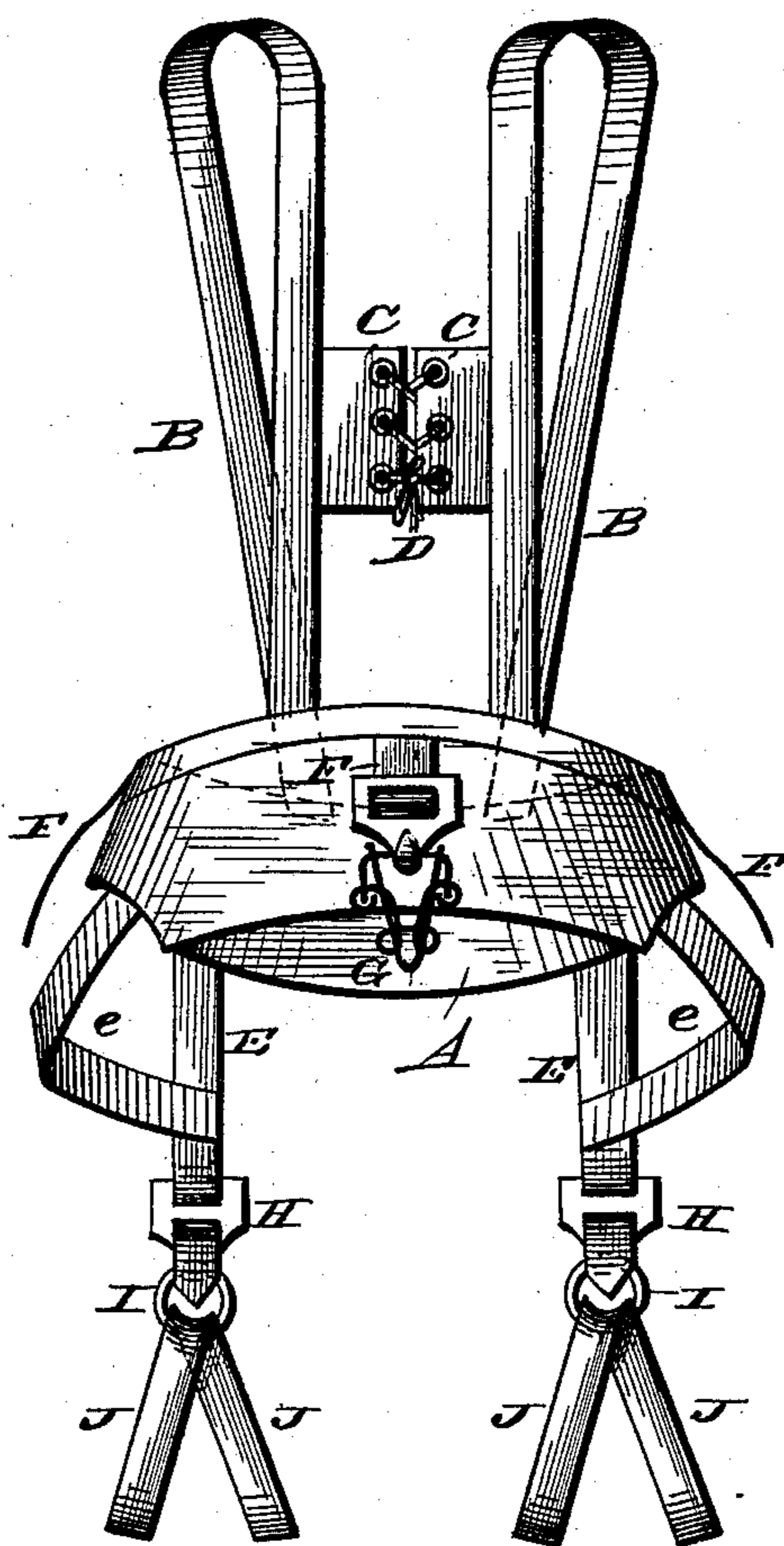
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANNA RALPH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bradford, in the county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, 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 garment-supporters, the object being to provide a device which will support the stockings, drawers, and skirts without the employment of buttons, and put the entire weight of the under-garments upon the shoulders of the wearer.

The invention consists in the combination, with a hip-yoke, of suitable shoulder-straps and depending straps or suspensories.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective front view of my improved supporter; Fig. 2, a similar rear view.

A represents a hip-yoke adapted to rest about the waist and supported by shoulder-straps B B, and which latter are connected together at the back by lacing-strips C C and cord D. From the yoke A drop the stocking-suspenders E E, provided with side braces, e e, which sit under the hips. The suspenders E E lie down the fronts of the thighs and terminate with the buckles H H, each of which has a hook, h, in which is hooked the ring I. To the ring I are fastened the double straps J J, which pass one on each side of the knee and have at their lower ends the clasps G G, one on each side of the limb below the knee.

F F represent short straps secured to the yoke A, to support the drawers, and which are fastened by the clasps G G.

The band of the skirt or skirts may be attached to the yoke A by safety-pins.

The yoke A is divided in front at a point, a, where the ends may be secured together by a safety-pin or other suitable securing device.

By the contrivance thus described I provide a ready and convenient means for supporting all the under-wear, I dispense with buttons and button-holes in the garments, and the weight of the garments is borne by the shoulders of the wearer, thus removing all strain from the waist.

The yoke A is loose and simply rests about and over the hips, and is to be distinguished from a band which presses the wearer's waist.

While I recommend that in all cases where possible buttons and button-holes should be dispensed with, especially in children's garments, yet buttons and corresponding button-holes may be used on and in connection with my garment-supporter, and any form of clasp may be used to unite the supporter or any of its dependent straps with the drawers or skirts or stockings.

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

As an article of manufacture, a garment-supporter consisting of a hip-yoke, A, shoulder-straps B, secured together by lacing strips and cord, suspensories F, provided with clasps, stocking-suspenders E, and side braces, e, said stocking-suspenders being provided with hooks, straps J, and clasps G, substantially as set forth.

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