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Fig. 1

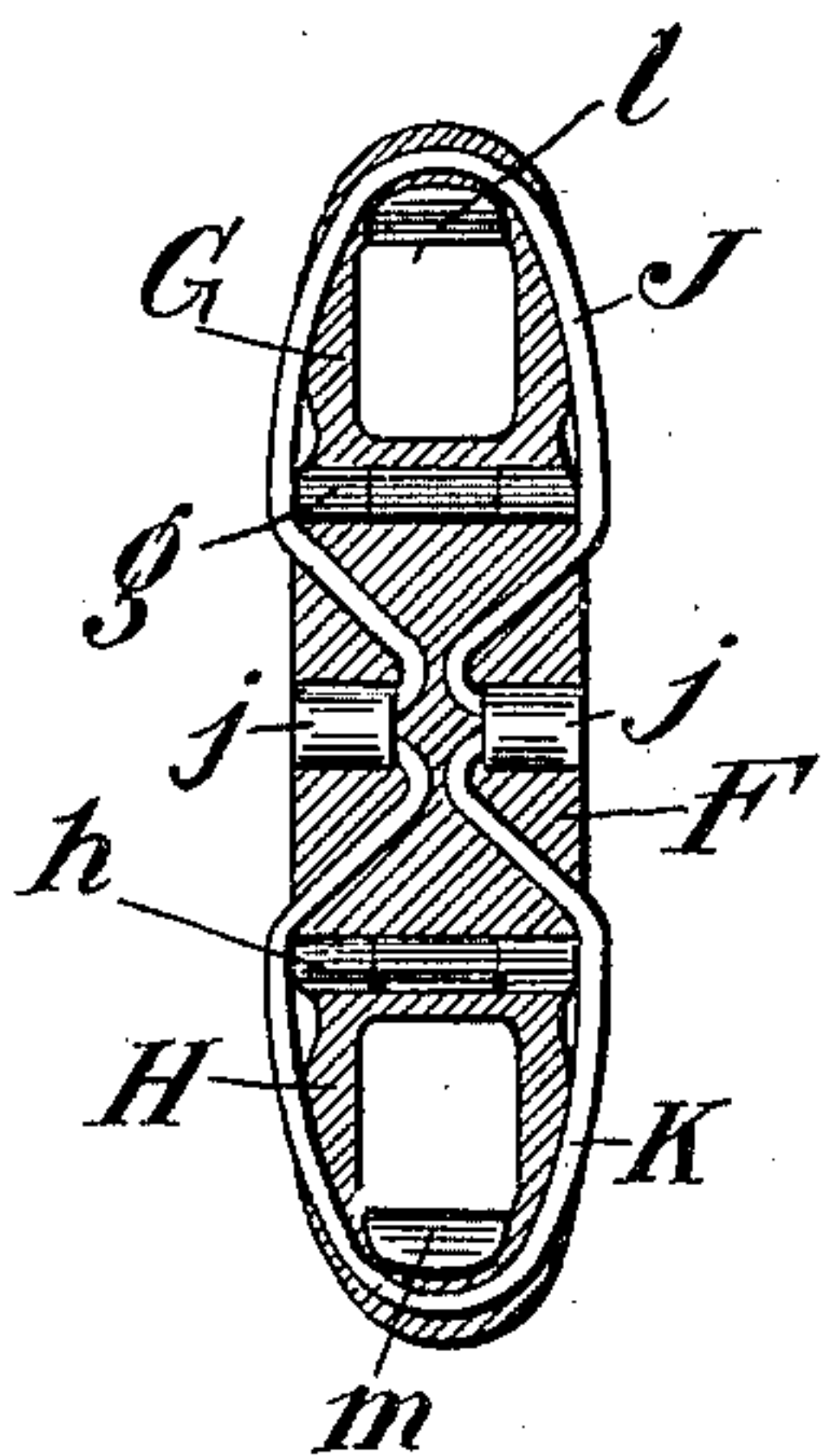
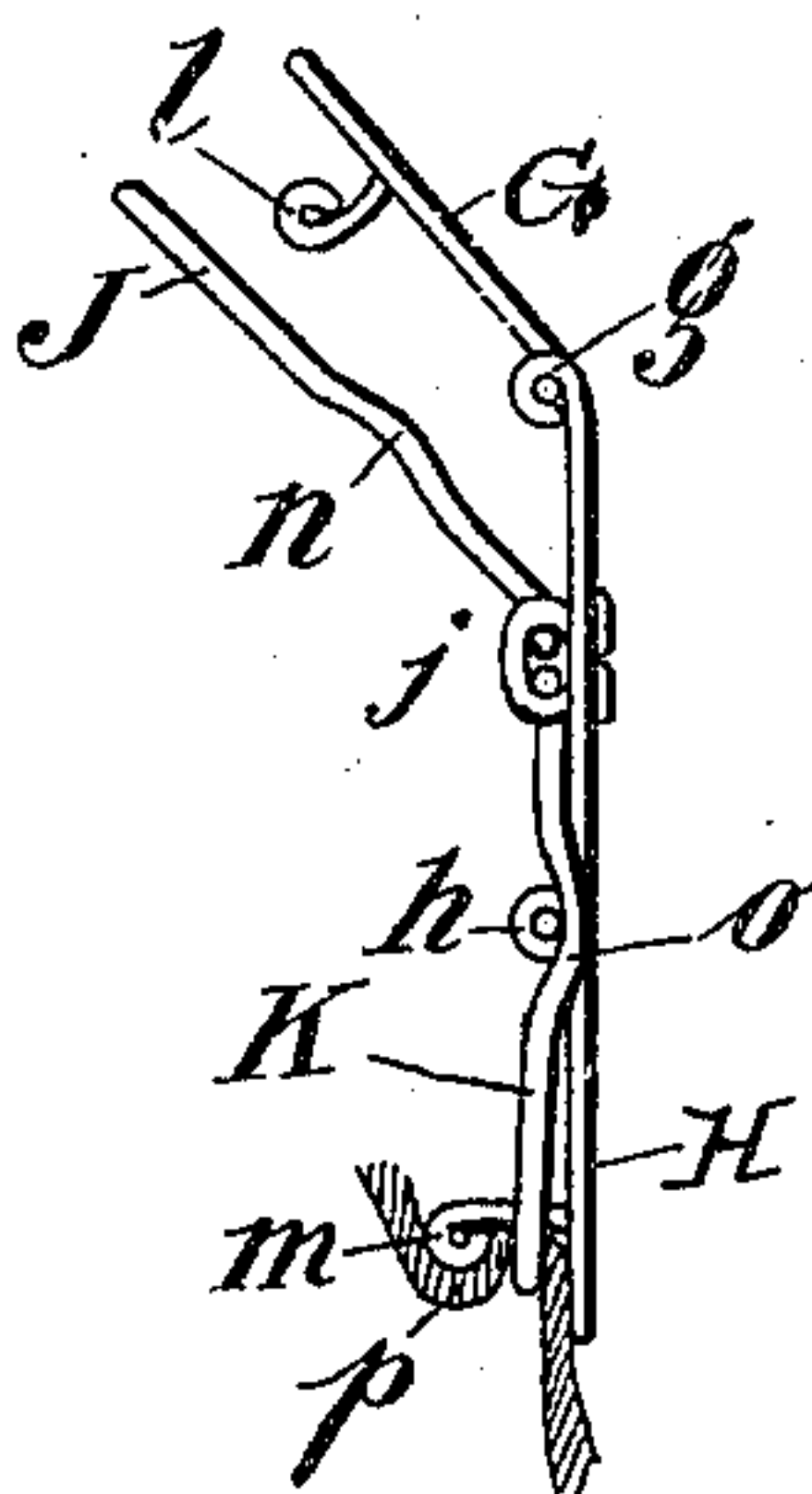


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELBERT SNEDEKER, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the borough of Brooklyn, in the city of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment and Fabric Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment and fabric supporters.

The purpose of the invention is to provide a device of simple construction and ready application for fastening two fabrics or articles of clothing together or for suspending one from the other, as trousers from shirts, dispensing with the use of suspenders, or stockings from drawers, &c.; and the construction of the device is such that its clasp is very firmly locked and in such a manner that the various pulls and strains to which the fabrics or garments are subjected cannot loosen the clasp. In this respect the invention consists particularly in arranging the clasp, which operates substantially on the principle of the toggle, so as to snap on the end of the hinge or other part of the device in such a manner as to hold the clasp firmly in its locked position, the engagement of the clasp with the hinge or other part combining with the toggle action of the clasp to prevent the latter being opened accidentally by the strains or pulls on the fabric or clothing.

Referring to the drawings which accompany the specification to aid the description, Figure 1 is a front view of a form of the device which is particularly adapted as a stocking-supporter and with the parts in the closed position. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same parts, but showing the lower clasp closed and holding a piece of fabric and the upper clasp open.

To the ends of the plate F are hinged the links G H by hinges g h, respectively. In sleeves j, midway of the length of said plate F, are hinged the ends of the spring-wires of the clasps J K, respectively, the said clasps being in this case preferably of the ovoidal shape shown. At its outer end each clasp engages when closed over the head or button l m, respectively, said heads being bent up from metal punched from the links G H. The length of the sleeves of the said hinges g and h and the dimension and shape of the said clasps J and K are such that said clasps snap

tightly over the ends of their respective hinges as they come to the closed position, and said clasps are preferably bent down where they engage the ends of the hinges, as at n o, respectively, to make a more effectual contact with the hinge ends.

To apply the device as a stocking-supporter, a part of the drawers is drawn over the upper button l, and the clasp J is then pressed to its closed position, firmly clamping the drawers on said button l. Next, a part of the stocking is drawn over the lower button m and there secured by pressing the lower clasp K to its closed position, the stocking now being supported from the drawers.

The device is easily opened by grasping the plate F in one hand and then pressing firmly down on one of the hinges g or h with the thumb of the other hand, at the same time pressing the corresponding link G or H up with the index-finger of said other hand.

I can of course make the clasps J K and the buttons l m wider, so as to adapt the fastening to garments, the invention not being limited to the precise forms or relative proportions shown.

Now, having described my improvements, I claim as my invention—

1. The combination with a plate and a link hinged thereto of a spring-clasp hinged on said plate, and adapted to snap over a projection as it comes to the locked position for the purpose of holding said clasp locked, substantially as described.

2. The combination of a plate and links connected by hinges to each end thereof, a head on each link, and spring-clasps each pivoted on said plate and adapted to engage on its respective head and also to snap over its respective hinge, substantially as described.

3. The combination with the plate F, links G and H and hinges g and h, of the spring-clasps J K hinged on said plate F and bent backward substantially as described to snap down over said hinges g and h, substantially as described.

Signed at New York city this 6th day of March, 1901.

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