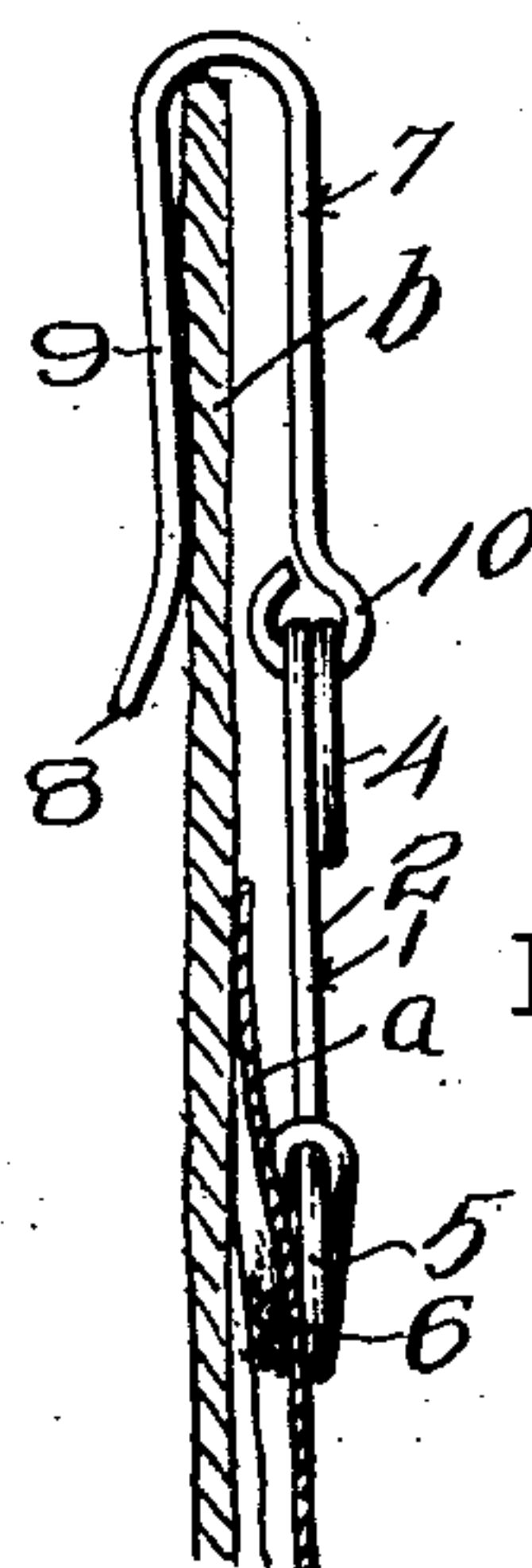
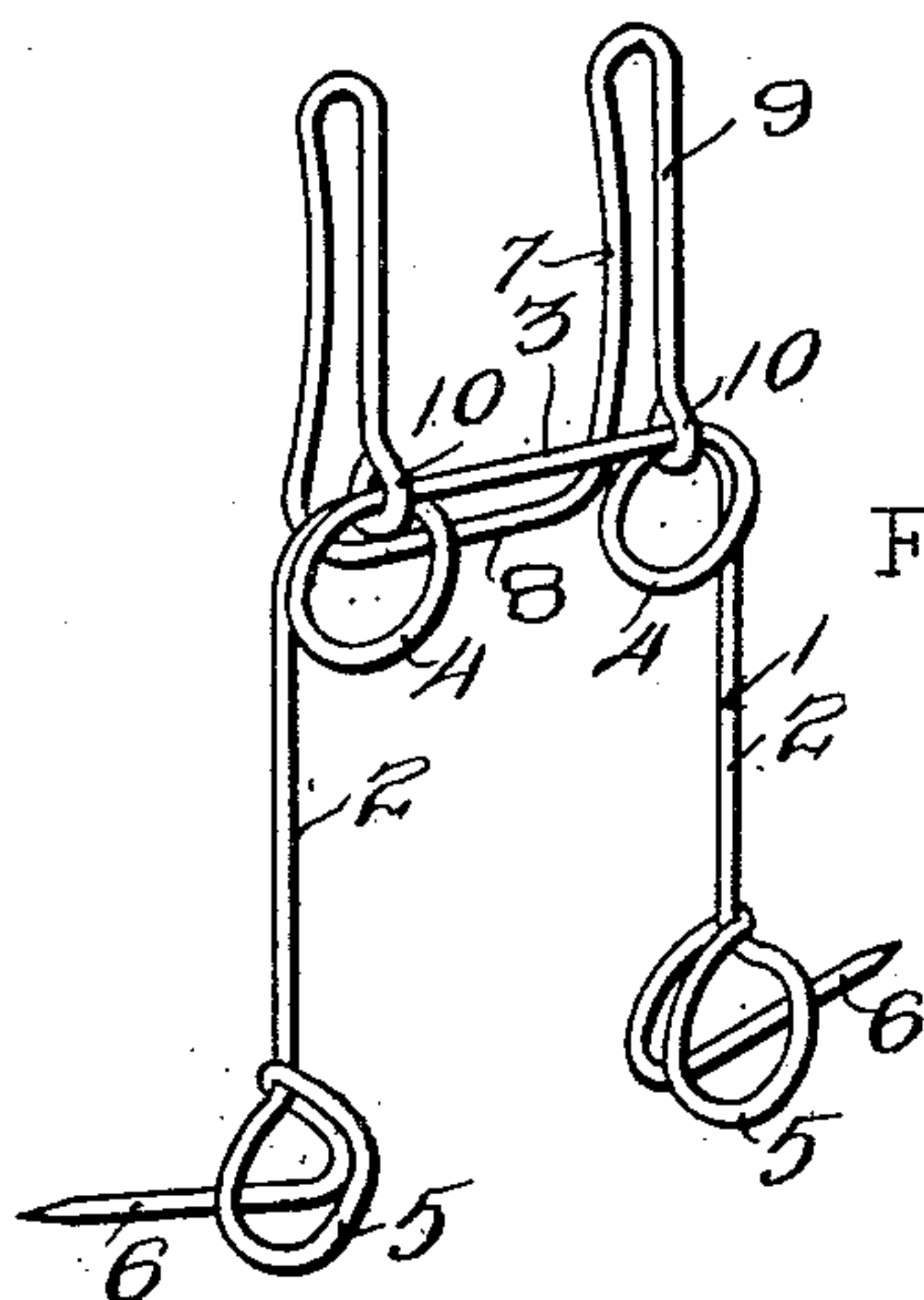
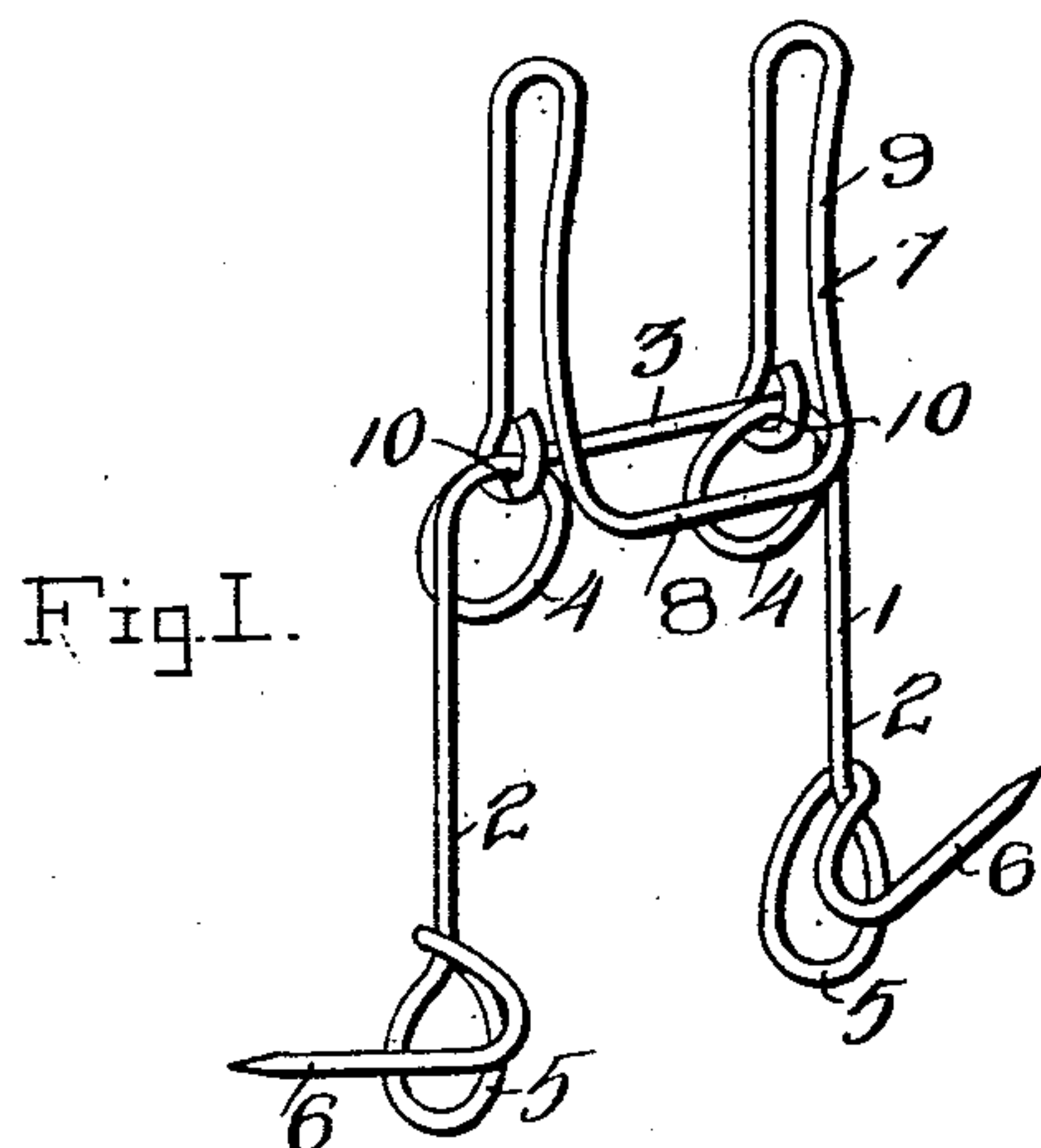


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD H. WATERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Burlington, in the county of Milam and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters; 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.

My invention is an improved garment-supporter adapted to be secured to an inner garment and to be detachably connected to the waistband of an outer garment, whereby the inner garment may be supported from the outer garment; and it consists in the peculiar construction and combination of devices hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a garment-supporter embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the reverse side thereof; and Fig. 3 is a side elevation and a section of the waistband of an inner and outer garment, showing the manner of using my improved garment-supporter.

In the embodiment of my invention I provide a yoke 1, which is adapted to be secured to the inner side of the waistband of an inner garment, of substantially inverted-U shape, and is here shown as being composed of a single piece of wire bent to form a pair of depending arms 2, a yoke-arm 3 connecting the upper ends thereof, eyes 4 at the angles formed by the junction of the arms 2 with the yoke-arm 3, eyes 5 at the lower ends of the arms 2, and upwardly-extending prongs 6 on the outer sides of, approximate to, and in transverse position with relation to the said arms 2, the said prongs being adapted to be pressed like pins through the waistband of the inner garment, the arms 2 being first pressed appropriately toward each other, the eyes 4 being spring-coils, and the arms 2 being by the action of the said spring-coil eyes 4 maintained in parallel position spread apart, so as to keep the prongs 6 in engagement with the inner waistband and the latter secured between the said prongs and the eyes 5. The inner portions of the prongs 6 are disposed in close proximity to the eyes 5, and said prongs extend across the said eyes and project outwardly in opposite directions

therefrom, as shown. To the said yoke 1 is attached a hook 7. The latter is here shown as being formed of a single piece of wire bent to form at its center the depending hook-bill 8, the doubled side arms 9 of the hook-bill, and the eyes 10 at the lower ends of the said arms, the said eyes being engaged with the eyes 4 of the yoke 1. This hook is when the supporter is in use slipped over the waistband, and, as shown in Fig. 3, *a* indicates the waistband of the inner garment, to which the yoke 1 is attached, and *b* the waistband of the outer garment.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, operation, and advantages of my invention will be readily apparent, it is thought, without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of my invention.

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

1. In a garment-supporter of the class described, the combination of a yoke comprising arms 2 having eyes 5 at their lower ends, prongs 6 projecting outwardly from said eyes, a yoke-arm 3, and spring-coils 4 forming eyes connecting said yoke-arm to the upper ends of the arms 2, with a hook pivotally connected to the said yoke at the upper side of the latter, substantially as described.

2. In a garment-supporter of the class described, the combination of a yoke comprising arms 2 having eyes 5 at their lower ends, prongs 6 projecting outwardly from said eyes, a yoke-arm 3, and spring-coils 4 forming eyes connecting said yoke-arm to the upper ends of the arms 2, with a hook having side arms pivotally connected to the spring-coils 4 of the said yoke, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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