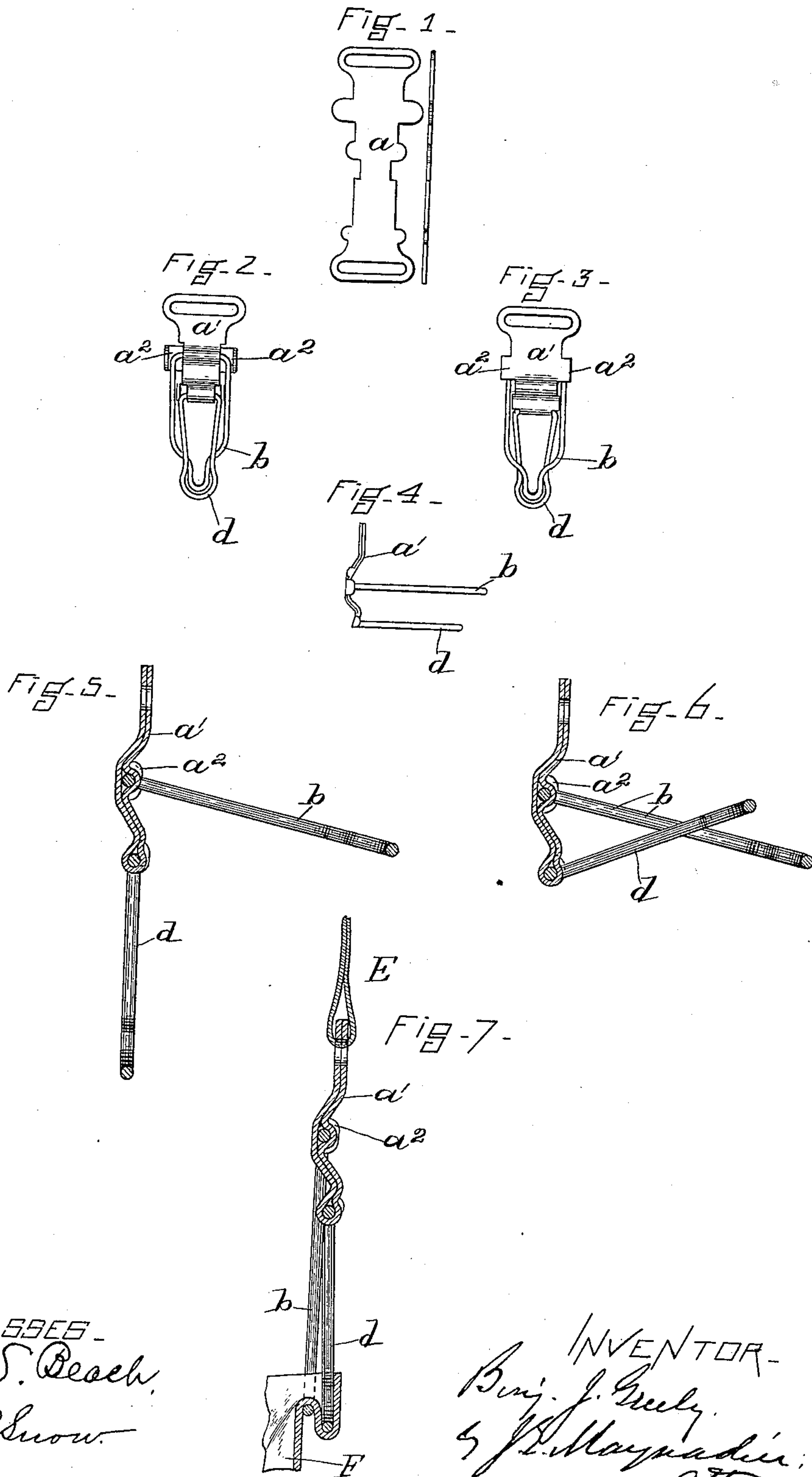


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN J. GREELY, of 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows (plan and edge view) the blank which I prefer to use in making my new garment-supporter. Fig. 2 shows one side, and Fig. 3 shows the other side, of the preferred form of my new garment-supporter. Fig. 4 is an edge view of the same, and Figs. 5, 6, and 7 are enlarged views, partly in section, of the same.

My invention is a garment-supporter made up of parts combined and operating substantially as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, *a* is the preferred form of blank of sheet metal from which I make the base-piece *a'* by folding the blank as shown in the drawings.

b is a loop loosely secured to the base-piece *a'*, and *d* is a tongue, also loosely secured to the base-piece and adapted to pass through the loop and to engage the loop near its free end, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 7.

When in use, my supporter is worn with that side shown in Fig. 2 toward the wearer, and is supported by a webbing, E, or the like, fast to the base-piece. The garment, F, to be

supported is placed between the loop *b* and tongue *d*, and the tongue *d* is then pushed against the garment through loop *b* and past the free end of the loop, carrying a portion of the garment through the loop, as shown in Fig. 7. Tension upon the webbing and garment keeps the tongue, garment, and loop in engagement, the stops *a'* preventing the loop from turning out of line with the base-piece away from the person of the wearer. To unfasten the garment the tension is relaxed and the tongue is moved back through the loop.

It will be plain to all skilled in the art that my supporter may be made wholly of wire or wholly of sheet metal, or partially of wire and partially of sheet metal, as preferred.

I am aware of Braddock's patent, No. 278,493, dated May 29, 1883, and disclaim all that is shown in it.

What I claim is—

In combination, base-piece *a'*, having stops *a'*, loop *b*, and tongue *d*, the loop and tongue being loosely secured to the base-piece, and the tongue passing through and past the end of the loop and engaging therewith to secure the garment, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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