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Fig. 1.

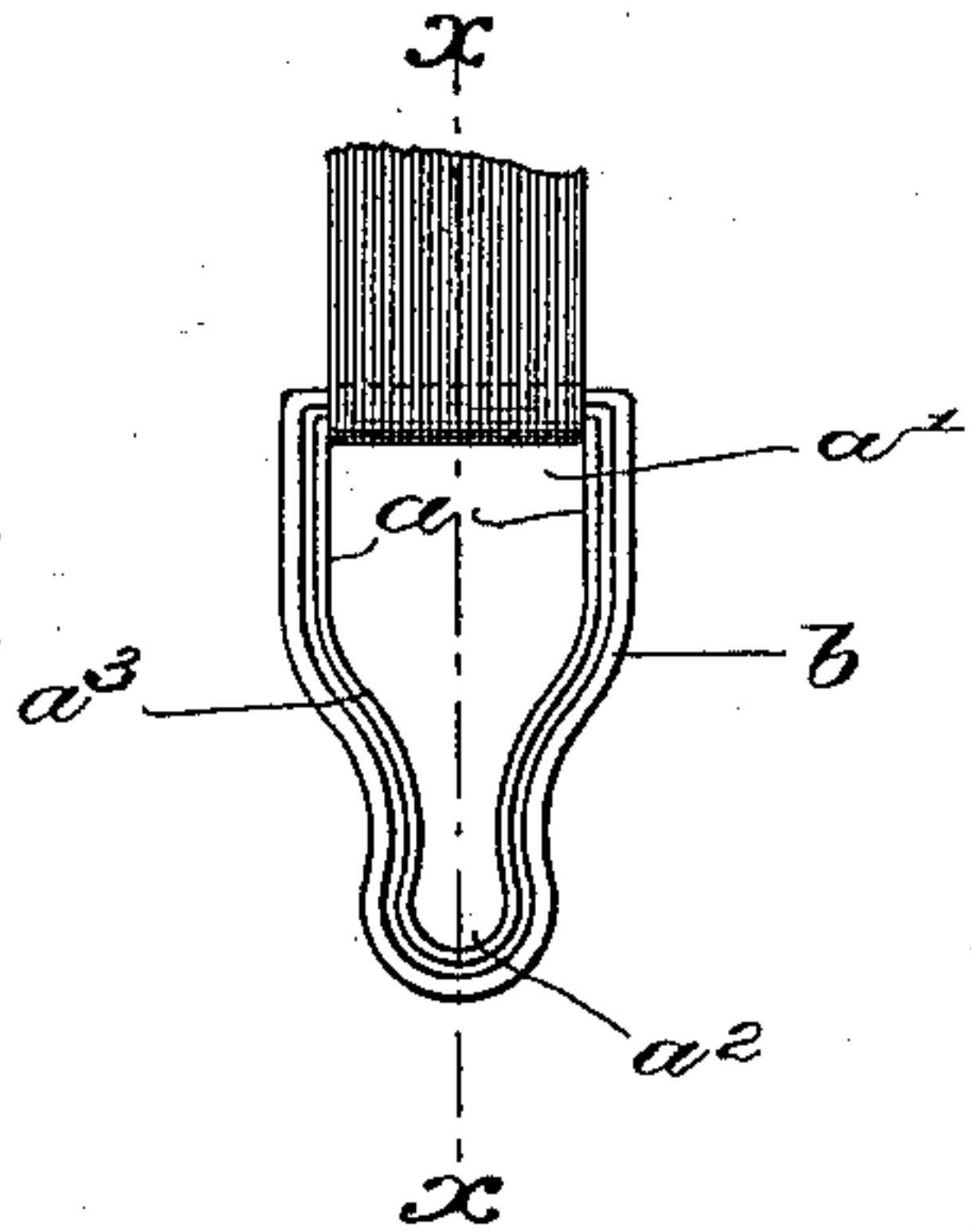


Fig. 2.

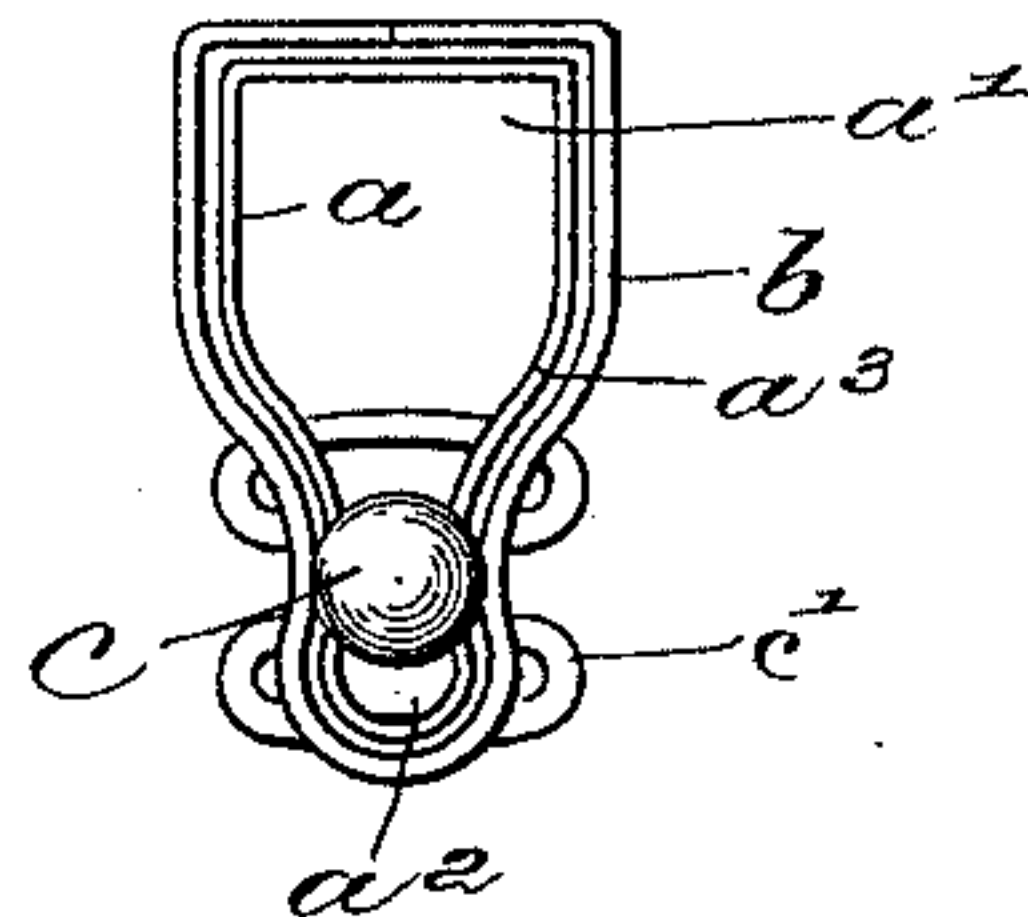
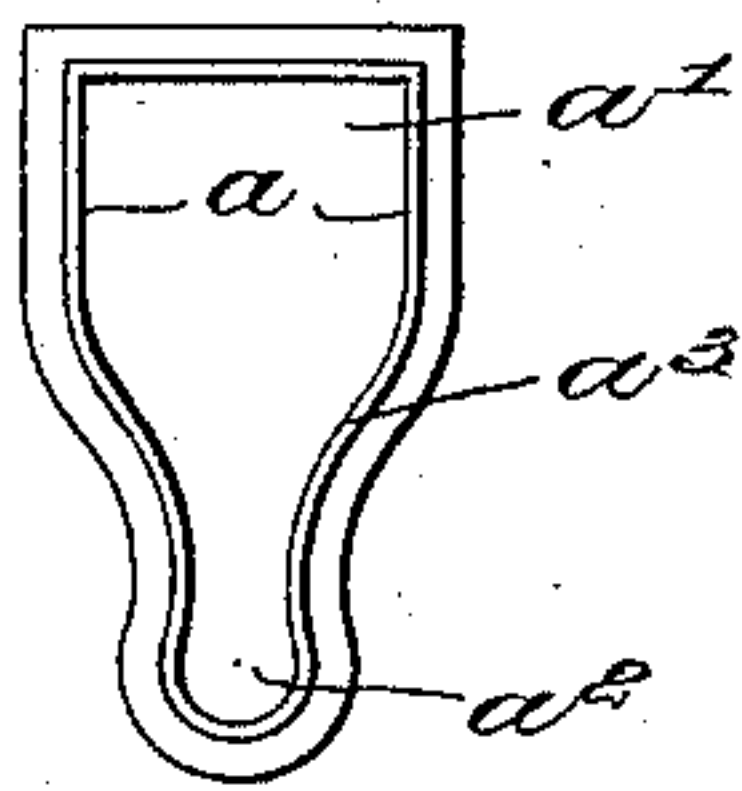


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN D. O'BRIEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Garment-Holders, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention has for its object the production of a novel garment-holder of the class adapted more especially to be used in connection with stocking-supporters, the object of the invention being the production of a holder which may embrace a stud or button overlaid with fabric, which may be a stocking, and afford a non-metallic interior in contact with the fabric, such a holder insuring a sure and efficient grip which will not slip under any strain.

In accordance with my invention my improved holder is composed of a body of non-metallic elastic material, preferably india-rubber, shaped to present at one end a contracted throat, into which the button or device of the cooperating half of the holder may enter to crowd the fabric into said contracted throat, said body having a suitable exterior flange which is embraced, preferably, with a metallic binding.

Figure 1 of the drawings shows one of my improved holders, it having connected with it a tape, forming part of the stocking-supporter. Fig. 2 is a like view with the button forming a coacting part of the holder in operative position, the fabric which the holder would engage when the parts are in such position being omitted. Fig. 3 is an enlarged section on the line x , Fig. 1. Fig. 4 shows the body separate from the holder.

In the production of my improved holder I form an elastic body a , which may be of india-rubber suitably vulcanized or may be felt. This body has an enlarged opening a' , which is contracted at one end, as at a^2 , to form a fabric-receiving throat. Viewing Fig. 3, the body has at its inner edge a flange a^3 , said flange extending, as represented, in opposite directions from the main outer portion of the body. The main outer portion of the body is embraced by a suitable metallic binding, as b , said binding maintaining the

elastic body in the desired shape and insuring that the contracted throat may receive in it the shank of the button c , carried by a shank c' , the button receiving over it in the usual manner the fabric to be held, said binding preventing the expansion of the body to such a degree as to fail to hold the fabric. The binding embraces the outer edge of the body firmly, the binding being sufficiently stiff to afford the necessary rigidity to the holder in the direction of its length. The broad inner edge of the elastic body yields somewhat to the action of the fabric overlying the button and by its width exerts a very considerable amount of friction, thereby insuring a firm engagement and secure holding of the material overlying the button.

This invention is not limited to the exact shape of the binding so long as the latter coacts with and stiffens the outer edge of the body.

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

1. In a garment-holder comprising a body of elastic material shaped to present an enlarged portion and a contracted portion leading from said enlarged portion, the said elastic body presenting a thickened inner edge in the contracted portion to engage the article to be supported and having a relatively-narrow outer edge, and a metallic binding clamped to the said narrow outer edge of the elastic body portion, the thicker inner edge of the elastic body projecting beyond the edges of the metal binding.

2. A garment-holder comprising a body of elastic material shaped to present an enlarged portion for engagement with a supporting-tape and a contracted portion opposite the enlarged portion, the said elastic body presenting an inner edge thicker than the main part of the elastic body portion for engaging the article to be supported, and a metallic binding secured to the relatively-thin exterior or main part of the elastic body, whereby the thicker inner edge projects beyond the metal binding on either side thereof.

3. In a garment-holder, a body composed of an elastic material presenting an elongated contracted opening at one end to form

a throat and a metal binding secured to the exterior of said body, the said elastic body being provided with flanges on its inner edge to present increased bearing-surface for the
5 object to be supported, the said flanges of the elastic body projecting beyond the metal binding on each side of the holder.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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