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Fig. 1.

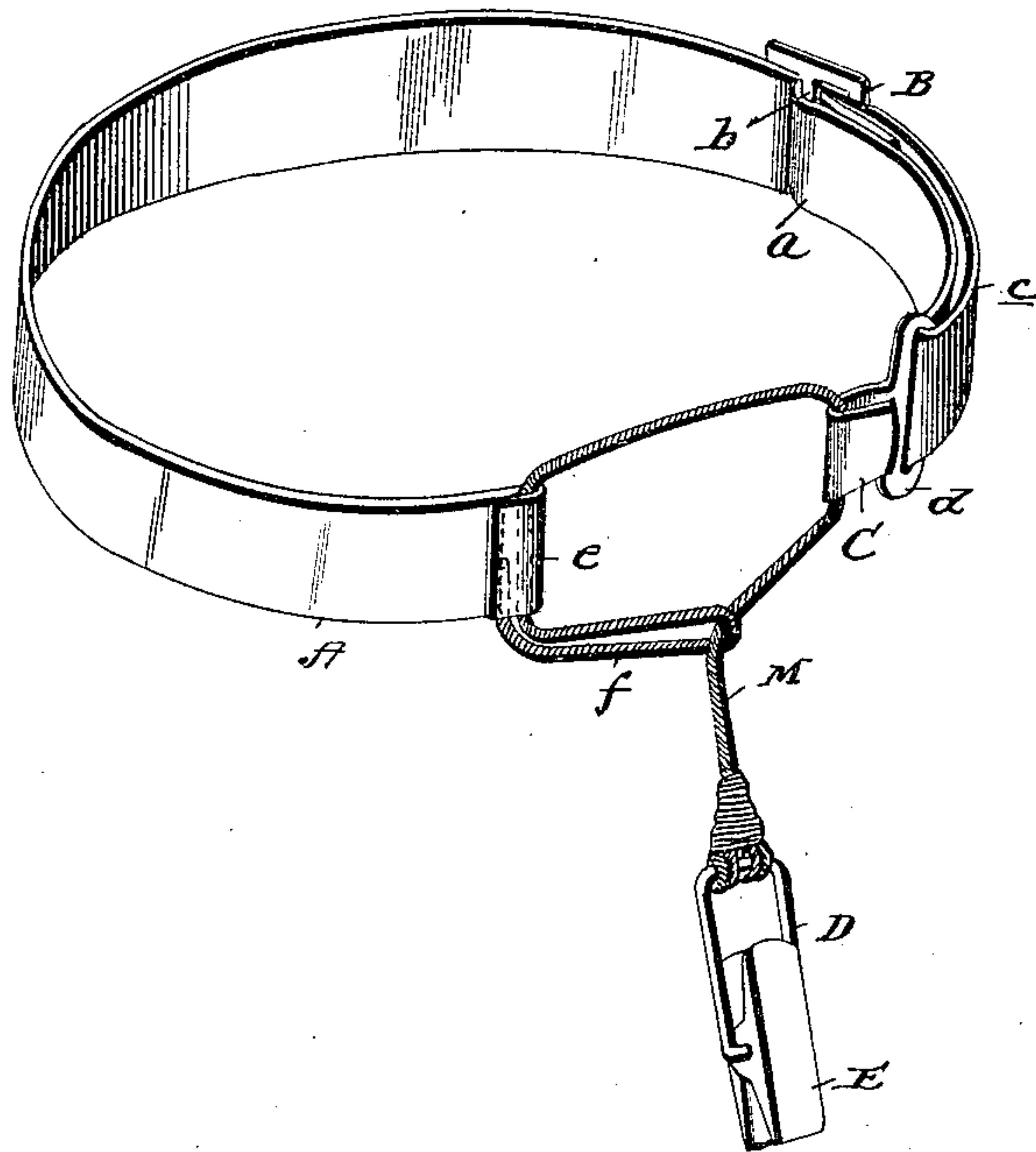


Fig. 2.

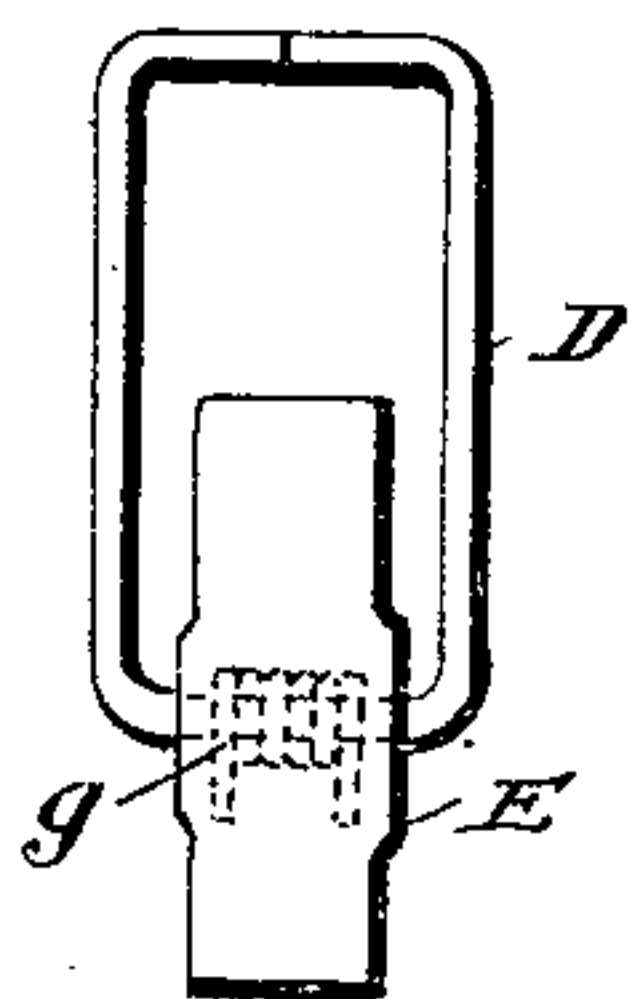
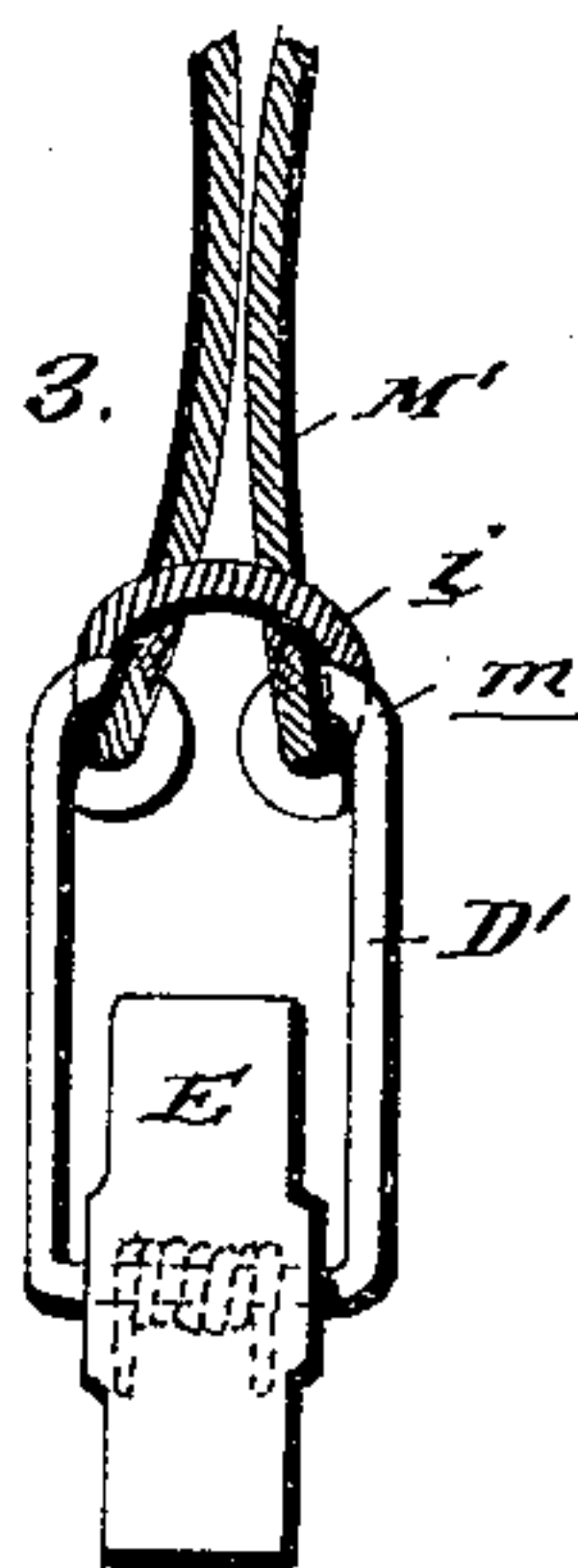


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE J. CLINE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Goshen, in the county of Elkhart and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; and I do 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 has relation to improvements in that class of garment-supporters designed more especially for supporting hose; and it has for its primary object to provide a supporter in which the downward draft or pull of the hose will serve to tighten the band about the limb of the wearer and prevent the objectionable downward sagging of the said band.

A further object of the invention is to effect a strong and durable connection of the hose-engaging clasp to the depending cord of the limb-encircling band.

To the attainment of the foregoing and other objects the invention consists in the peculiar construction, certain novel combinations, and the adaptation of parts hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims appended.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved supporter complete. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail elevation of the hose-engaging clasp and its loop removed, and Fig. 3 is a detail elevation of a clasp having a modified form of loop for the attachment of the cord.

Referring by letter to the said drawings, and more particularly to Figs. 1 and 2 thereof, A indicates the limb-encircling band of my improved supporter, which is preferably formed of elastic webbing and has a loop *a* at one of its ends designed to engage the bar *b* of the adjustable buckle B, which buckle is mounted upon the band, as shown, and is adapted to be adjusted to increase or diminish the size or length of the same.

Loosely connected to the loop *c*, formed by connecting the end of the band A to the bar of the buckle B, is the loop-eye *d* of the hook C, which engages the cord M, as shown. This cord M is suitably connected to the end *e* of the band A at one end and at an intermedi-

ate point in its length to form the loop *f*, through which it passes after taking over the hook C, as shown. By thus connecting the cord M to the band A it will be perceived that when the free end of the said cord is pulled downwardly the end of the band carrying the hook C will be drawn toward the opposite end of said band, which is consequently tightened about the limb of the wearer, so as to obviate the objectionable downward sagging of that portion of the band to which the cord is connected, which is highly desirable.

D indicates the loop of the clasp E, which is suitably connected to the cord M and is of a general rectangular form, as shown, the members of the said clasp being pivotally mounted upon the lower cross-bar of the loop, as is also the coiled spring *g*, for normally holding the engaging ends of the clasp members together, whereby it will be seen that the clasp may be swung at right angles to the loop by pressing on the upper end of said loop, so as to enable the user to readily grasp the handle ends of the clasp members and open the same in placing it in engagement with or disengaging it from the hose.

In Fig. 3 of the drawings I have illustrated a clasp E, having a loop D', the upper ends of which are formed into the eyes *m*, as shown. The ends of the cord M', used in conjunction with this form of loop, are passed through the eyes *m* to form the loop *i*, through which loop the said ends are passed, whereby it will be perceived that a strong and secure connection is effected. The cord M' is connected to the limb-encircling band in the same manner as the cord M, and a further description of the same is therefore deemed unnecessary.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have provided a garment-supporter of an exceedingly cheap and simple construction and one adapted to be readily applied to use to securely hold a stocking or other garment in position.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, the garment-supporter described, comprising the limb-encircling band, the hook secured to one end thereof, the cord passing through the

hook and also connected with the opposite
end of the limb-encircling band and provided
with loop *f*, the buckle mounted on said band,
the loop *c*, formed by connecting one end of
5 the band to the buckle, the clamp on the free
end of the cord comprising the two members,
the loop connecting said clamp to said cord,
and a spring also mounted upon the free end
of the loop and pressing against the members
10 of the clamp, all adapted to operate substan-
tially as specified.

2. In a garment-supporter substantially as
described, the combination, with the cord, of
the loop of a general rectangular form hav-
15 ing one of its ends connected to the cord, and
the clasp comprising the two members pivot-
ally mounted upon the free end of the loop
and adapted to turn within said loop, and the

spring also mounted on the free end of the
loop, substantially as specified. 20

3. In a garment-supporter substantially as
described, the combination, with the clasp
and the loop formed from a piece of wire and
carrying the clasp and having its free ends
formed into the eyes *m*, of the cord having 25
its ends passed through the eyes of the loop
to form the loop *i* and then passed through
the said loop *i*, substantially as and for the
purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in 30
presence of two witnesses.

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