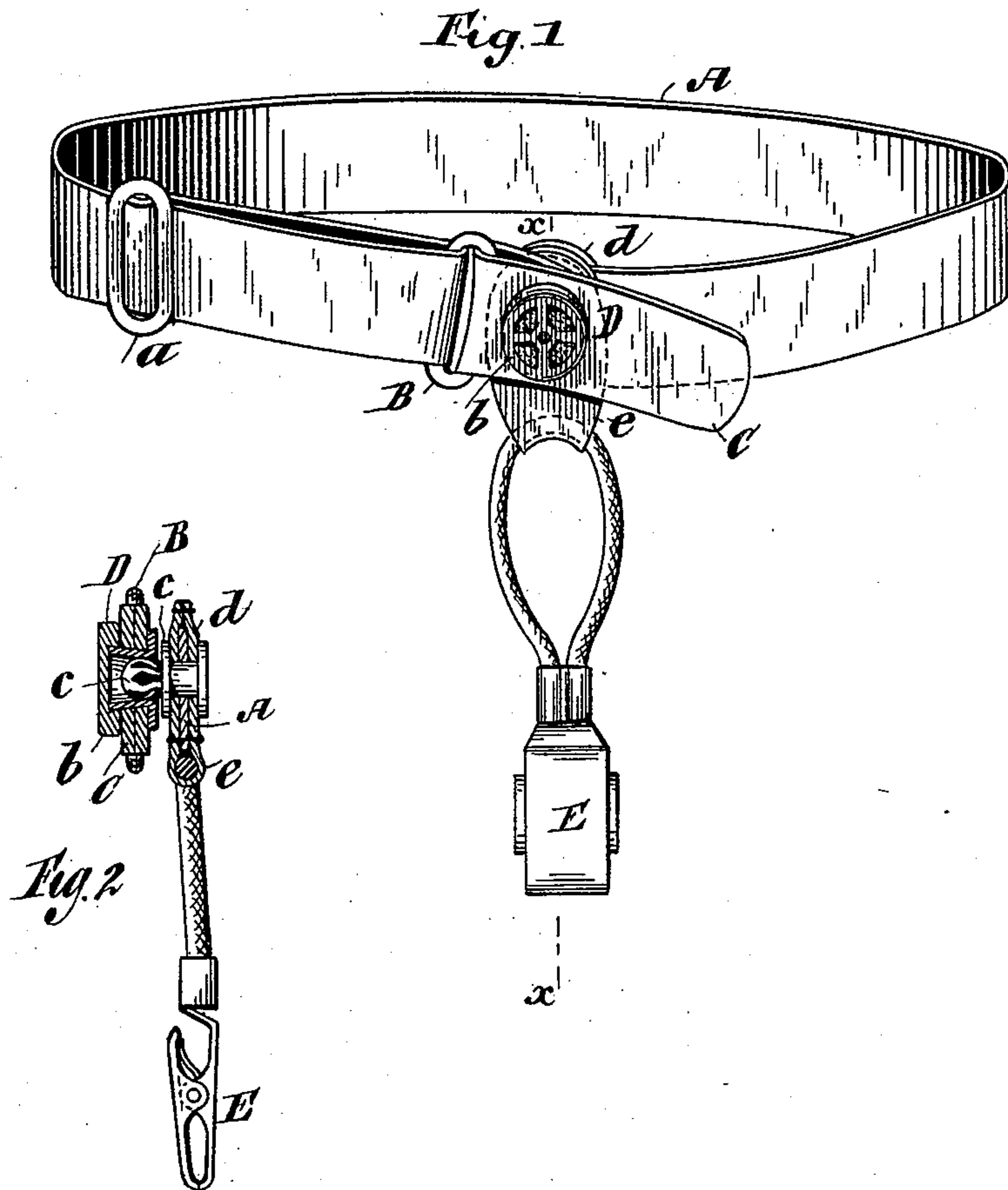


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN M. RABITTE, residing at Rossville, in the county of Richmond and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stocking-Supporters or Garters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to improvements in supporters for stockings, or it may be used upon the arm for the purpose of holding a shirt-sleeve; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter set forth, and illustrated in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a garter embodying my improvements; and Fig. 2 is a section through the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A designates a band, preferably of flexible webbing material, having one of its ends provided with a slide *a* and looped through an elongated metal ring B. By means of the slide *a* the band may be adjusted to any required size in the ordinary manner. A finger and fastener strip C is secured to the ring B by means of the portion *b* of a clasp or fastener which is designed to engage the portion *c* of the clasp on the opposite end of the band A. The strip C is non-elastic, and is preferably of leather or similar close-grained material, so that it will not tear out or break, and a similar piece of stay material *d* is secured to the opposite end of the band for the reception of the portion *c* of the clasp. The clasp D, comprising the portions *b c*, is not my invention, and it is obvious that any other suitable clasp may be substituted therefor in my combination.

E designates a spring-actuated clasp of any well-known construction depending by means of a flexible attachment from a loop *e*, formed at the lower end of the stay-piece *d*. This

clasp E is designed to engage the material and support short hose or stockings, or, when the device is used upon the arm, the clasp may engage the material of a shirt-sleeve, and for the latter use it may be preferable to make the attachment to the main portion or band A, of elastic material.

The garter herein described is easily placed in position, and, owing to the non-elastic finger-piece and stay-piece, will wear longer than would be possible were the fastening secured directly to the elastic band. By simply pulling outward on the finger-piece the clasp D is disengaged and the band may be removed with the stocking.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A garment-support consisting of a band, a non-elastic flexible finger-strip secured to one end thereof, a portion of a clasp thereon, a non-elastic flexible stay-piece secured to the opposite end of the band and having a loop portion, a portion of a clasp on said stay-piece, and a spring-actuated clasp having a flexible connection with the loop of the stay-piece, substantially as specified.

2. A garment-supporter consisting of an elastic band having a ring at one end, a non-elastic flexible finger-strip secured to said ring, a clasp portion on said finger-piece, a non-elastic flexible stay-piece secured to the opposite end of the elastic band and having a loop, a clasp portion on said stay-piece, a flexible connection in said loop, and a clasp at the lower end of the flexible connection, substantially as specified.

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