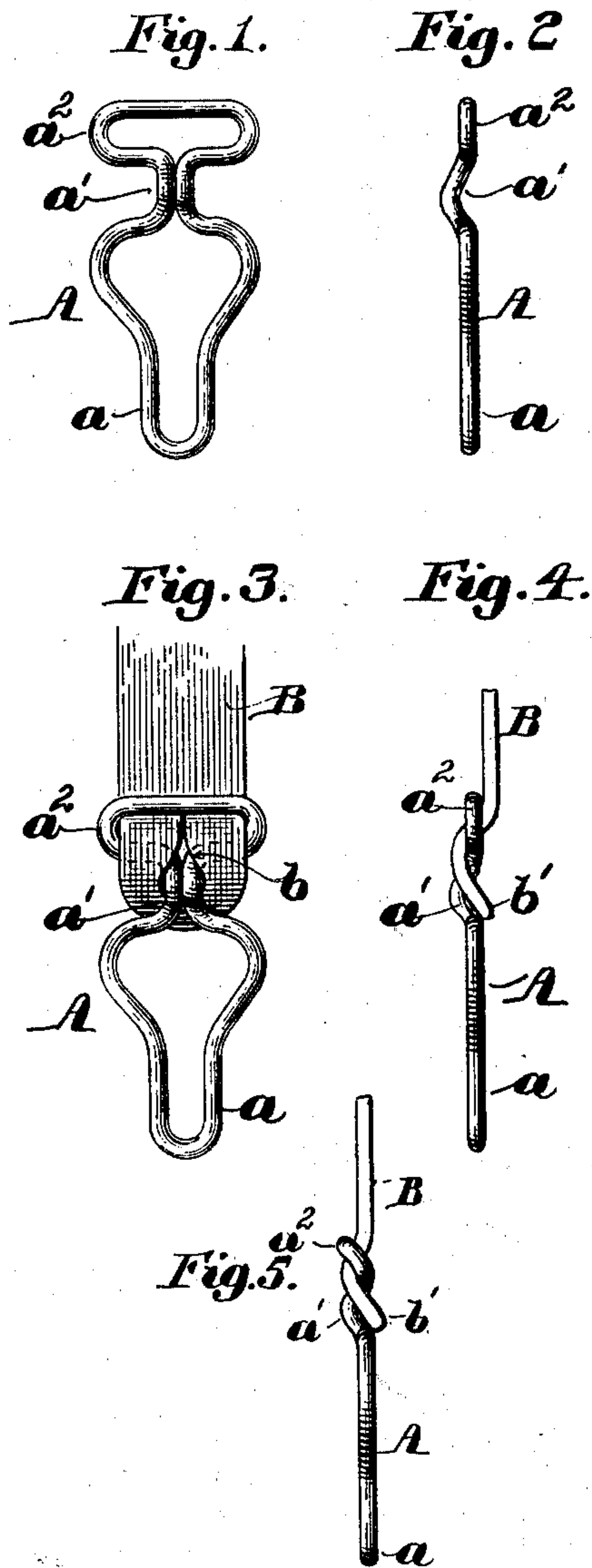


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GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOEL JENKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing in Montclair, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in garment-supporters which may be readily attached to or detached from the end of a suspender or other supporting-strap; and the objects of my improvement are, first, to provide a construction whereby the suspender may be readily attached to the trousers-band either in the ordinary way or when worn beneath the shirt; second, to provide a construction whereby the strain on the device when in use will be in direct line with the strap; third, to provide a construction which is adapted to engage a suspender so securely that it cannot be accidentally detached therefrom, and, fourth, to provide a device of this character which will present a substantially unbroken surface to the person of the wearer. I attain these objects by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view. Fig. 2 is a side view of my improved device. Figs. 3 and 4 are similar views showing the device attached to a suspender-end. Fig. 5 is a side view of a modification of my device.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The structure contemplated by my invention consists in its essential features of a metal loop A. This loop may be formed of wire or stamped from suitable sheet metal, if desired. The device has at one extremity a suitable opening a to engage a button of the trousers or other garment. At the opposite extremity is a loop a^2 , so shaped as to readily receive and hold the end of the suspender or supporting-strap. Between these two portions is a neck or shank portion a' , which is curved forwardly, as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 4. This construction of the neck a' is adopted for the purpose of accommodating the bight or lower extremity b' of the button-tab of a suspender-end or other supporting-strap.

The device is attached to the suspender or supporting-strap as follows: The suspender-end is first thrust through the loop a^2 from the rear or right side, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4. The buttonhole or loop of the suspender is then drawn over the lower extremity a of the device and slid up upon the same until the bight or lower extremity b' of such suspender or strap rests in the depression or curve a' , as shown in Fig. 4. In this position of the parts it will be noticed that the connected suspender-end and loop present a substantially smooth surface to the rear, or that side next the person. When the device is thus connected with the suspenders, the suspenders may be used in the ordinary way or may be worn beneath the shirt, and the loop A, together with a portion of the shirt adjacent thereto, may be caused to engage over the buttons of the trousers-band, and thus enable the suspenders, though concealed beneath the shirt, to effectively support the trousers.

In the modification shown in Fig. 5 the loop a^2 is bent slightly forward in order that the suspender or strap B may in use maintain alinement with the body of the device A, and, furthermore, so that the device may more effectively present a substantially unbroken surface at the rear, or toward the wearer.

Many variations of my invention may be constructed; but

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

1. In a garment-supporter, a device provided with means to engage the garment to be supported; means to engage a supporting-strap; and means to receive and hold the extremity of the supporting-strap, whereby the device presents a substantially unbroken surface on the side next the person.

2. In a garment-supporter, a device provided with means to engage the garment to be supported; means to engage a supporting-strap; and means comprising an offset adapted to receive and hold the extremity of the strap, whereby the device presents a substantially unbroken surface on the side next the person.

3. In a garment-supporter, a device pro-

vided with means to engage the garment to
be supported; means to engage a supporting-
strap; and a curved shank to receive the
bight or loop of the supporting-strap, where-
5 by the device presents a substantially un-
broken surface on the side next the person.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my

hand, in the presence of two subscribing wit-
nesses, this the 23d day of June, A. D. 1902.

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