

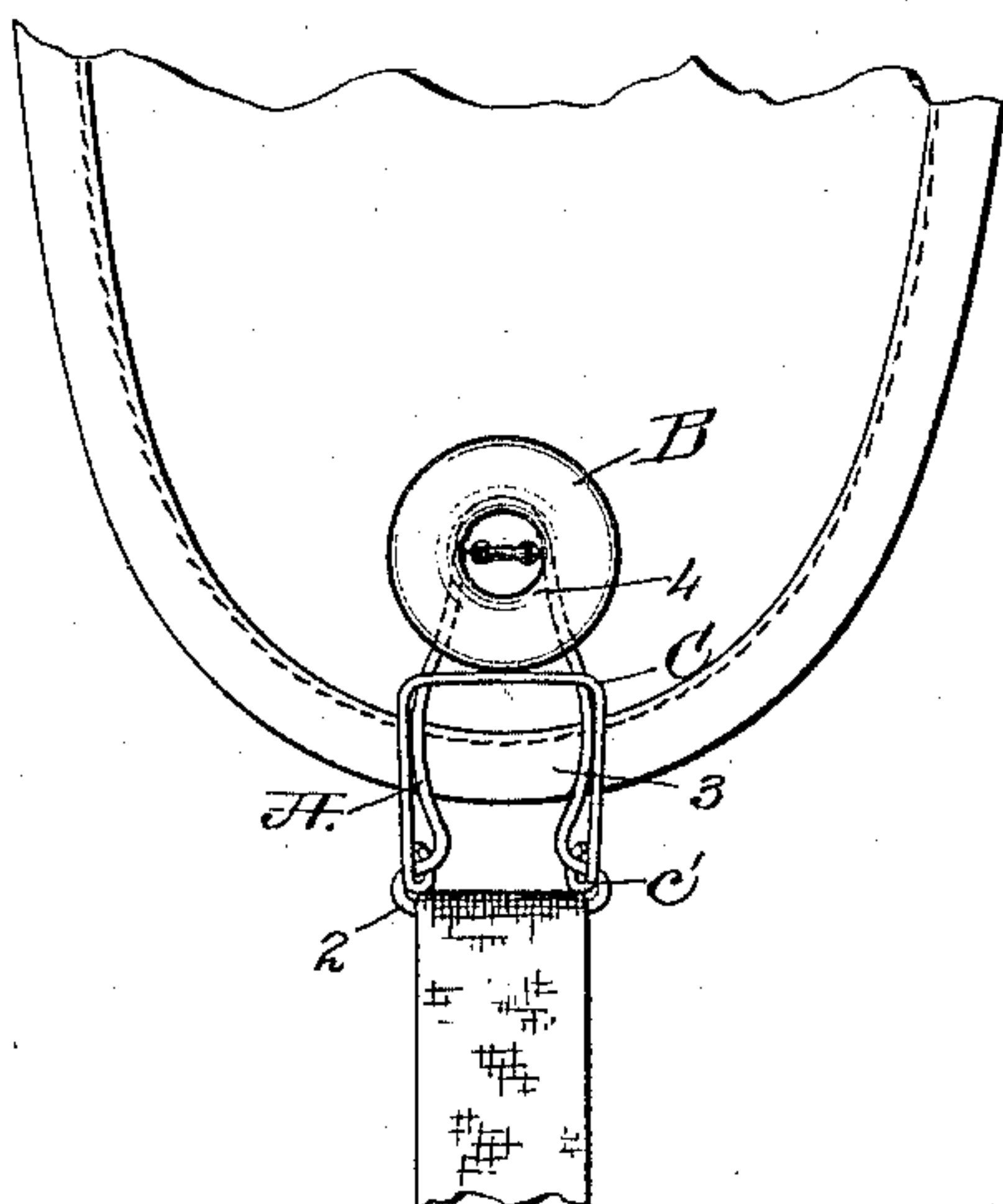
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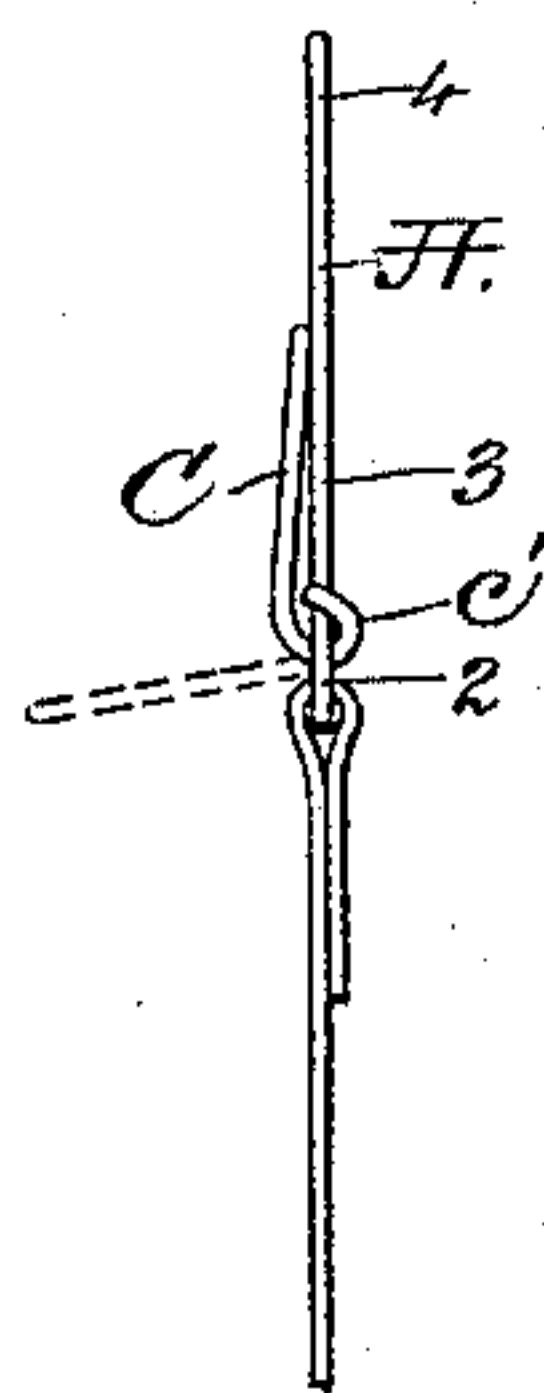
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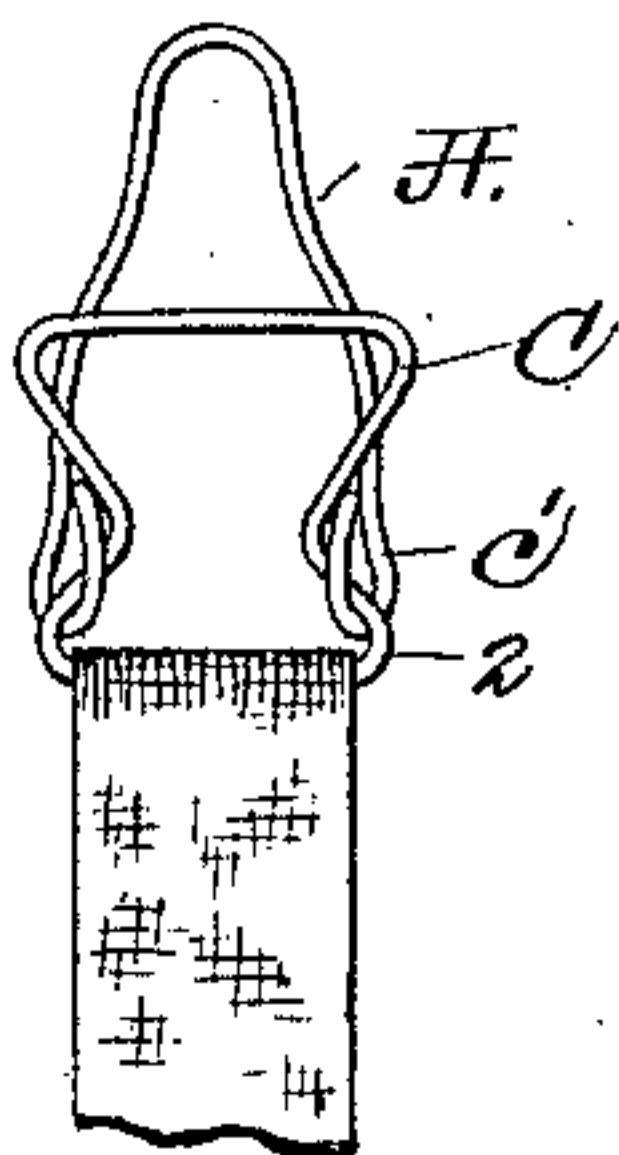
*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



*Fig: 3.*



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## GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. PRESTON, of Cambridgeport, county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Garment-Supporters, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

10 This invention has for its object to construct a simple and efficient garment-supporting device adapted to engage and remain in place upon a button—such, for instance, as a button attached to a waistband or other part of wear-  
15 ing-apparel.

My improved supporting device consists, essentially, of a button-engaging loop of wire bent to present a strap-receiving portion, a broadened or expanded portion to pass the  
20 head of a button, a narrowed portion to receive the shank or fastening of the button, and of a locking device swiveled thereon and co-operating therewith to prevent the disengagement of the loop from the button, said  
25 locking device consisting of a piece of wire having at its ends eyes which encircle the wire of which the button-engaging loop is composed at the strap-receiving portion thereof, thereby forming a hinge-like connection, that end of  
30 the said bail or loop opposite the hinge-connection terminating more or less short of the end of the button-engaging loop, according to the class of button used, the distance between the end of the locking device and the end of  
35 the button-engaging loop being less than the diameter of the button. The eyes at the ends of the locking device are turned at an angle slightly toward each other to bind against the material of the button-engaging loop more  
40 strongly as the loop or hole is turned away from the said button-receiving loop to permit application to or the removal of the button-engaging loop from the button, the yielding of the wire acting as a spring to normally keep  
45 the locking device in position to close the passage between the narrowed and broadened or expanded portions of the button-engaging loop.

Figure 1 shows in front elevation a garment

or hose supporter embodying this invention; 50  
Fig. 2, a side view of the supporter shown in Fig. 1, the dotted line showing the locking device turned out into its other position; and Fig. 3, a modification to be referred to.

The button-engaging loop A is made of a 55  
piece of wire bent to present a strap-receiving eye or portion, 2, a broadened portion, 3, to pass the head of the button, and a narrowed portion, 4, (see dotted lines, Fig. 1,) to pass under the head and engage the shank of the 60  
button, or, if the button be a flat-disk button, to engage the thread or other fastening by which the button may be attached, the thread or other fastening constituting a shank.

The locking device C consists of a piece of 65  
wire bent into loop-like form, substantially as shown, and having its ends, as *c'*, bent to form eyes or loops to loosely encircle the wire of the button-engaging loop at the strap-receiving portion, the opposite or outer acting end 70  
of the locking device terminating substantially at the point where the button-engaging loop A commences to diminish in width toward its narrow end, the locking device thereby effect-  
75 ually closing the passage between the narrowed and expanded portions of said button-receiving loop, as shown in Fig. 1.

The eyes *c'* of the locking device are bent inwardly toward each other, to enable them to bind more firmly against the wire or material 80  
of the button-engaging loop as the said locking device is turned away from the loop A, as shown by dotted lines, Fig. 2, the wire of the loop A slightly yielding and acting as a spring to aid in keeping the locking device in the 85  
position shown by full lines, or bearing against the loop A to bridge or close the passage between the narrowed and broadened portions thereof, as shown.

I am aware that a garment-supporter has 90  
been made of sheet metal, it comprising a button-engaging loop shaped substantially as herein shown, and that a locking device has been provided which also was made of sheet metal; but such construction I do not herein claim. 95

By making the button-engaging loop of wire, as herein shown and described, it does not act to cut the thread employed to fasten a button,



as would be the case were the loop made of sheet metal.

Referring to Fig. 3, the locking device C is provided with the strap-receiving portion 2, and the loop-like eye A is provided with the eyes C', encircling the strap-receiving portion, which construction is substantially the reverse of the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and which I desire it to be understood comes within the scope of my invention, the results gained by the modified construction being substantially the same as that gained by the construction shown in said Figs. 1 and 2.

I claim—

1. In a garment-supporter, a button-engaging loop, A, composed of wire bent as shown and described, to present a strap-receiving portion, 2, a broad or expanded portion, 3, to pass the button, and a narrowed portion, 4, combined with a locking device consisting of a loop of wire the ends of which are provided with eyes which encircle the material of the loop A at or near the strap-receiving portion,

the outer end of the locking device terminating at a point between the narrowed and broadened portions of the said loop A, substantially as described.

2. In a hose-supporter, the button-engaging loop A, composed of wire, combined with a locking device, C, consisting of a loop of wire having eyes c' turned at an angle, all arranged to operate substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The herein-described garment-supporter, composed of the button-receiving loop A, composed of wire, and the locking-loop C, one of which is provided with eyes which encircle the material of the other, all arranged to operate as and for the purposes set forth.

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

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