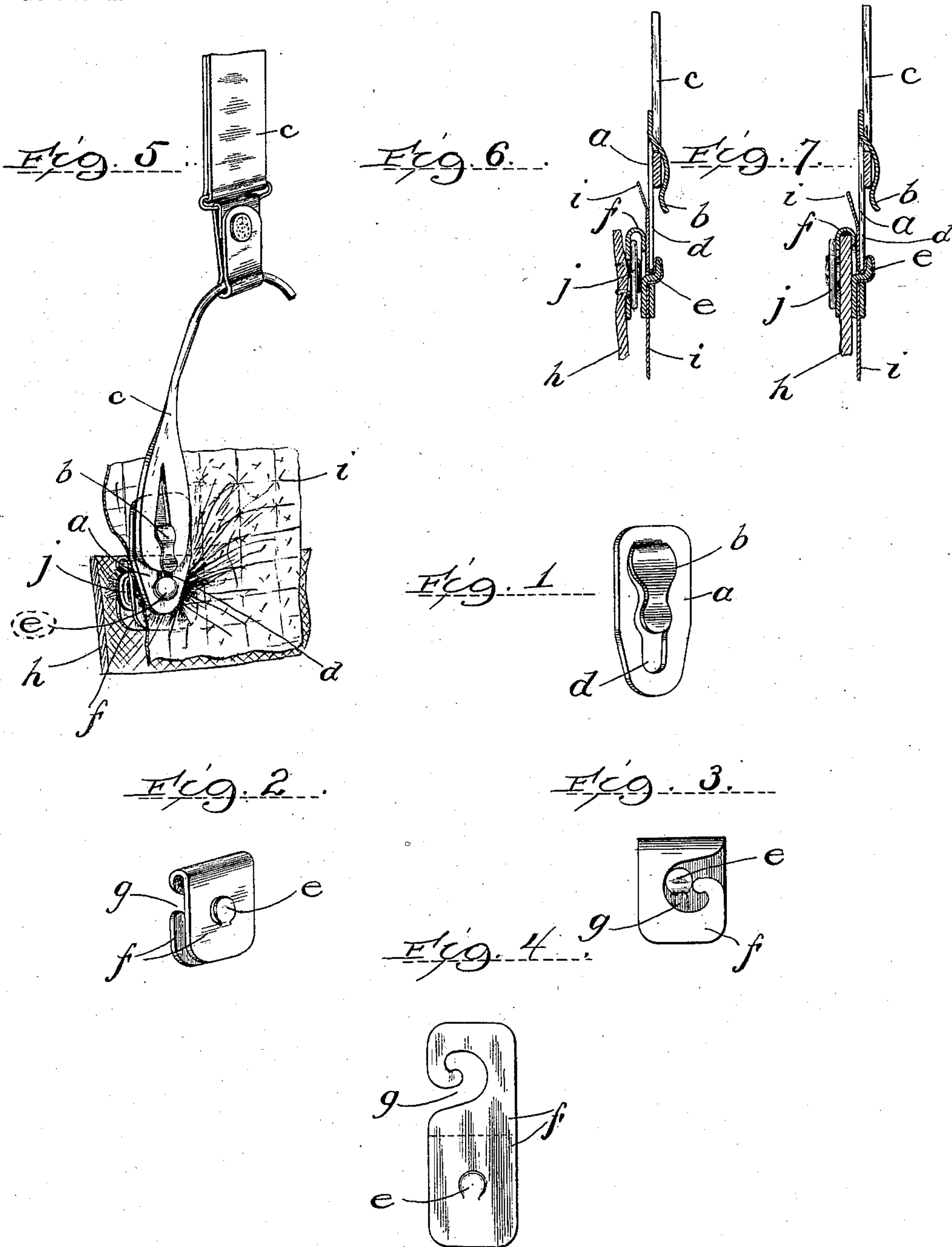


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. HAWKES, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to garment-supporters, particularly for men's wear; and the object of my invention is to provide means whereby the suspenders may be worn beneath the shirt and readily attached to and detached from the waistband of the trousers. I accomplish this object by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the inner suspending-piece designed to be attached to the suspenders and worn beneath the shirt. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the outer suspending-piece adapted to be detachably attached to the waistband of the trousers. Fig. 3 is a front view of the outer suspending-piece. Fig. 4 is a view of said outer piece, showing the same in an unfolded position illustrating the preferred form for facilitating manufacture. Fig. 5 is an assembly view in perspective, showing the manner of attaching the parts. Fig. 6 is a transverse sectional view showing the manner of assembling the parts. Fig. 7 is also a transverse view and shows the manner of assembling the parts when the trousers-button is on the outside of the waistband.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

a represents the inner suspending-piece, which is made, preferably, of metal and is provided with a tongue or hook *b* for attachment to the suspenders *c*. At the lower extremity of said piece *a* is the slot *d*. Said slot *d* is wider at its upper extremity than at its lower extremity in order to freely receive the head or button *e*, formed on the outer suspending-piece *f*. The lower extremity of said slot *d* is narrow enough to retain the button *e* and prevent the withdrawal of the same when the parts *a* and *f* are attached together.

In the preferred form of manufacture the part *f* consists of a single piece of sheet metal, as shown extended in Fig. 4. This piece when folded in the middle forms a clip, on

one of the leaves whereof is formed a slot *g*. Said slot *g* is adapted to receive and retain the neck of the button sewed or otherwise secured to the waistband of the trousers, such waistband being represented by the letter *h* in Figs. 5, 6, and 7 of the drawings. The outer piece *f* is formed in such a manner that the two leaves thereof are at a distance apart sufficient to receive the button on the waistband of the trousers or to receive the waistband itself in case the button is secured on the outside of the trousers.

The manner of operating the device is as follows: The tongue *b* of the inner suspending-piece *a* is hooked into the loop of the suspenders *c*. The fabric *i* of the shirt is then brought into proximity with the piece *a* against the outer face of the latter. The head *e* of the outer piece *f*, which is on the outer side of the shirt, is then inserted into the slot *d* at the upper extremity thereof. As the said shirt is between the inner and outer pieces *a* and *f* the fabric thereof is forced through said slot *d* by said button *e*. When said button, with its fabric, is forced down into the lower extremity of the slot *d*, said button is prevented from being withdrawn, and the two parts *a* and *f* are therefore firmly connected. It is evident from the above description that the said inner and outer pieces *a* and *f*, respectively, stay permanently attached one to the other unless purposely detached, and herein lies one of the important advantages of my invention, for it is not necessary to change the location of the outer piece *e* when it is desired to disconnect the suspenders and inner piece *a* from the trousers—that is to say, when a suitable position has been determined for the outer piece *f* upon the shirt *i* the trousers may be attached and detached without disturbing said outer piece *f*.

The trousers *h* are supported upon the outer piece *f* by passing the neck or stitching of the button into the slot *g*. The button *j* will then be retained in said piece *f*, thereby supporting the said trousers.

My device is applicable to trousers having the button either upon the outer or inner side of the waistband.

In Fig. 6 the method of attachment is illustrated wherein the button *j* is upon the inner side of the waistband *h*. In this instance the

button *j* occupies a position between the two leaves of the outer piece *f*, and said piece *f* is practically invisible from the outer side of the waistband.

5 Fig. 7 illustrates the assemblage of the parts when the trousers-button *j* is upon the outer side of the waistband. In this latter instance the waistband *h* is inserted between the two leaves of the outer piece *f*, the button *j* oc-
10 cupying a position outside of the piece *f*. In the position last described much of the exposed surface of the outer piece *f* is hidden by said button.

Although I have described my invention in
15 connection with garments for men's wear, I do not desire to be limited to the particular form of device herein shown, for it is within my comprehension and intention that my de-
20 vice may be used in connection with women's garments.

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

1. In a garment-supporter, the combination
25 of a part adapted to be suspended inside of the shirt, and a second outer part having means for engaging said inner part through the fabric of the shirt, said inner and outer
30 parts permanently maintaining their connection, and said outer part having means for detachable attachment to the garment to be supported whereby the attaching and detach-
ing is effected through the agency of parts outside of the shirt and within the sight and touch of the manipulator.

35 2. In a garment-supporter, the combination of a part adapted to be suspended inside of the shirt, a second part adapted to permanently engage said inner part through the fabric of the shirt, and a device upon the waist-
40 band of the supported garment, said second part having means for detachable attachment to said waistband device, whereby connection and disconnection between the supporter and
45 the supported garment may be made between parts outside of the shirt, thereby avoiding the necessity of "finding" the parts located inside of the shirt.

3. In a garment-supporter, the combination
50 of an inner part adapted to be attached to suspenders; a second part located outside of the shirt, one of said parts having a head and the

other of said parts having a socket for per-
manently retaining said head, said outer part
having means for detachably engaging a sup-
porting device fastened to the waistband of
55 the garment to be supported.

4. In a garment-supporter, the combination
of an inner part adapted to be attached to a
supporting device such as suspenders; an
outer part adapted to be detachably attached
60 to the waistband of the garment to be supported; a head upon said outer part; and a
socket in said inner part for receiving and
permanently retaining the head on said outer
part whereby the attaching and detaching in
65 the regular use of the device takes place be-
tween the parts outside of the shirt.

5. In a garment-supporter, the combination
of an inner part, means for suspending the
same, an outer part constituting a clip formed
70 of two approximately parallel leaves, a head
or button formed upon one of said leaves, a
socket in said inner part for receiving said
head or button and the shirt fabric, and means
upon the other of said leaves of said outer
75 part for attachment to the outer garment for
supporting the latter.

6. In a garment-supporter, the combination
of an inner part, means for suspending the
same, an outer part constituting a clip formed
80 of two approximately parallel leaves, a head
or button formed upon one of said leaves, a
socket in said inner part for receiving said
head or button and the shirt fabric, and a
slot in the other of said leaves for attachment
85 to a button on the trousers.

7. In a garment-supporter, the combination
of an inner part having a tongue thereon for
attachment to the suspenders, a socket or slot
in said inner part having its upper portion
90 wider than its lower portion, an outer part
constituting a clip formed of two approxi-
mately parallel leaves, a head or button
formed upon one of said leaves for entering
the upper part of said socket or slot and for
95 being retained in the lower part thereof, and
a slot in the other of said leaves for attach-
ment to a button on the trousers.

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