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Fig. 1.

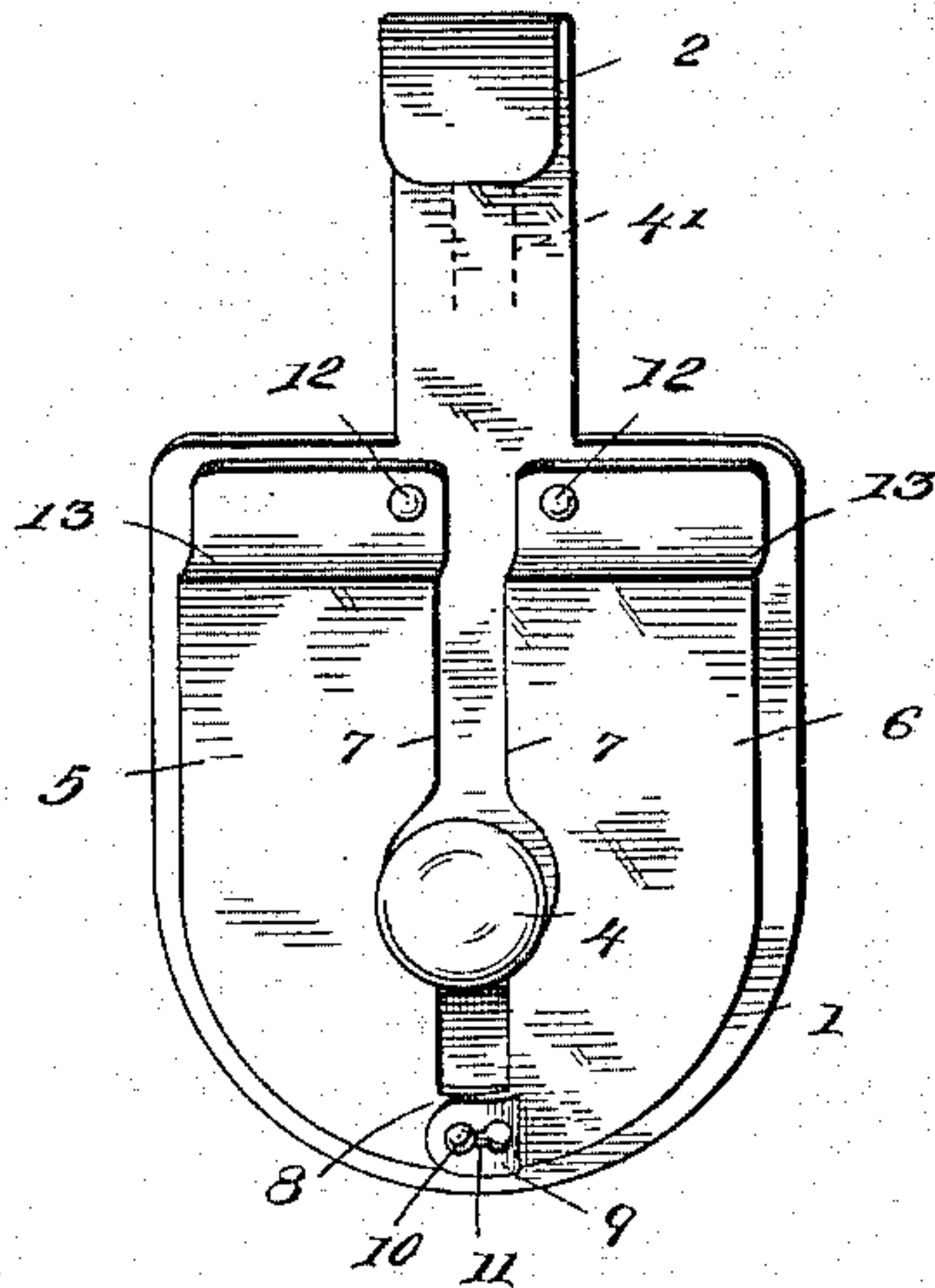


Fig. 3.

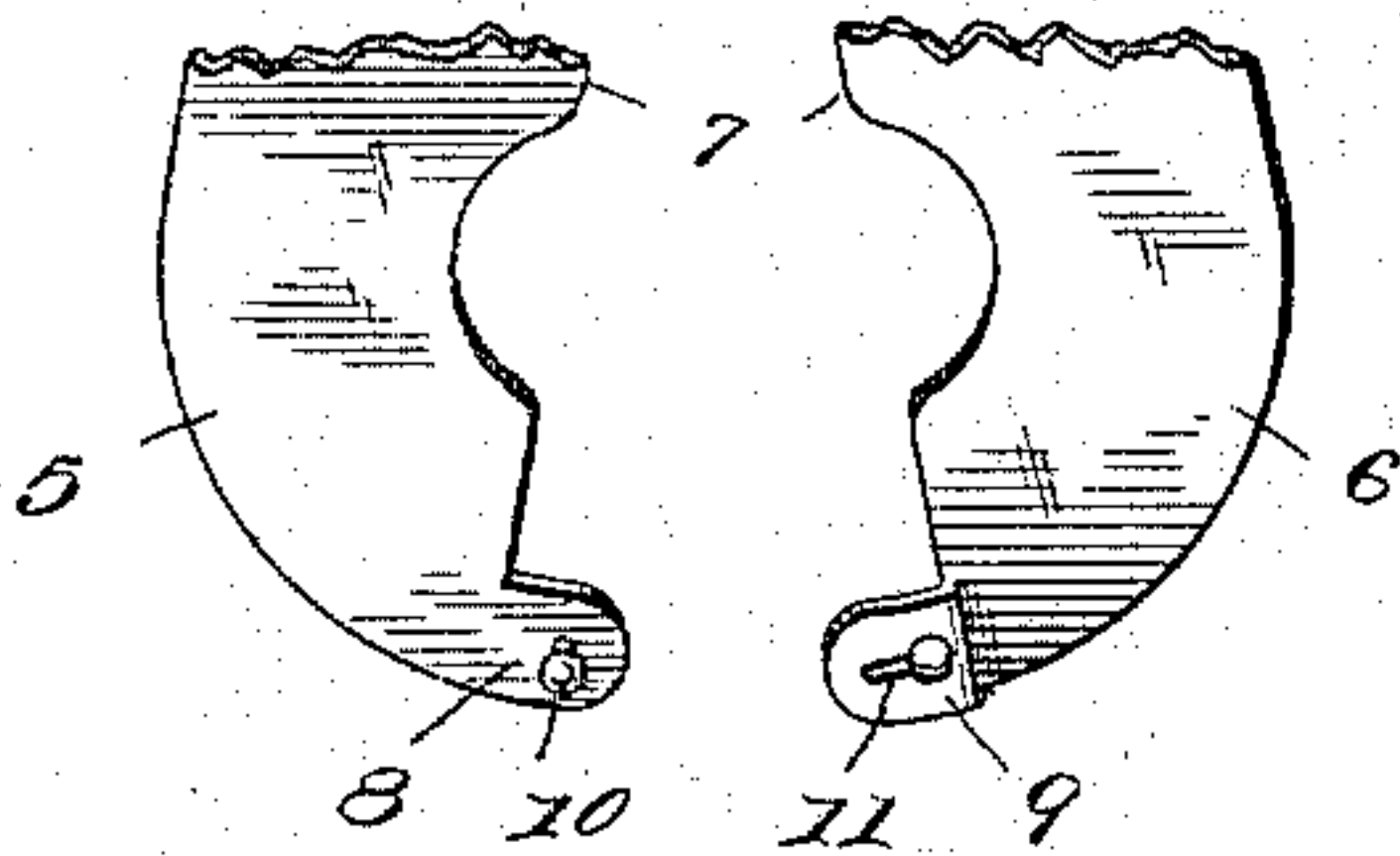


Fig. 4.

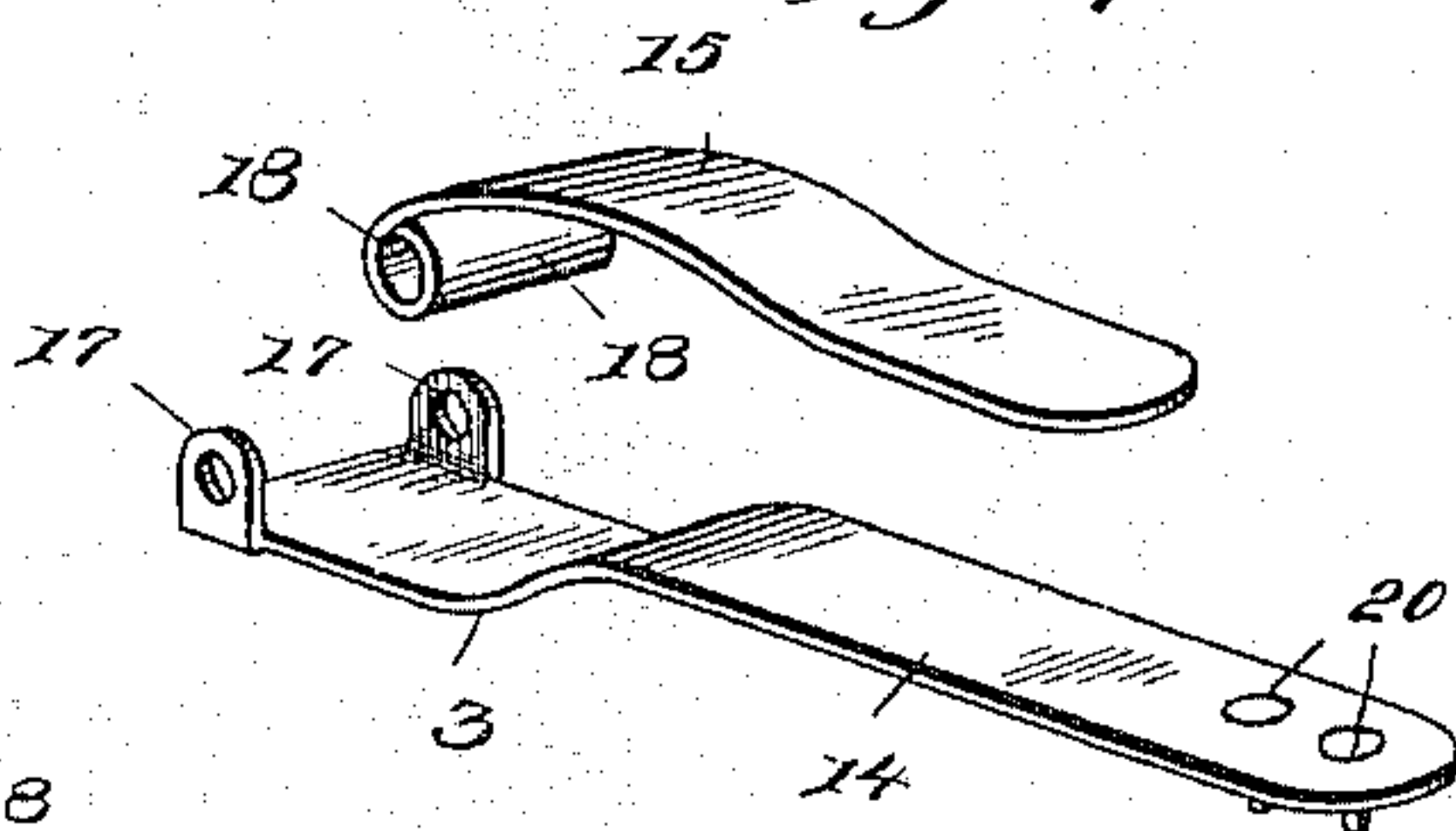
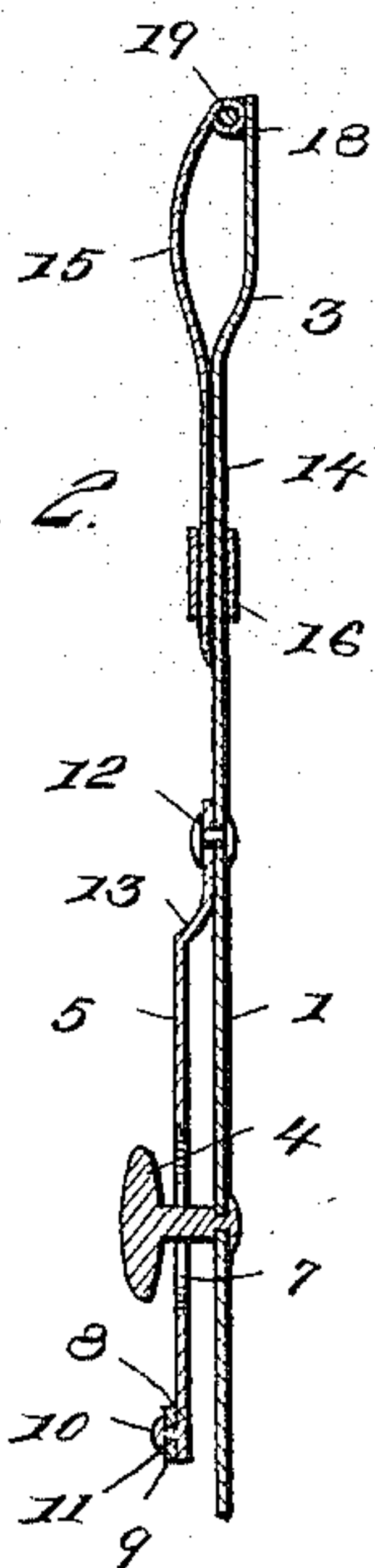


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR WILHELM SCHNEIDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Garment-Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to garment-supporters, and has for its object to produce a device of this kind which will be simple, cheap, and effective and can be applied to varied uses; and it consists in the improved construction and novel arrangement of parts of the same, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, in which the same reference-numerals indicate corresponding parts in each of the views in which they occur, Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of my improved garment-supporter. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same, showing a different means for securing it to an article; and Figs. 3 and 4 are detail views.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 indicates the base of my improved garment-supporter, which is preferably formed from a thin sheet of metal having one end of it provided with means for securing it to one garment or article, as a hook 2 in Fig. 1 or a clasp 3 in Fig. 2. Near the opposite end of the base, which is preferably extended or formed wider than the supporting portion, is a stud or button 4, the shank of which holds the head at the desired distance in front of the base.

Pivotaly secured intermediate the button and the securing portion of the base are two plates or slides 5 and 6, the adjacent edges of which are provided with recesses 7 in position to partially encircle the button 4, and the free ends are provided with two interlocking lugs or projections 8 and 9, one of which, as 8, is provided with a rivet 10, and the other one is provided with a groove 11 for the reception of the head of the rivet when the slides are brought together, the projection 9 being slightly depressed and passed under the lug 8. Near the pivotal points of these plates, which are preferably formed by means of the rivets 12, the plates are bent or slightly curved outward, as shown at 13, so

as to cause the main portion of the plates to occupy a plane intermediate the head of the button and the base-plate when they are closed around the button. The outer edges of these plates preferably conform, substantially, with the shape of the lower portion of the base-plate when they are in their closed position.

As above described, it will be seen that my improved garment-supporter can be applied to any portion of the garment by opening the slides and placing a portion of the garment to be supported over the top of the button, after which the slides are moved toward each other until the rivet 10 or the lug 8 has been made to enter the groove or cut-away portion 11 of the lug 9. In this manner the portion of the garment immediately surrounding the top of the button will be drawn in toward the shank of the button and virtually contracted around the head, so that it will be impossible for the garment to slip off the head so long as the slides are held in their closed position by the interlocking lugs. The distance from the head of the button to the base-plate is sufficient to permit of the use of the supporter upon the heaviest garment and yet at the same time garments or articles of the thinnest texture may be held with equal security without any danger of their being torn or damaged by the supporter. When it is desired to remove the supporter, the interlocking lugs are separated and the slides moved outward away from the button into the position shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1, when the garment can be removed from the button.

After having been secured to the garment as above described the fastener is made to engage with any other portion of the garment, as by passing the hook portion 2 over a band or into a suitable slot provided for that purpose. If desired, the hook at the end may be omitted and the remaining portion provided with one or more suitable slots, as shown by dotted lines 4 in Fig. 1, through which a band may be passed, the ends of which can be passed around and secured to any desired portion of the body, or both the hook and the slots may be omitted and the retaining portion be formed or provided with an extension 14, to the outer end of which is pivotaly se-

cured a clamping-arm 15. This arm and also the extension are preferably grooved slightly near the pivotal point, and the arm can have its free end passed through buttonholes of the garment or article to be connected there-
5 with—as, for instance, a cuff—and can be folded down upon the extension and secured thereto in any desirable manner, as by means of a slide 16. A very desirable means for
10 pivotally securing these parts together is to provide one of them with parallel perforated ears 17 and the other one with a transverse eye 18, through which is passed a suitable pivot 19 in the ordinary manner. When
15 the extension is formed separate from the base, it can be rigidly secured thereto in any suitable manner, as by means of rivets 20. When constructed in this manner, the holder is secured to the article to be attached by
20 passing the arm through the buttonholes and securing it to the extension by means of the slide. The base-plate of the supporter is then passed under one side of the shirt-sleeve, so as to cause a portion thereof to fit over the
25 head of the button, when by closing the slides around the button the fastener will be held absolutely immovable in the position in which it has been adjusted and without any danger of tearing or damaging the clothing
30 in the least. When it is desired to remove the cuffs, the slides are separated and the supporter removed with the cuffs or readjusted in a more desirable position. By leaving the supporter upon the cuff permanently the cuffs
35 may be put on or taken off in an instant of time and they will always remain exactly where they were originally fastened.

Although I have shown what I consider to be the most desirable form of constructing my
40 improved garment-supporter, yet I reserve to myself the right to make such changes and alterations therein as will come within the scope of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention,

what I claim as new, and desire to secure by 45 Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In a garment-supporter, the combination, with a base provided with means for connecting it with a garment, of a button project- 50 ing from the face thereof and two slides pivotally secured thereto one on each side of the button and having their free ends provided with means for interlocking with each other upon the opposite side of the button, substantially as described. 55

2. In a garment-supporter, the combination, with a plate provided with means for securing it to the garment, of a button projecting from the face thereof, two slides pivotally secured to the base one on each side of 60 the button and having their free ends provided with means for interlocking with each other upon the opposite side of the button, the intermediate portion of said slides lying in a plane between the head of the button 65 and the base, and each of them provided with a recess in position to partially encircle the button when they are closed, substantially as described.

3. In a garment-supporter, the combination, with a base provided with means for securing it to a garment, of a button projecting from the face thereof, two slides pivotally secured to the base at one end one on each side 70 of the button and having their free ends each provided with a projecting lug, one of said lugs being provided with a groove and the other one provided with a projection in position to enter said groove and lock the parts 75 together, the intermediate portions of said slides lying in a plane intermediate the head of the button and the base and each provided with a recess for partially encircling the button, substantially as described. 80

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