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GARMENT SUPPORTER.

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Fig. 1.

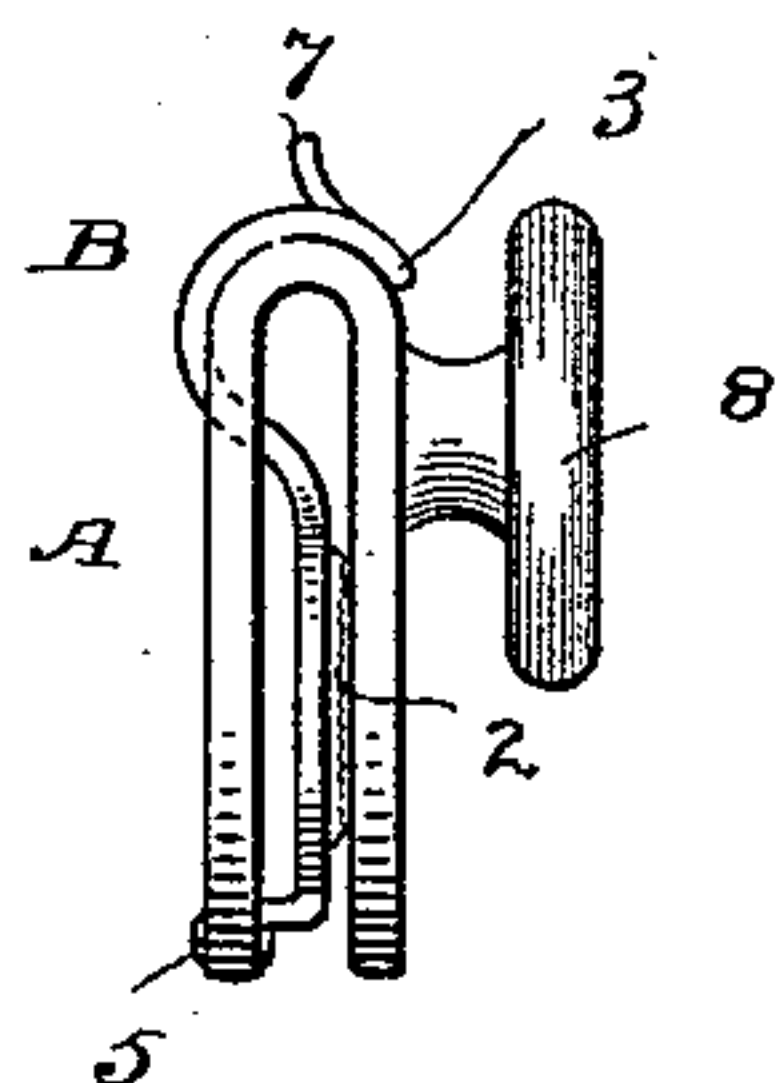


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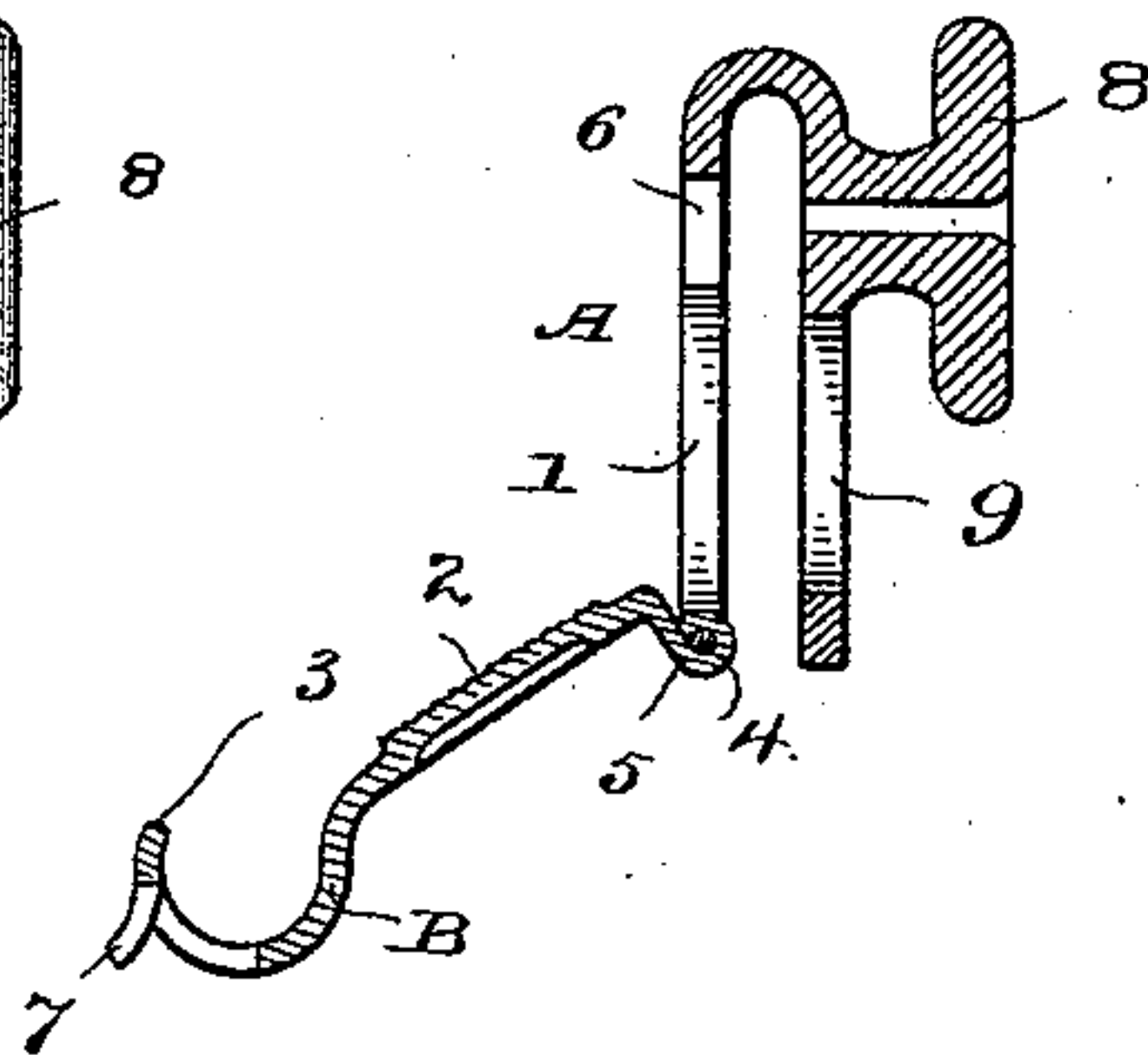


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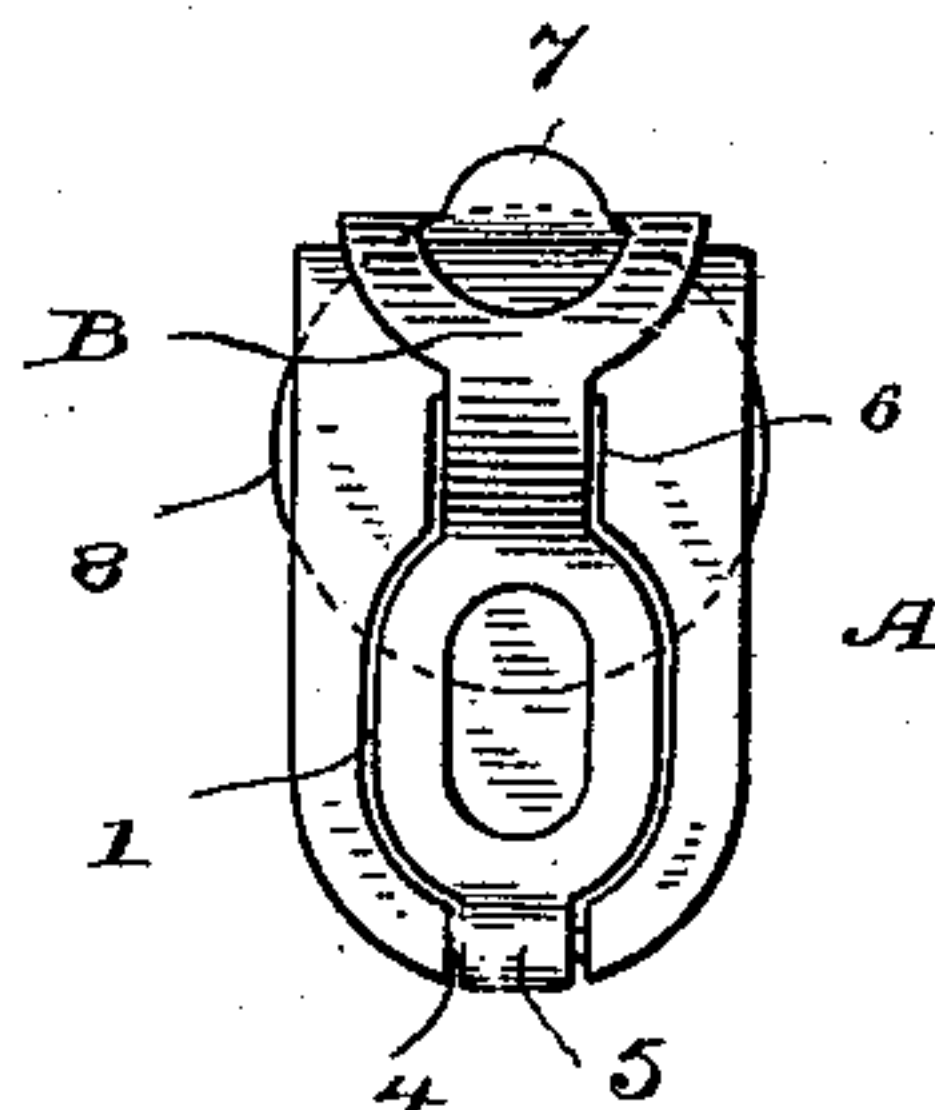


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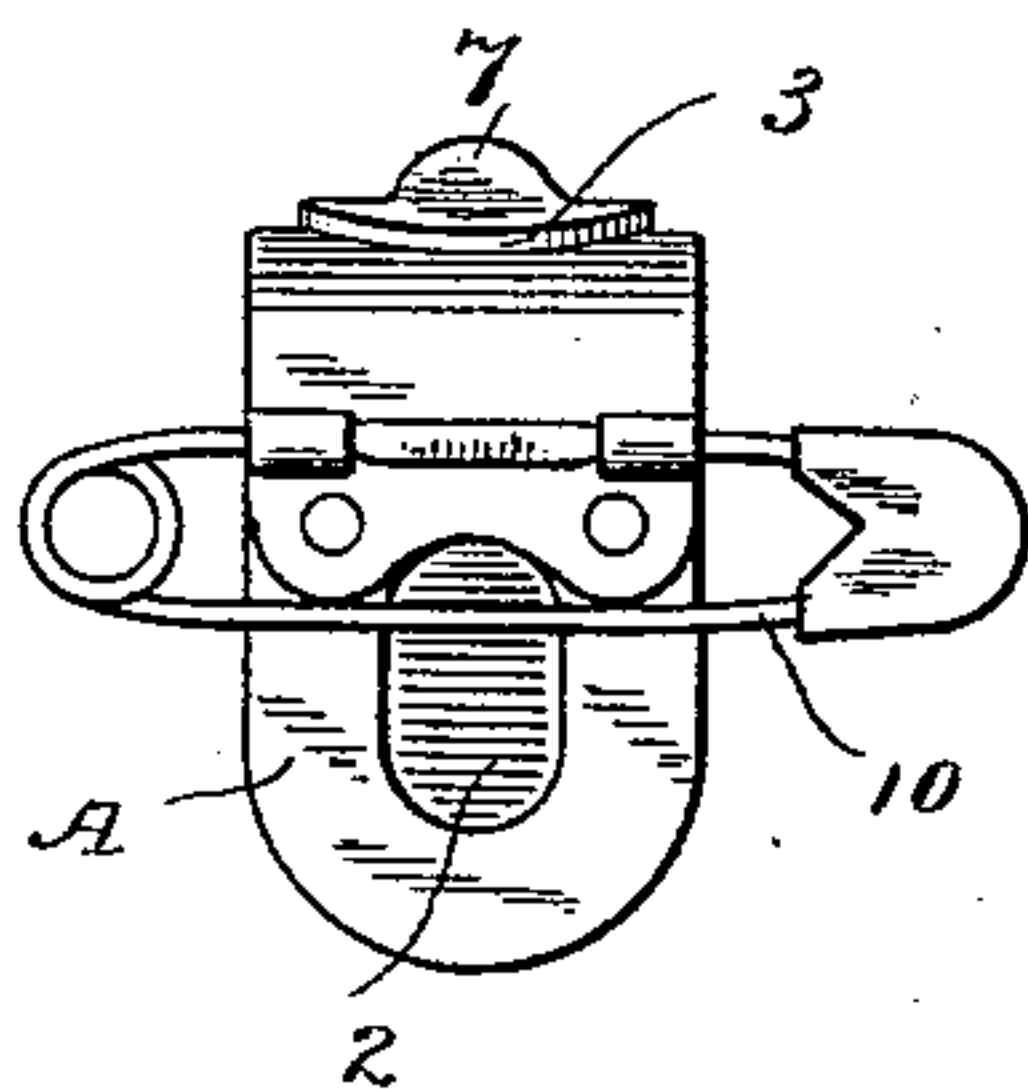


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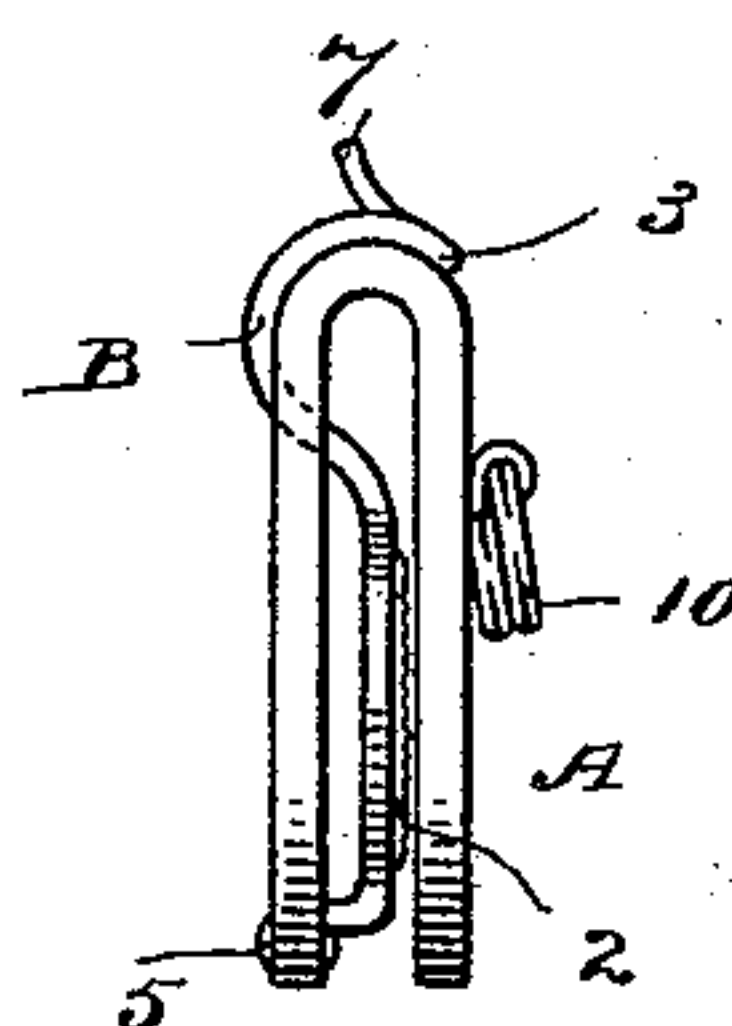


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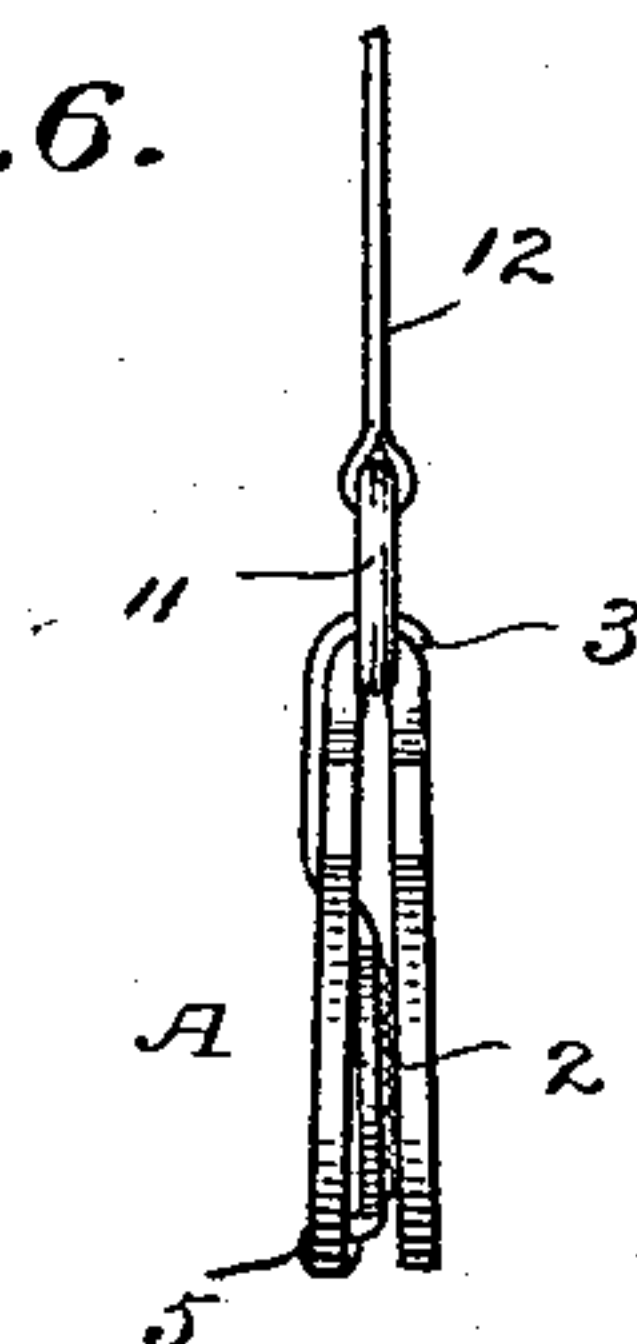
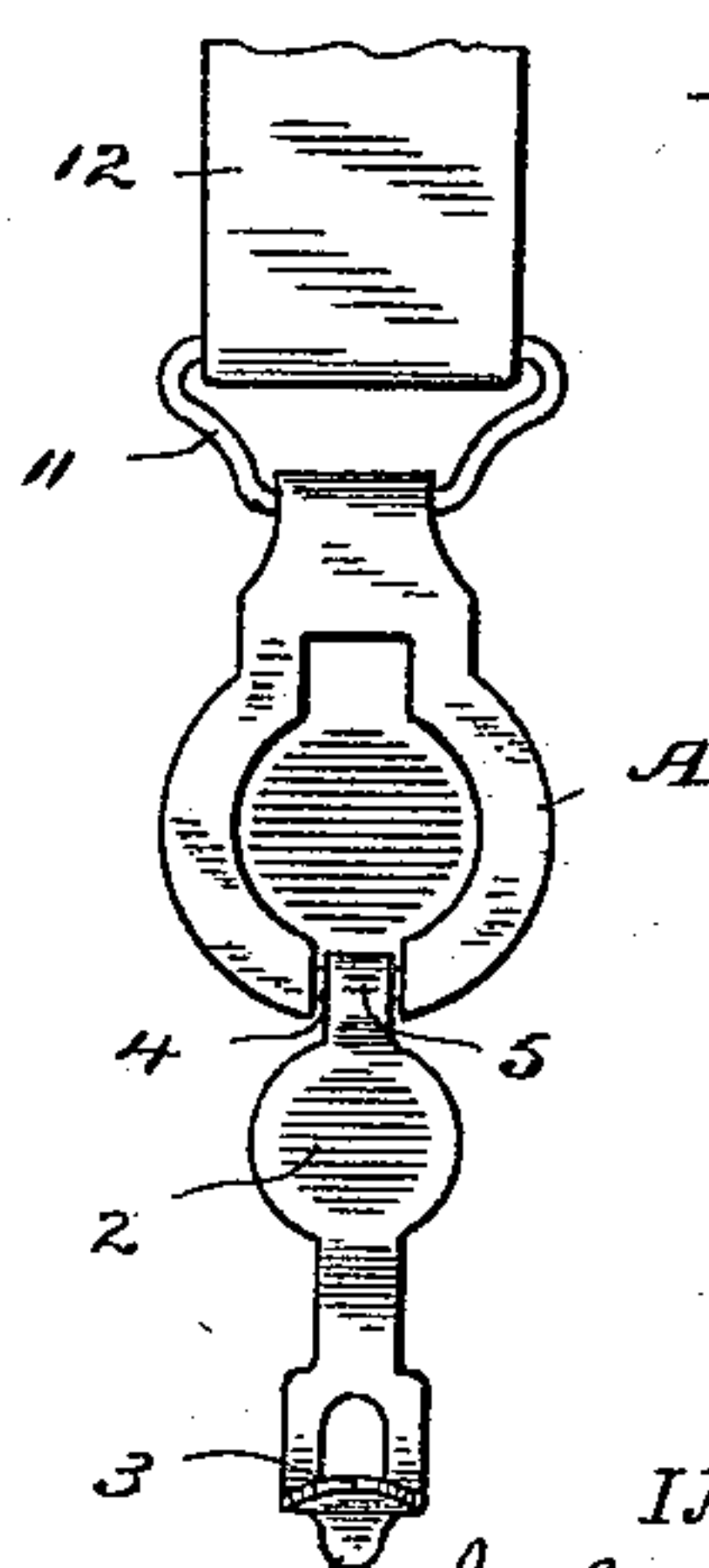


Fig. 7.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. PETTIBONE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ansonia, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; and I do hereby 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 for its object to provide a supporter adapted for general use as a stocking, drawers, or trousers supporter, and which shall be especially valuable as a stocking-supporter, my novel supporter being simple and inexpensive to produce, easy to operate in clasping or unclasping a stocking or other garment, and so constructed that it will hold a garment securely against any strain that can ordinarily be applied, but at the same time, should great strain be applied, will permit the garment to slip without tearing.

With these ends in view I have devised the simple and novel supporter which I will now describe, referring by numerals and letters to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figures 1, 2, and 3 are respectively a side elevation, a front elevation, and a section, on an enlarged scale, of a form of my novel supporter especially adapted for use upon trousers. Figs. 4 and 5 are respectively front and side elevations of a form especially adapted for drawers-supporters, and Figs. 6 and 7 are respectively a side elevation in the closed position and a front elevation in the open position of a form especially adapted for stocking-supporters.

My novel supporter consists, essentially, of a loop of metal, (denoted by A,) which is adapted to pass on opposite sides of the stocking or other garment to be supported and is provided in its outer side with an opening 1, and a clasp B, which is pivoted at the lower end of the opening, is provided with an engaging-plate 2, preferably corrugated on its inner face and adapted to pass through the opening, and with a catch 3, which is adapted to engage the top of the loop and hold the clasp in the engaged position. It will of

course be understood that the details of construction may be changed to an almost unlimited extent without departing from the principle of my invention. I preferably hinge the clasp to the loop in the manner shown in the drawings—that is to say, the metal at the lower end, at the front side of the loop, is cut away and rounded, as at 4, and the lower end of the clasp is provided with a strip 5, which is curved around the rounded part 4 of loop A, thereby forming the hinge, as clearly shown in the several figures of the drawings. The opening in the front side of the loop may be of any preferred shape. In certain of the figures I have shown the front side of the loop as provided with a circular opening and in other figures as provided with an oval opening and have shown the engaging-plate 2 as shaped to correspond, substantially, with the opening. At the upper end of the opening is an extension 6 of said opening, which receives the shank of the clasp. It will be seen that the shank of the clasp is curved inward, so as to cause the engaging-plate to lie parallel with and close to the back plate of the loop when in the closed position.

The operation is as follows: The catch is disengaged from the top of the loop and the clasp thrown outward. The stocking or other garment to be held is then passed upward between the sides of the loop and the clasp turned to the closed position, as shown, thereby locking the stocking or other garment securely in place and preventing it from slipping out until the clasp is disengaged again. I preferably form a finger-piece 7 for convenience in operation upon the top of the catch, said finger-piece being formed by simply striking up a lip of metal upon the top of the catch.

In Figs. 1, 2, and 3 I have shown the back plate of my novel catch as provided with a button 8, which is adapted to be engaged by a suspender-loop, this form being especially adapted for use as a trousers-button, the trousers being passed between the sides of the loop and the clasp being operated in the usual manner. In this form I have shown the back plate of the loop as provided with an opening 9, registering with opening 1, but smaller. This opening may or may not be used. It simply permits a portion of the trousers or other gar-

ment to be pressed into the opening, so as to permit the catch to engage the top of the loop more easily if the garment is thick.

5 In Figs. 4 and 5 I have shown a form in which the back plate is provided with an ordinary safety-pin 10. This form is especially adapted for use as a drawers-supporter, the supporter being attached to the trousers by means of the safety-pin and the drawers being
10 engaged by the clasp in the same manner as a stocking.

In Figs. 6 and 7 I have shown the top of the loop as provided with an engaging-loop 11, in which is secured one of the side strips 12 of
15 a side garter.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A garment-supporter consisting of a loop of metal adapted to pass on opposite sides of the garment, said loop having an opening in the 20 front plate, a clasp pivoted at the lower end of the opening, and provided with an engaging-plate adapted to pass through said opening and lie close to the back plate, and a catch engaging the top of the loop in the 25 closed position, whereby the garment is retained.

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

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