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Fig. 1

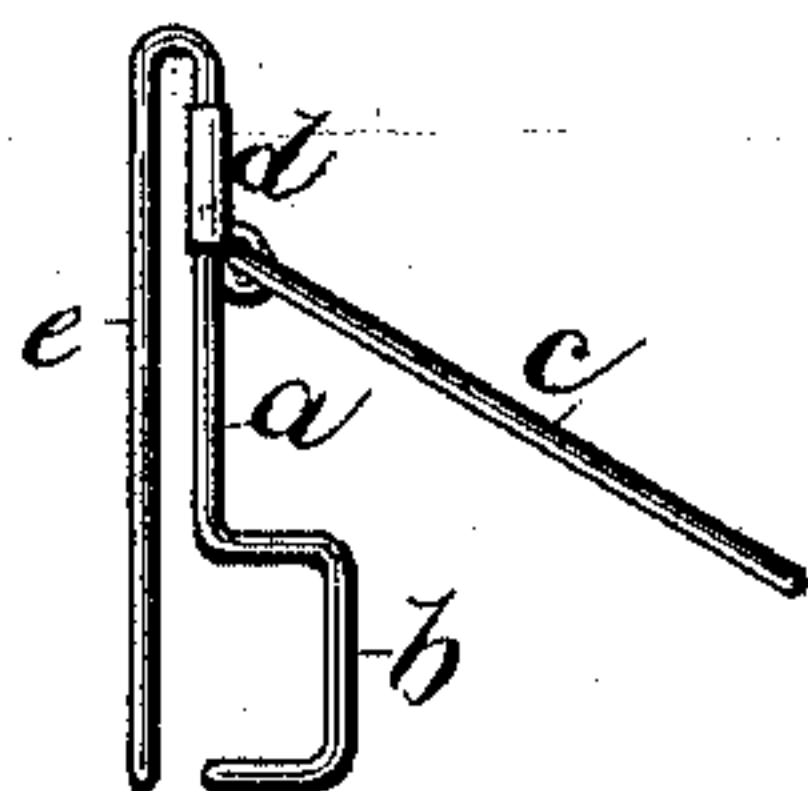


Fig. 2

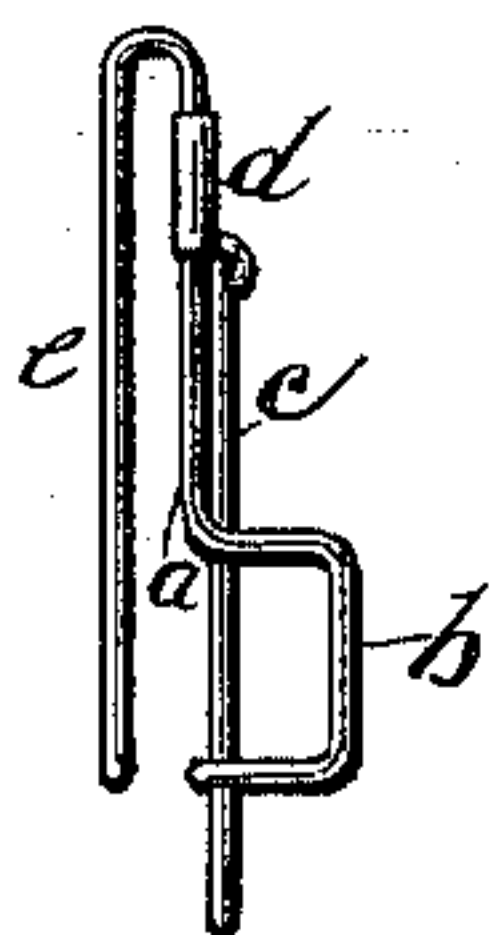


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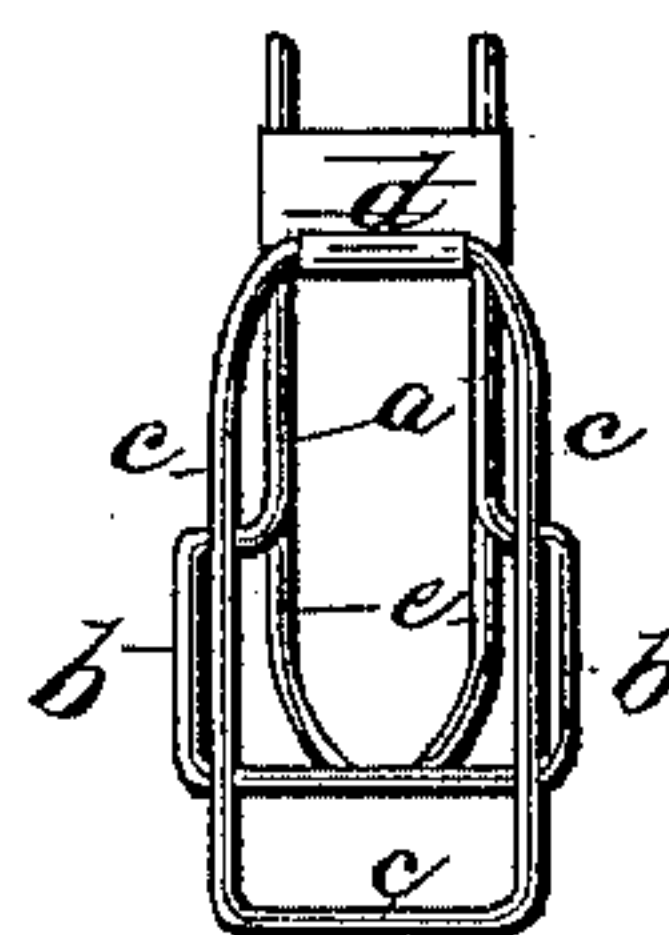


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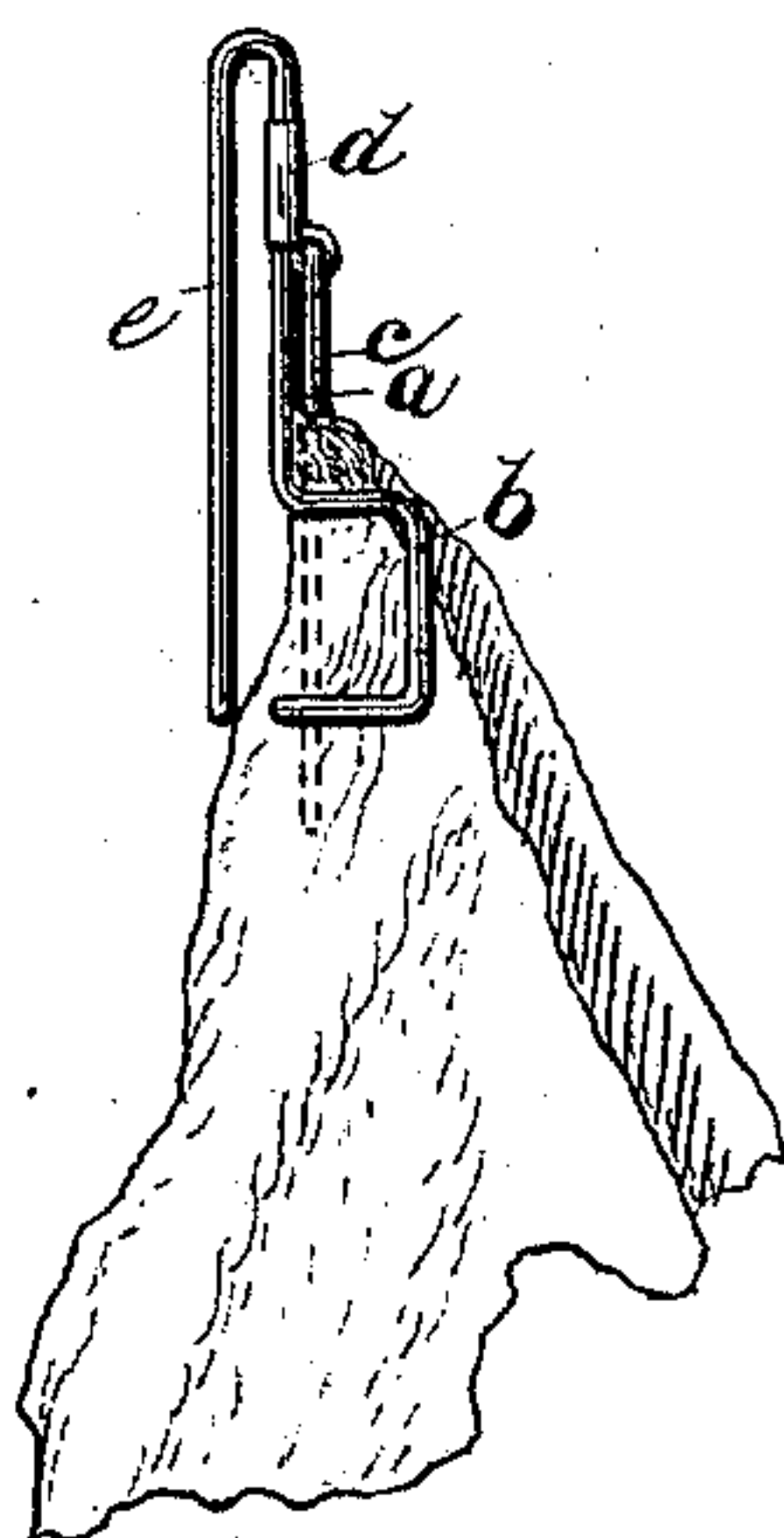


Fig. 5

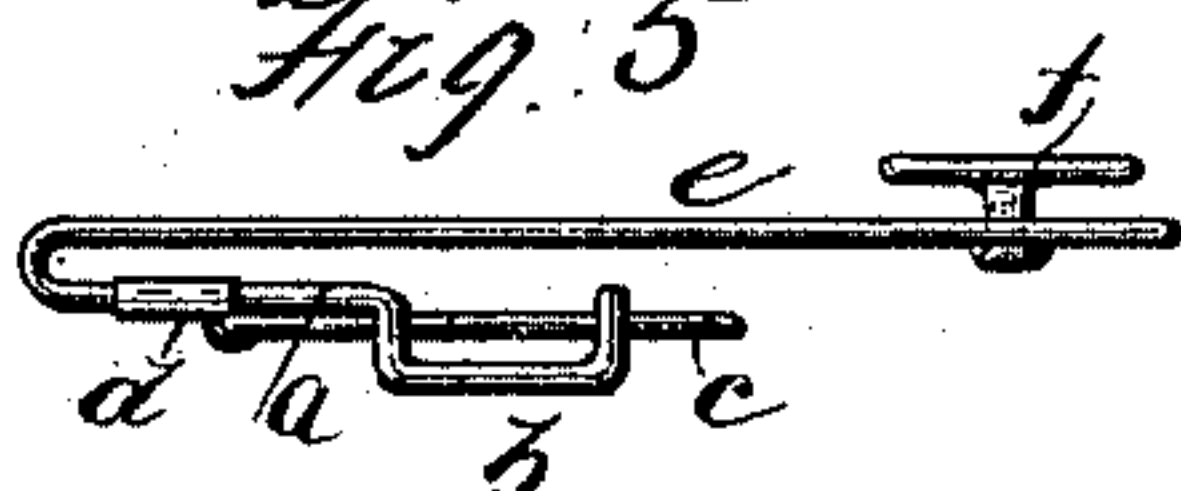
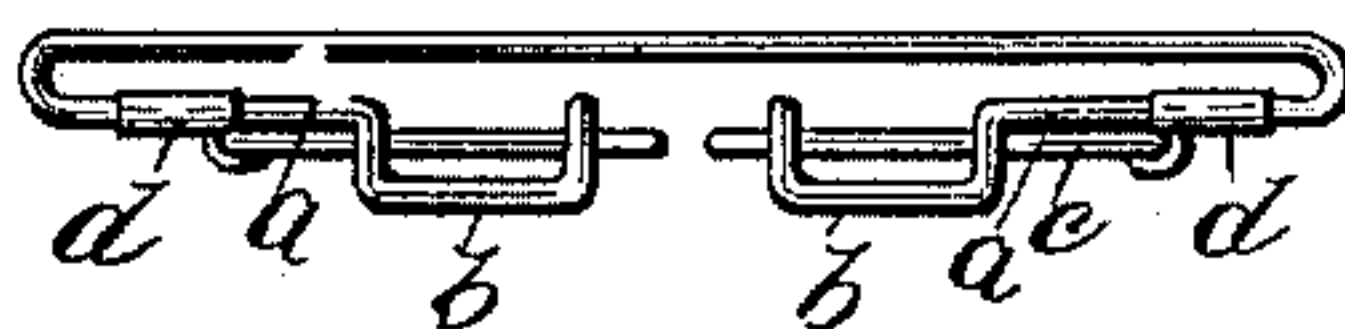


Fig. 6



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN EDWARD OHRNSTEDT, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in Middletown, in the county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Clasps, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and letters of reference marked thereon.

In the drawings like letters of reference indicating like parts, Figure 1 is a side view of my device with the latch open. Fig. 2 is a like view with the latch closed. Fig. 3 is a face view of the device with the latch in closed position. Fig. 4 is a side view with the latch closed showing a piece of textile material clasped between the latch and body portion of the device. Fig. 5 is a side view of a modification, wherein a stud is substituted for the hook, and Fig. 6 is a side view of a double clasp.

In detail *a* indicates the main or body portion; *b* side wings; *c* the latch pivotally mounted upon the body portion and arranged to rest when closed between the wings *b*; *d* the latch supporting plate to which the latch is pivoted or hinged; and *e* the bent over or hooked portion.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, easily operative and inexpensive clasp by which any portion of a garment may be clasped and firmly held without danger of tearing or necessity of puncturing the material, and my invention consists of the construction herein set forth.

The form of device illustrated in the drawings in Figs. 1 to 4 inclusive is especially adapted for supporting gentlemen's drawers, and the application or operation of the device will be readily seen, the upper portion of the drawers being clasped between the latch *c* and wings *b* and the hooked or bent over portion *e* being passed over the pants waistband. It will readily be seen, however, that the form or shape of the hook or bent over portion *e* may be varied so as to engage garments of different construction, and the method of the engagement of the material between the latch and wings be utilized.

I prefer that the whole device be constructed of wire as more clearly shown in Fig. 3, and that the latch *c* be pivoted to the upper portion of the body *a* by means of a sheet metal

bridge *d* which extends from wire to wire of the body portion and is bent over and tightly clasped around these wires. The lower portion is bent outwardly to form a loop in which the upper portion of the latch enters and is thus pivoted and the opposite end is left free to move away from and toward the body of the device. It is found that with this construction the material is bound so tightly between the wings and latch that a comparatively light construction may be employed. The weight, however, of the material may be varied to meet any desired condition or strain. If the material to be engaged between the wings and latch is thick and heavy then the wings should be constructed to project a greater distance from the body than if the material be thin and light.

It will readily be seen, as before stated, that the same construction of latch and wings may be employed if some other means of connecting the opposite end of the device to the garment be adopted, and in Fig. 5 I have illustrated a different construction wherein a button or stud *f* is employed in place of the hook *e*, and it will be readily seen that this button or stud may be made integral with the extension or may be made separable as desired. It will also be seen that a double clasp may be employed as shown in Fig. 6, thus adapting the device for a stocking support, one latch engaging the stocking and the other latch engaging the portion of the undergarment above it or engaging the strap frequently worn.

Having, therefore, described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A garment clasp, comprising a closed wire, approximately rectangular in plan view, bent back at one end to form a hook for supporting the clasp upon the edge of an upper garment or waist band, and at the other end having forwardly projecting wings to receive the border of the lower garment, and comprising also a plate secured across said wire and turned up at one edge to form a bearing, and a latch pivoted in said bearing and adapted to close down upon the lower garment within the wings, substantially as described.

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