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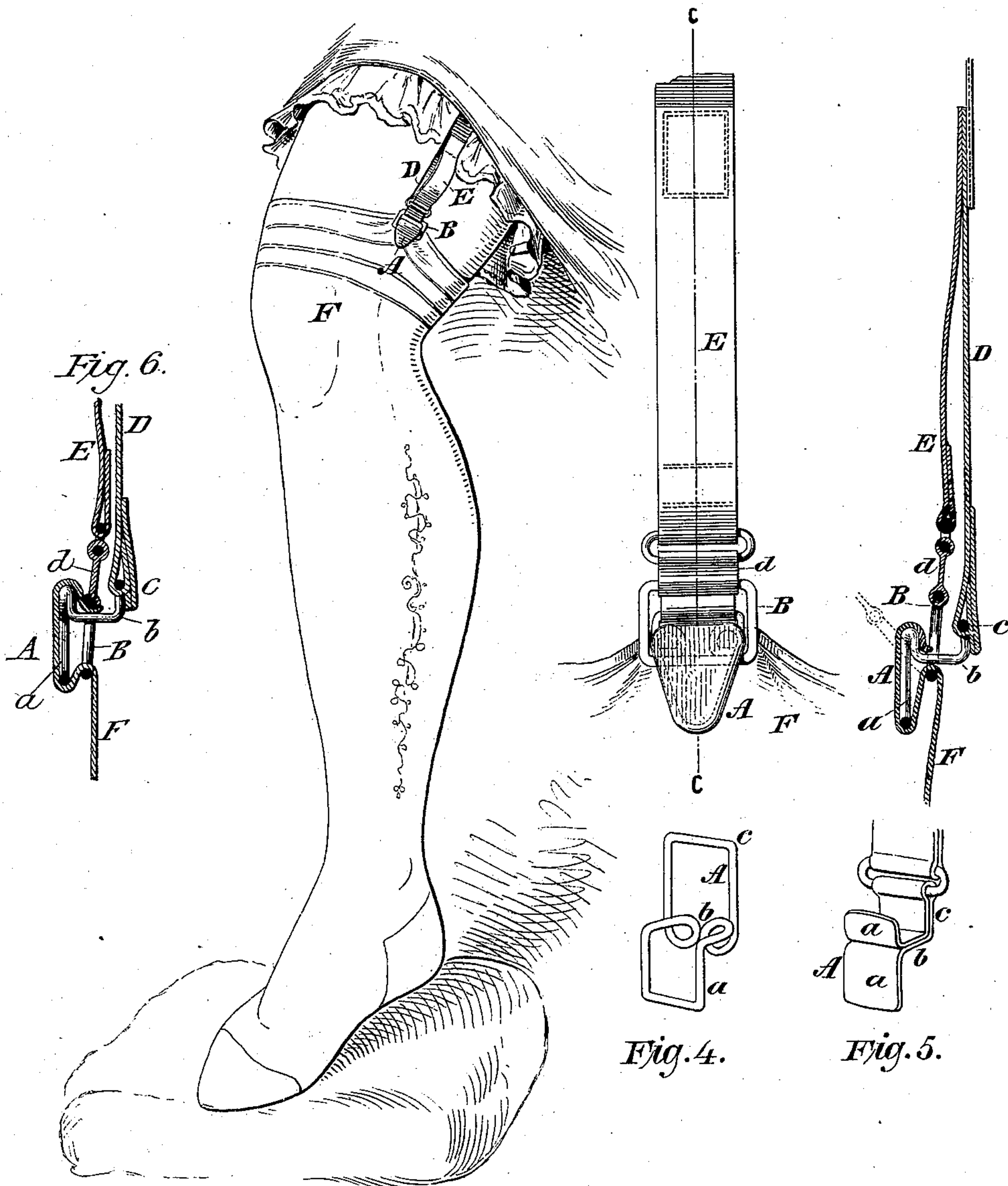
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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SHERWOOD B. FERRIS, of Lakewood, Ocean county, New Jersey, have invented an Improved Stocking-Fastener, of which the following is a complete specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved fastener. Fig. 2 is a face view, and Fig. 3 a longitudinal section, thereof. Figs. 4 and 5 are perspective views of modifications in the construction of the button part thereof, and Fig. 6 is a longitudinal section showing the fastener in position on the garment.

This invention relates to a new fastener for holding up stockings and other garments, and has for its object to avoid cutting or injury to the fabric, economy in the manufacture of the fastener, and ease in its adjustment.

The invention consists in combining in such a fastener a "button" or cloth-receiver having its shank located nearer its upper than its lower end with a loop or cloth-retainer which is shorter than the covered face of said button.

The invention also consists in further details of improvement that are hereinafter more fully described.

When in this specification I speak of the "upper" and "lower" part of the button I have reference to its position on a stocking; but as the device is useful in other places this reference is simply descriptive of one use, and not intended as a limitation.

In the drawings, the letter A represents the button part or cloth-receiver, and B the "loop" part or cloth retainer, of the fastener. The button part A has a head or face-piece, *a*, on a shank, *b*, the said shank having a loop, *c*, or the like, by which it is secured to a strap, D. The shank *b* is so placed with reference to the face-piece *a* that it is nearer the upper than the lower end of said face-piece. The loop part B is a plain loop of wire or the like adapted to be slipped over the face-piece *a* of the button, as by dotted lines in Fig. 3, and to be then drawn under the face-piece by the draft of the garment, as by full lines in Fig. 6. The loop B is by a link, *d*, or directly, if de-

sired, secured to a strap, E. The button part A may be constructed of wire, as in Figs. 2, 3, and 4, of sheet metal, as in Fig. 5, or of other suitable material. Its face-piece *a* may be of triangular, quadrangular, circular, oval, or other form.

In use the part *a* of the button is placed under the garment F and surrounded by part thereof, and thereupon the loop B is put over the covered button by first inclining it and then swinging it parallel thereto. The length of the loop B is less than that of the covered button, so it cannot spontaneously slip off, the draft of the garment drawing the loop behind the face-piece, as in Fig. 6, thereby locking the fastener on the garment; but it can easily be tilted off, when desired, by first raising it, as in Fig. 3, in which operation the link *d* materially assists.

The straps D should be shorter than the straps E, so that the button may hold the garment tight. The straps E and D extend, of course, in the same direction.

Having now described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The button A, having shank *b* and face-piece *a*, said face-piece projecting from both sides of the shank, but farther in one direction than in the other, and means for attaching it to a strap, in combination with the loop B, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The button A, having shank *b* and face-piece *a*, said face-piece projecting farther from one side of the shank than from the other, and means, *c*, for attaching it to a strap, in combination with the loop B and link *d* thereon, as specified.

3. The strap D, combined with the button A, having face-piece *a*, extending farther from its shank *b* in the direction away from said strap than toward said strap, in combination with the loop B and strap E, the strap D being shorter than the strap E, as specified.

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