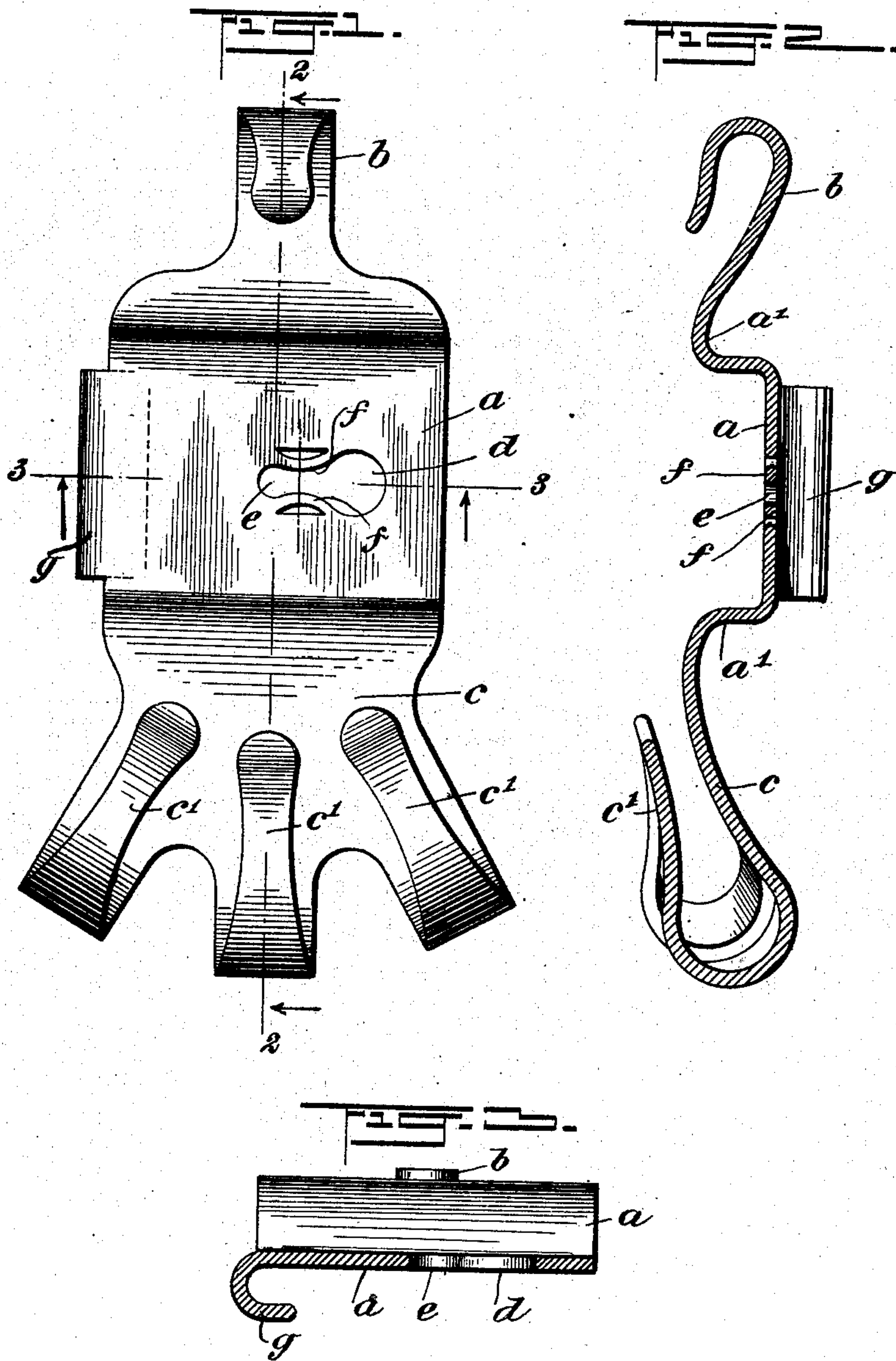


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD WOLFBAUER, a subject of the Emperor of Austria-Hungary, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Garment-Supporter, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a device which is intended to be attached to one of the fastening-studs of a corset at the front of the wearer and to be held thereby, the said device being capable of serving a number of purposes, such as holding a shirt-waist from working up from the waist, and holding the hose-supporters, sanitary cloths, and other apparel from pulling.

This specification is an exact description of one example of my invention, while the claims define the actual scope thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the invention. Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1.

The garment-supporter has a body portion *a*, which has forwardly-projected end portions *a'*, forming in the body portion a depression extending transversely through the same, such depression serving to receive the corset-loop. From the upper end of the body a hook *b* projects, and from the lower end a plate *c* extends, this plate being formed with a plurality of hooks *c'* or any other means of permanent or temporary connection. According to the construction here shown three of these hooks are employed, and this is the preferred number, although more or less may be employed, if desired.

In the body *a* is formed an elongated opening comprising a major portion *d* and a minor portion *e*. The neck or contracted portion of the opening is bounded by yielding portions *f* of the metal forming the body, these yielding portions *f* being struck out from said metal, thus forming springs, which yield to permit the passage of the shank of the corset-stud, which will not allow said stud to be acci-

dentally displaced. At the right-hand side of the body *a* is located a rearwardly and inwardly turned hook *g*, which is preferably formed integral with the body and extends vertically along the right-hand edge thereof.

In using the invention the stud of the corset, which is at the front of the corset, is passed first through the major portion *d* of the opening in the body *a*, and the garment-supporter is then pressed sidewise, so as to spring the parts *f* past the shank of the stud, thus causing the shank to be arrested in the minor part *e* of the opening. This movement serves also to engage the hook *g* with the edge of the corset part, which part carries the said stud thereof. The loop of the corset is now placed against the body portion *a*, between the outwardly-bent ends *a'* thereof, and engaged with the stud in the usual manner. It will be observed that this will hold the garment-supporter securely in place on the corset and prevent it from wobbling or from being accidentally removed. It is also clear that various articles of apparel which need to be supported may be attached to one part or the other of the hook. For example, the hook *b* may be engaged with the shirt-waist to prevent it from working up, the middle hook *c'* may be engaged with a sanitary cloth to support the front end of the same, and the two side hooks *c'* engaged, respectively, with the supporters of the hose or stockings of the wearer.

The drawings show the article on a much exaggerated scale; but, of course, in practice the device will be so constructed that it will not be cumbersome or in the way of the user.

Various changes in the form and details of my invention may be resorted to at will without departing from the spirit of my invention. Hence I consider myself entitled to all forms of the invention as may lie within the intent of my claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A garment-supporter, comprising a body having a depression extending transversely across it and adapted to receive the corset-loop, said body also having an opening located in the depression and adapted to receive

the corset-stud, a hook carried by one side edge of the body and turned laterally to embrace the edge of the corset-section having the stud, and means attached to the body for
5 connecting an article of apparel thereto.

2. A garment-supporter, comprising a body having a depression extending transversely across it and adapted to receive the corset-loop, said body also having an opening lo-
10 cated in the depression and adapted to receive the corset-stud, a hook carried by one side edge of the body and turned laterally to embrace the edge of the corset-section having the stud, and means attached to the body for
15 connecting an article of apparel thereto, said means comprising a hook at the upper side of the body and a plurality of hooks at the lower side of the body.

3. A garment-supporter, comprising a body
20 having means for attaching it to the wearer, a hook projected upward from the body, and a plurality of additional hooks projected downward from the body, said hooks being adapted to be engaged with articles of apparel, for the
25 purpose specified.

4. A garment-supporter, having a body formed with an elongated opening therein and having two yielding portions located at the

sides of the opening and formed integral with the body for the purpose specified, and a later- 30 ally-turned hook projecting from the side of the body in line with said opening and adapted to embrace the edge of a corset.

5. A garment-supporter, comprising a body having a transverse depression therein adapt- 35 ed to receive a corset-loop, said body also having an elongated opening in the depressed portion to receive the corset-stud, and said opening having yielding portions at its sides formed integrally with the body, a trans- 40 versely-turned hook located at the side edge of the body to embrace the edge of the corset, a hook projecting upward from the body, and a plurality of hooks projecting downward from the body, said upwardly and downwardly 45 projected hooks being adapted to be engaged with articles of apparel to hold them in position.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of 50 two subscribing witnesses.

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