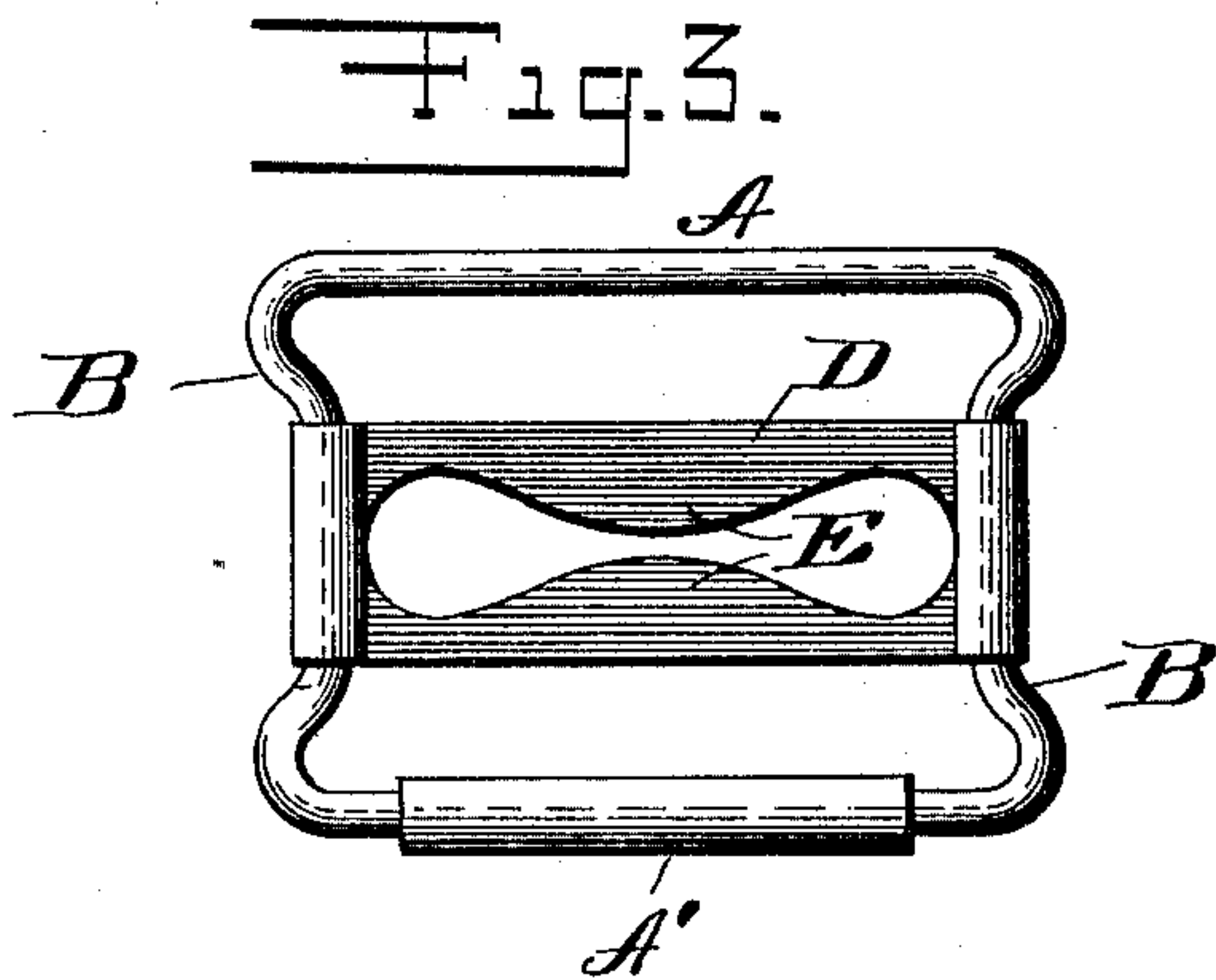
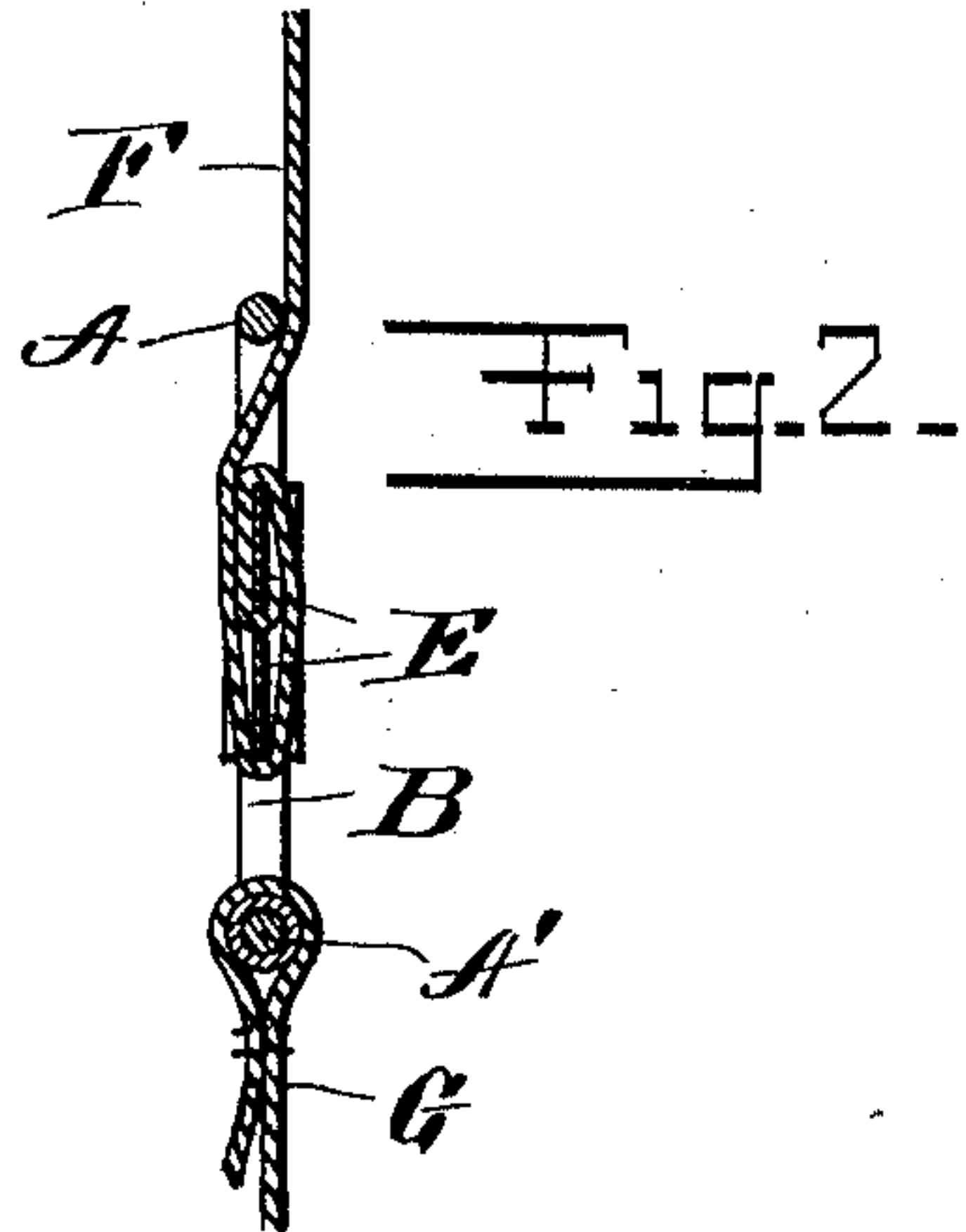
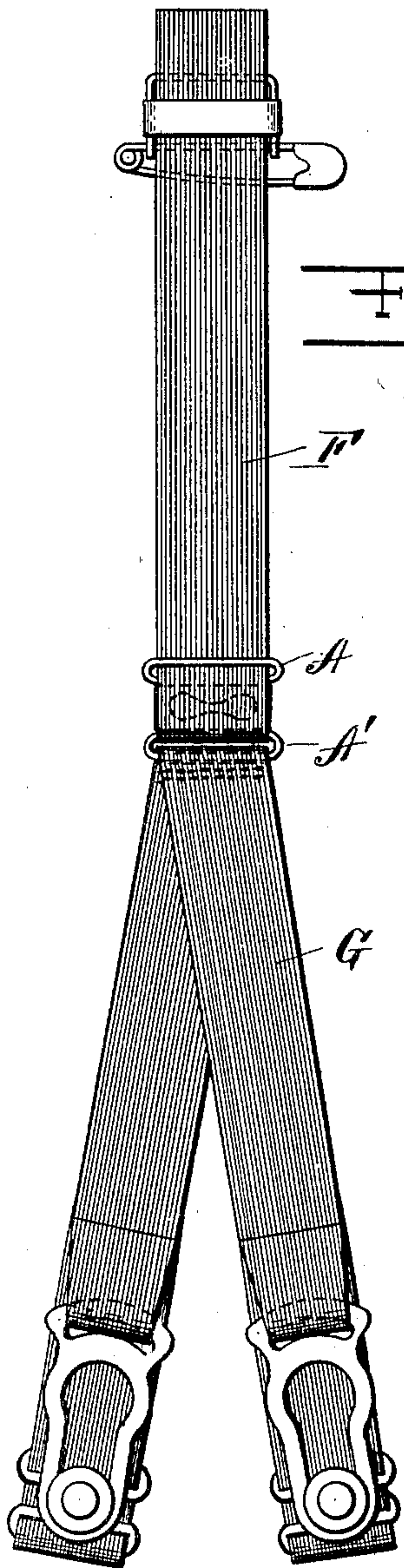


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## GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH H. PILKINGTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waterbury, county of New Haven, State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to garment-supporters, and particularly to a metal fastener therefor.

This device performs the function of connection between two pieces of fabric or webbing.

The device will be termed a "buckle," although it is obvious that it is not a buckle in the sense that there is a hinged part carrying teeth or other movable clamp by which the buckle may be opened and closed.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and effective means to be permanently secured to one piece of webbing and to which another piece of webbing may be attached.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 illustrates a front elevation of a hose-supporter of common form provided with my improved buckle. Fig. 2 is a relatively enlarged sectional view of the buckle and that portion of the hose supported adjacent thereto. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the buckle detached.

The main body of the buckle comprises two substantially parallel bars A A', connected by side bars B B. The side bars are bent inwardly to form bearing-shoulders for a transverse locking-plate D, having therein an opening, preferably of hour-glass shape. Adjacent the narrower portion of said opening are two tongues E E, forming gripping-lips, between which the end of a piece of tape or webbing F is held in the manner shown in Fig. 2, in which it will be observed that the

end of the webbing F is passed into said opening and gripped between the two lips E E. The webbing is then continued up and around the upper edge of the plate D, then down and around the lower edge of said plate D, then up and under the upper bar A. The lower portion G of the garment-supporter carrying the button-and-loop fastener (shown in Fig. 1) may be secured to the lower bar A' in any suitable manner—for example, by simply lapping the webbing over and sewing it in place by a row of stitches. (Indicated by dotted lines.)

It will be noticed that the opening in plate D is so formed as to permit one corner of the end of the elastic tape or fabric to be readily introduced and then drawn across into position. The lips E are then adapted to hold the end in place without injury thereto.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A garment-supporter comprising a frame having parallel bars connected at opposite ends by side bars, a stationary metal plate secured to said side bars the said plate having an opening therein the said opening having a substantial contraction near the center thereof but with the edges spaced apart, and a garment-supporter tape secured to the lower of said parallel bars and a tape passing through the space between the upper of said parallel bars and the stationary plate and around said stationary plate the end of said tape being held in position between the contracted edges of the opening in said plate, substantially as described.

Signed at Waterbury, Connecticut, this 19th day of November, 1901.

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