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Fig. 1,

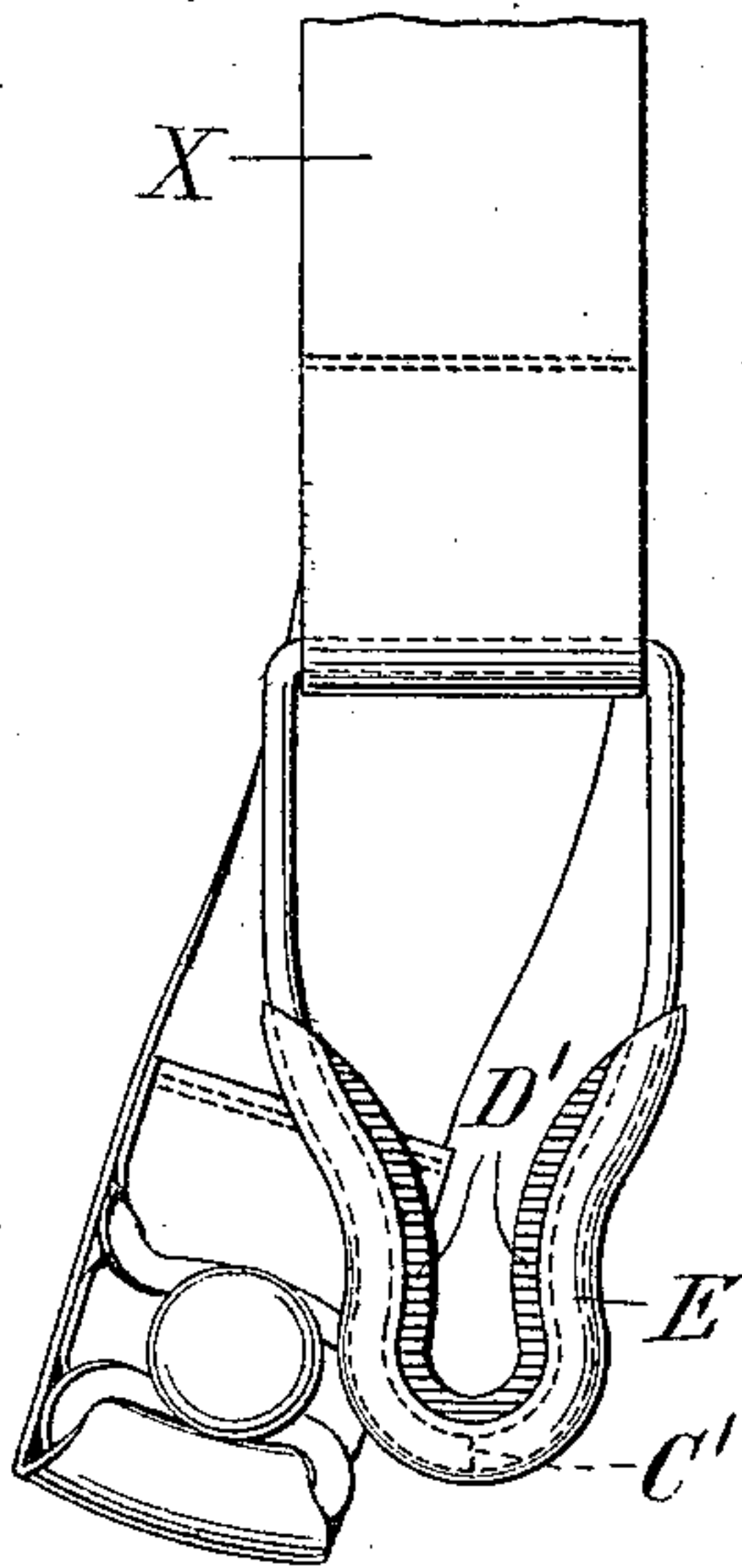
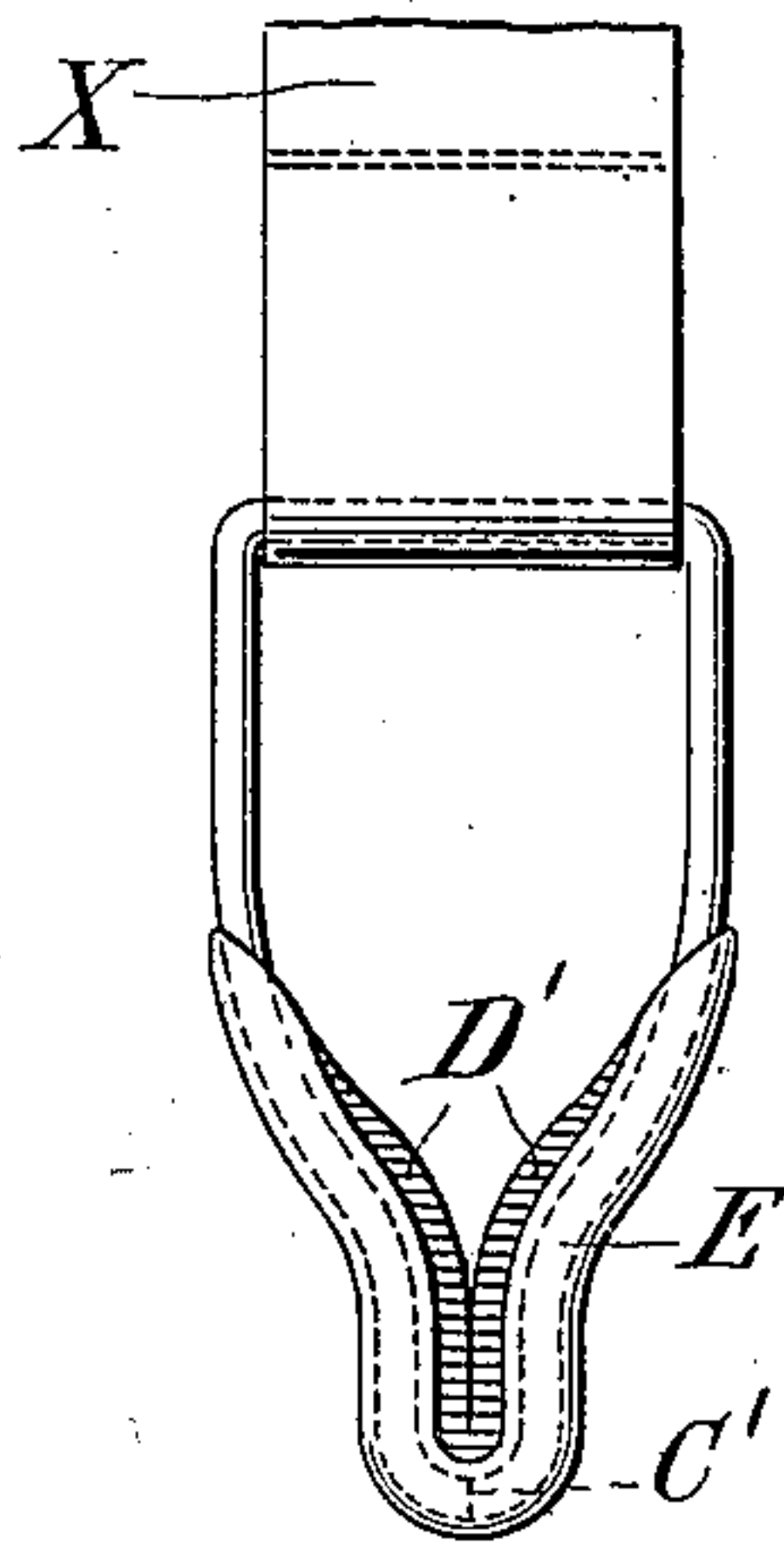


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT GORTON, a citizen of the United States, formerly residing at Plainfield, in the State of New Jersey, but now a resident of Newton, in the county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

10 In Letters Patent of the United States granted to me December 31, 1895, No. 552,470, I have shown a supporter of the class in which the garment to be clamped and supported is held between a button and a retaining-loop
15 that is constricted at one end to closely engage the button. That patent provides that the button shall be of a flexible or elastic character—as, for instance, of rubber or fibrous material—and the purpose of so making it is
20 to insure the retention of the garment without slipping and to prevent its wear and tearing. My present invention has the same objects in view and is applicable to the class of supporters mentioned, as well as to others—as,
25 for instance, that class in which the garment is squeezed between the converging edges of the loop and is held therein.

In supporters constructed in accordance with the present invention I may employ a
30 button of the ordinary character, and I interpose between it and the loop a cushion of flexible or elastic material—as, for instance, rubber or fibrous material—to prevent slipping, wearing, and tearing. For instance, in
35 the first-mentioned class of supporters—viz., those having a button and a constricted loop—I provide the loop interiorly with a facing or edging of such material acting in the manner suggested and constituting a cushion between which and the button the garment is held. In the second class of supporters mentioned—viz., those having a retaining loop or
40 part with converging edges or faces between which the garment is drawn and held—I may provide the loop interiorly with a facing or edging of suitable material acting, as described, to afford a yielding or cushion grip on the garment, and thus prevent slipping and wear.

50 In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is

a view showing a section of webbing and an attached loop and button-clasp constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 shows a loop with converging interior edges adapted to be used without a button. 55

In Fig. 1 I have again shown the loop as made of wire. The ends of the wire abut, as at C', at the small end of the loop. A clamp E, made in one piece and which may be of the general shape illustrated, embraces the
60 smaller end of the loop in each case and has clamped between its edges (which then preferably extend slightly beyond the interior faces of the wire forming the loop) a cushioning facing or edging D'. The clamp E there-
65 fore not only serves to hold the edging or facing which constitutes a flexible lining to the inner face of the loop, but also serves to prevent the spreading of the ends of the wires which abut at C'. The details of construction are, however, not material, and of course
70 the loop may be made in any suitable way and the cushioning facing or edging clamped therein in any suitable and convenient way. In this figure I have shown a button of ordinary construction, and both the loop and button are arranged upon the webbing in the
75 usual way and coöperate in the usual manner to hold the garment.

In Fig. 2 is shown a loop constructed in the
80 same manner as in Fig. 1. It has, however, converging edges between which the garment is drawn and held, no button being used.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a garment-supporter, the loop having
85 its opening contracted at its lower end, flexible cushioning material forming interior edges of the contracted lower end of the loop, and a clamp applied to the loop to hold such material in place, the larger upper end of the
90 loop being adapted for the attachment of a supporting-webbing.

2. In a garment-supporter, the loop having
its opening contracted at its lower end, flexible cushioning material forming interior
95 edges of the contracted lower end of the loop, and a clamp applied to the loop to hold such material in place, the larger upper end of the loop being adapted for the attachment of a supporting-webbing, in combination with a
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button also supported from the webbing and cooperating with the loop, substantially as and in the manner set forth.

3. A garment-supporting loop formed of
5 wire with an opening contracted at one end and the ends of the wire disposed at the smaller end of the loop, a flexible cushioning edging arranged in the contracted end of the

loop, and a clamp embracing the smaller end of the loop and clamping the edging in place. 10

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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