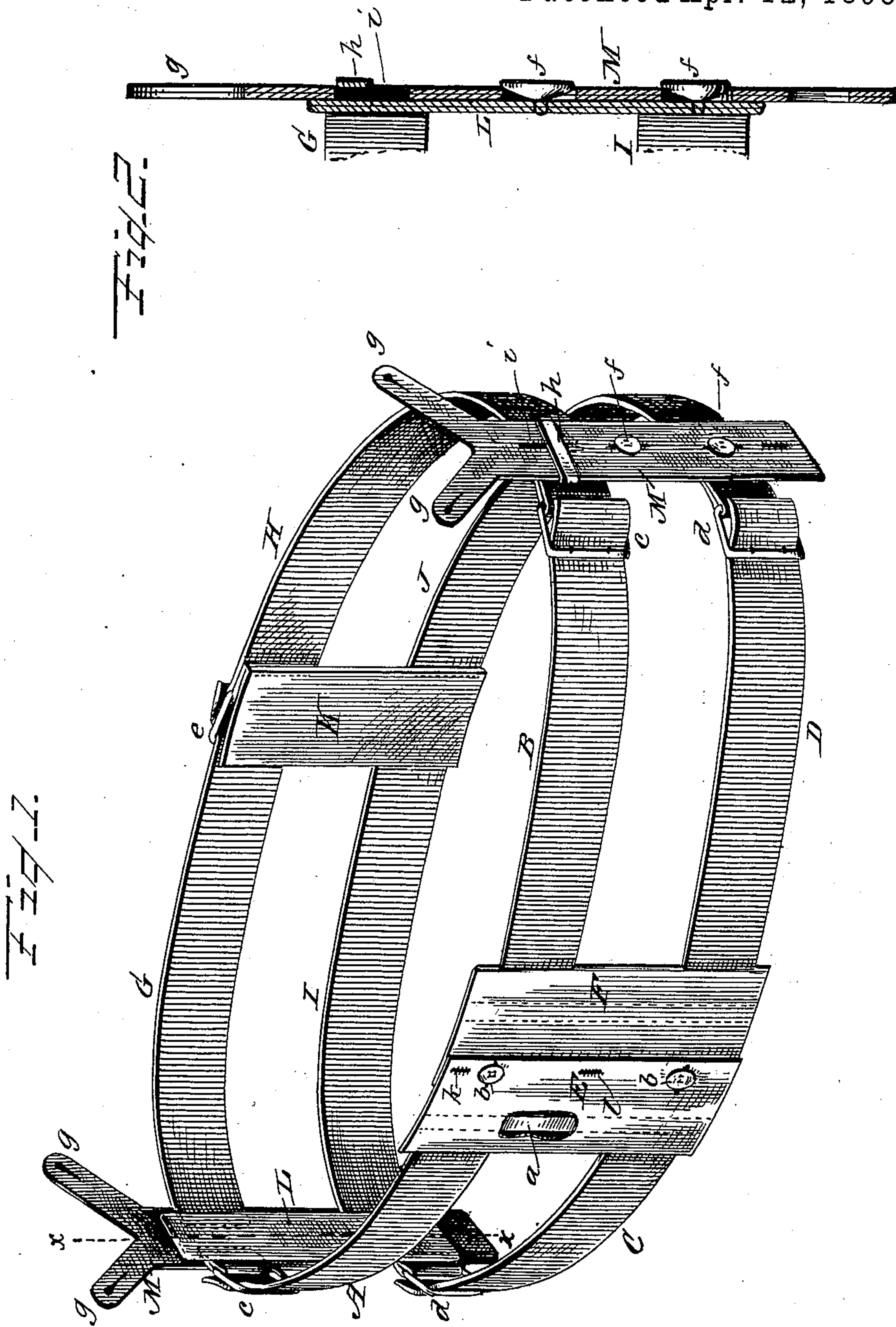


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALVA S. GRIMM, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Mary's, in the county of Pleasants and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The present invention has for its object to provide a simple and effective device for supporting garments; and it consists in the several details of construction, substantially as shown in the drawings and hereinafter described and claimed.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a perspective view of my improved garment-supporter; Fig. 2, a sectional elevation taken on line *x x* of Fig. 1 and on an enlarged scale.

In the accompanying drawings the belt, which is adapted to be secured around the pelvis, is composed of the belt-sections A B and C D, which sections are connected together at their ends to bearing-supports E F of any suitable soft material, which have interposed springs *a* to stiffen them. The two bearing-supports E F are detachably connected together by suitable buttons *b* or by any other well-known means, and support E is provided with additional buttonholes *k l* to connect it to the inner side of the garment.

The opposite ends of the belt-sections A B are connected to similar belt-sections G H by means of buckles *c*, and the belt-sections C D are connected to belt-sections I J by means of buckles *d*. The opposite ends of the belt-sections H J have secured to ends a pad K, which is adapted to bear against the back of the wearer and may be of any suitable material adapted to the purpose. The belt-sections G I are connected to the belt-sections H J by means of buckles *e*, which buckles are for the purpose of adjusting the belt so as to adapt it to the wearer. To the belt-sections G H and I J are secured the braces L, which are provided with buttons or any other well-known fastenings for detachably connecting thereto the hangers M. These hangers, which are provided with fastening-tongues *g* at their upper ends, extend through guide-loops *h*, secured to the braces L to retain the upper ends of the hangers in position.

In applying the supporter to the wearer the belt is fastened around the waist by means of the buckles hereinbefore described, which belt would assume the position shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. Upon the inner side of the waistband of the pants or other convenient place, at points opposite each other, are three buttons which are arranged with relation to each other, so as to engage with the buttonholes *g i* when securing the garment thereto. Buttons are also provided upon the inner side of the pants, at the front thereof, to engage the buttonholes *k l*, and when the several buttons upon the inner side of the garment engage with the buttonholes, as above described, the garment will be securely held in position on the wearer without the aid of the usual suspenders.

In place of the buckles *c d* to adjust the belt-sections to bring the hangers in the proper position the braces L and the hangers M may be rendered adjustable upon said sections by any well-known means best adapted to the purpose.

Any suitable material may be used in the construction of the garment-supporter and any changes or modifications may be made so long as it does not affect the principle of the invention and comes within ordinary mechanical skill.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A garment-supporter consisting of a belt formed of detachable sections, supports secured to the front of the belt and detachably connected together and provided with extra buttonholes for securing the supports to the buttons upon the inner side of the garment, detachable hangers upon the opposite sides of the belt having flexible tongues at their upper ends with buttonholes, and additional buttonholes in the hangers for securing them to the buttons upon the inner side of the garment, said belt and hangers adapted for horizontal and vertical adjustment, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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