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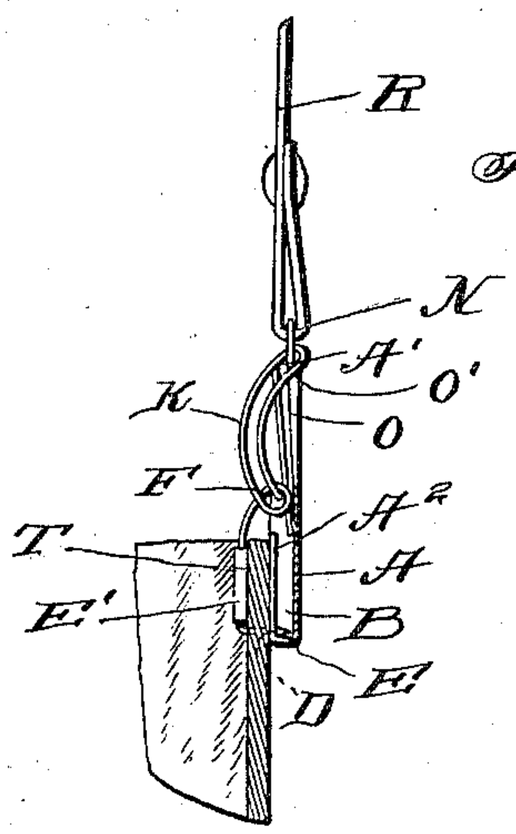

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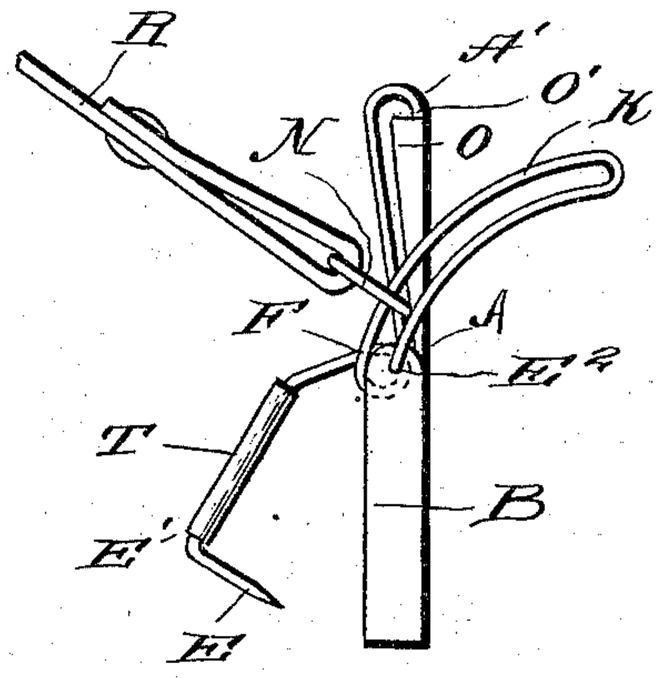

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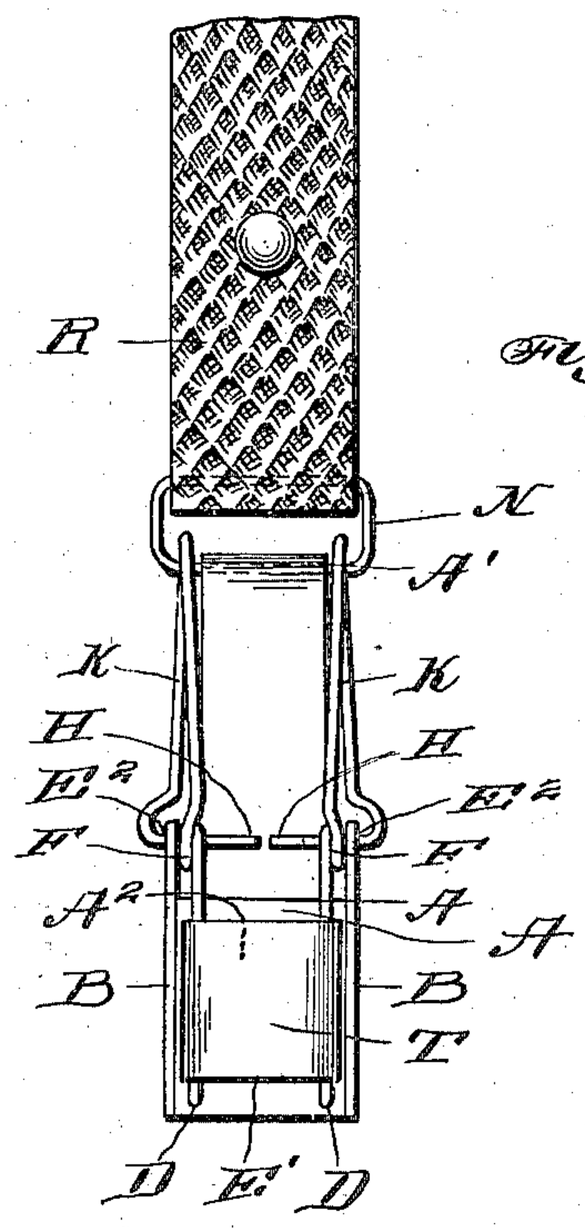

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GARMENT-SUPPORT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK M. PATTERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Winfield, in the county of Cowley and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supports; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in an attachment for suspenders for supporting trousers, hose, skirts, and other garments; and the object of the device is to produce a means whereby trousers, &c., may be supported by suspenders without the use of buttons or buttonholes in the suspenders which engage the buttons of the trousers-band, &c.; and it consists in pivotal jaw members, one of which is provided with sockets or indentures adapted to receive the pointed ends of the other jaw member, made, preferably, of wire, said pointed ends, which are bent at an angle, being adapted to engage the band of the trousers and securely hold the same to the jaw having said indentures and the two jaws held in closed relation by means of a connecting means with the strap of the suspender.

My invention consists, further, in other details of construction of the invention, which will be hereinafter fully described and then specifically defined in the appended claims.

My invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this application, and in which drawings similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the views, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved suspender attachment for supporting trousers, &c., a portion being shown in section and showing the band of the trousers held by the jaws of the garment-supporter. Fig. 2 is a view of the device, showing the jaws in open relation, the connecting-loop carried by the suspender-strap being shown as thrown toward the jaws; and Fig. 3 is a rear elevation.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates one of the jaws of the device, which is made of a piece of metal, a portion of which is bent upon itself at A′ and its end held underneath the opposite overlapping end A^2, which latter is bent between the flanges B of the plate of metal. Said overlapping end has apertures D therein to receive the angled and pointed ends E E of the jaw E′, which latter is formed of two pieces of wire which are bent to form eyes F, through which the ends H of said wires pass, said ends H having bearings in the apertures E^2 in the flanges of the jaw A. The shank portions of said wires intermediate the eyes which are formed therein and the ends which are inwardly disposed and form bearings for the eyes are bent to form curved guideways K, and an eye-loop N, having one loop thereof passing through said curved guideways, is also confined between the adjacent faces of the portions of the plate A, which are bent upon themselves, a slight space intervening to allow said loop to have a play. On the opposite edges of the shank portion of the solid plate, which forms one of the jaws, and intermediate the bent portion thereof and the flanges to which the ends of the wire are pivoted are flanges O, the edges of which are slightly inclined, as shown in the side elevation in the drawings, and the ends of said flanges O terminate in shoulders O′ near the portion of said plate where it is bent upon itself, providing an offset in which the loop carried in said curved guideways is disposed and held by the flexible wires forming one of the jaws, when the two jaws are held together. A suspender-strap R is fastened to said loop member, as shown, and in order to hold the hooked ends of the wire jaw together a rigid piece of metal T is provided, which holds the two pointed ends in fixed relation to each other, so as to readily enter the holes in the overlapping plate on the opposite jaw.

From the foregoing it will be observed that by the provision of an invention embodying the features illustrated in the drawings and as herein described a garment-supporting means is provided, whereby the waistband of the trousers may be securely held by means of the jaws of the clamping member.

While I have shown a particular construction of device embodying the features of my

invention, it will be understood that I may make alterations in certain details if found desirable without departing from the spirit of the invention.

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

1. A suspender attachment for supporting trousers, &c., consisting of two jaws pivoted together, one of the jaws being made of a single piece of metal having a portion bent upon itself, and a space intervening between the two portions thus bent, a suspender-loop carried by a suspender and having a play in said space, the other of said jaws having ends H, and coils F mounted on said ends, portions of said other jaw being bent to form guideways for said loop and adapted to open and close the jaw as said loop is moved in the space intervening between the portions of the first-named jaw which are bent upon themselves, as set forth.

2. A suspender attachment for supporting trousers, &c., comprising two jaws, one of which is made of a piece of metal which is bent upon itself, and a space intervening between the two portions thus bent, a loop carried by the suspender and adapted to have a longitudinal movement in said space, one of the jaws being made up of pieces of wire, each wire being bent to form an eye and having each an end H journaled in a flanged portion of the opposite jaw, said eyes mounted on the ends H, said loop adapted to have a play in guideways formed out of said wires, whereby as the loop is moved longitudinally in said space, the jaws will open and close, as set forth.

3. A suspender attachment for supporting trousers, &c., comprising two jaws, one of which is made of a single piece of metal bent upon itself with a space intervening between the portions thus bent, and having its other end overlapping, flanges on the edges of the plate, bent at right angles thereto and apertured, the other jaw being made up of two pieces of wire, each of which is bent to form an eye, the corresponding ends of the wires being bent and pointed and adapted to engage apertures in the overlapping end of the first-named jaw, shank portions of said wires being bent to form curved ways, and their other ends H journaled in the apertures in said flanges, said eyes mounted on said ends H, a loop adapted for attachment to a suspender passing through said space intervening between the two portions of the jaw which are bent upon themselves, and also passing through said curved guideways, whereby as the loop is moved longitudinally in said space, the jaws are adapted to be opened and closed, as set forth.

4. A suspender attachment for supporting trousers, &c., comprising a jaw made of a single piece of metal bent upon itself, a space intervening between the portions thus bent, tapering flanges on one of said portions, which flanges terminate in shoulders adjacent to the bent portion of said plate, wires which are connected together, each of which has formed therein an eye, portions of said wires being bent to form curved guideways, and the ends adjacent thereto being bent and journaled in apertures in the flanged sides of the plate, said eyes mounted on said ends, an eye-loop, one portion of which passes through said space intermediate the portions of the plate which are bent upon themselves and adapted to have a longitudinal movement therein, and also passing through said guideways and adapted when the jaws are held in closed relation to rest against said shouldered ends of the inclined flanges of the plate, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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