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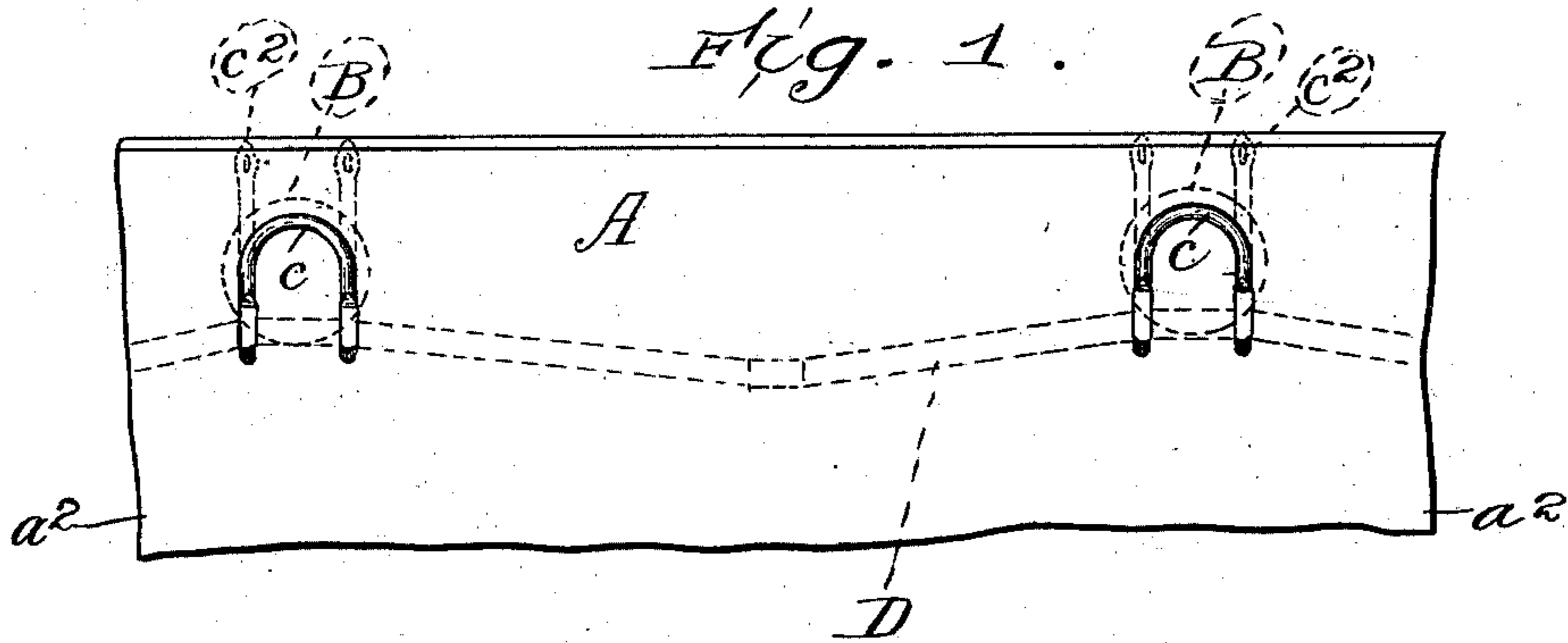


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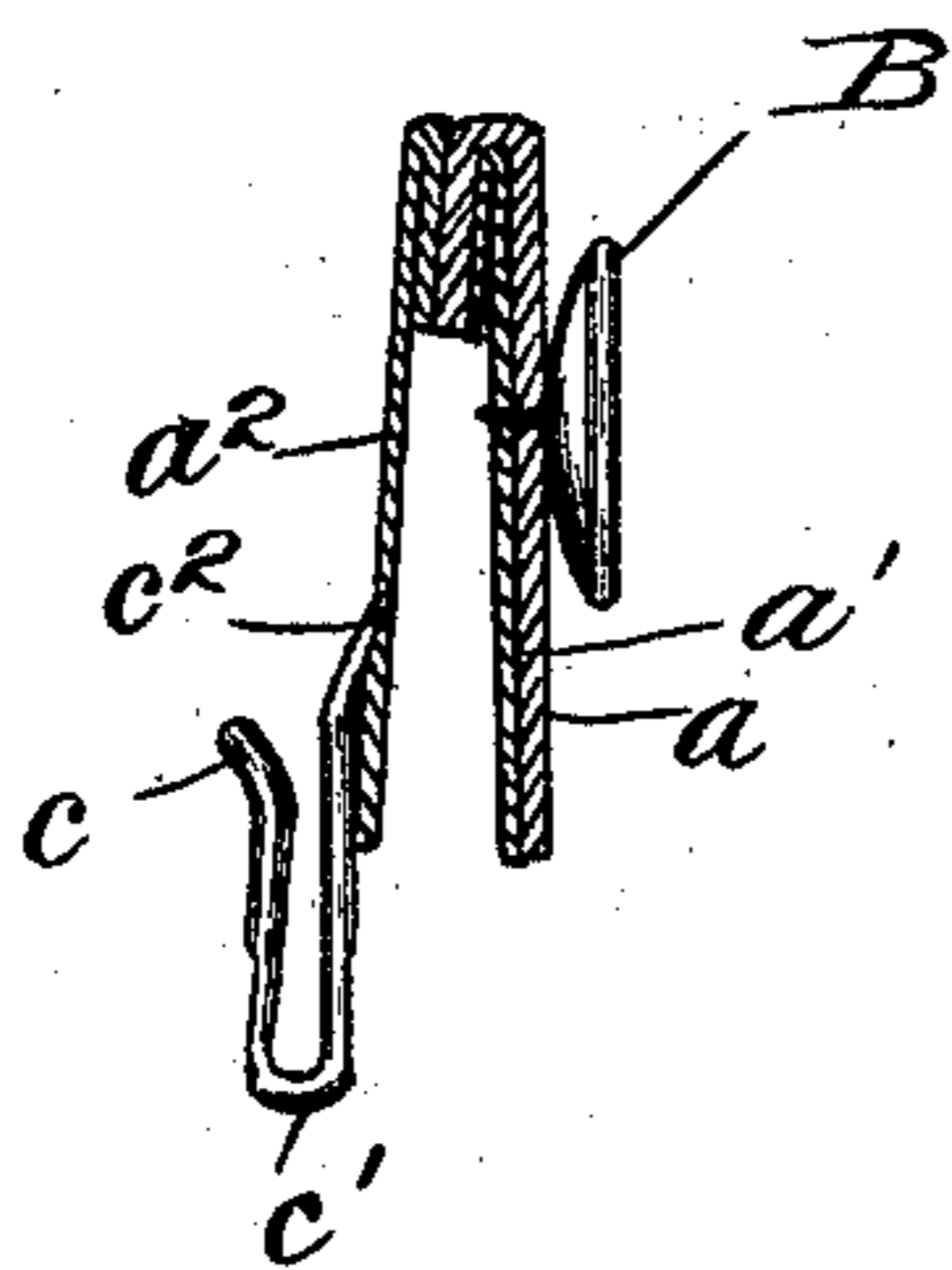


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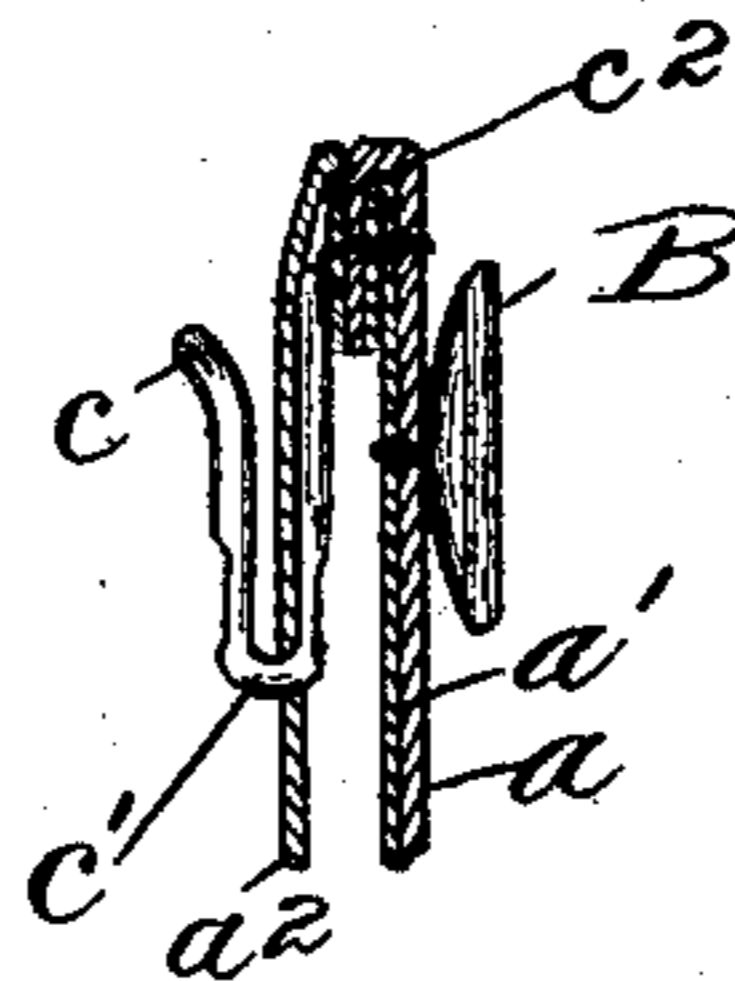


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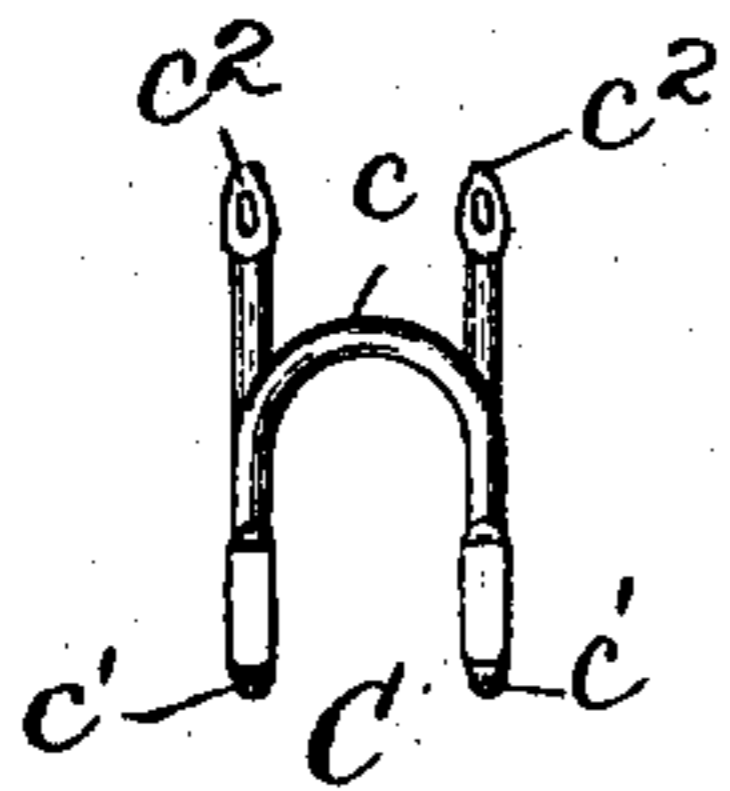


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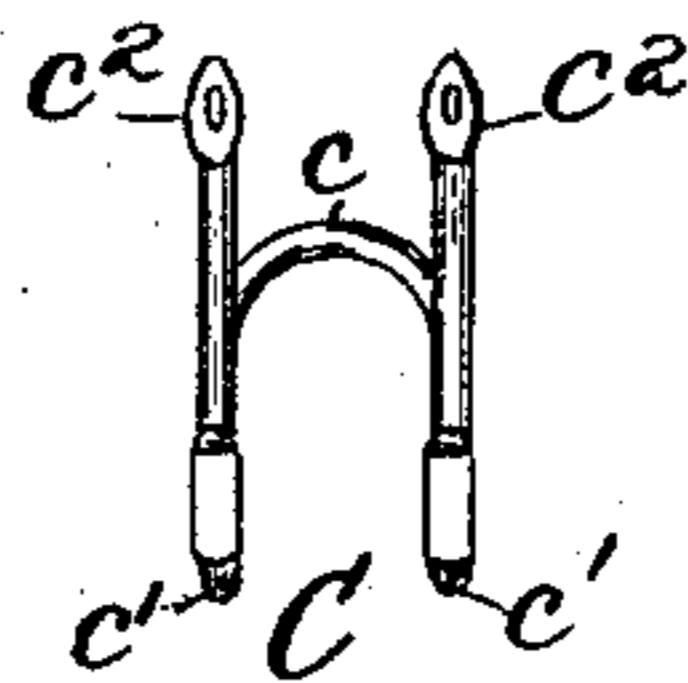


Fig. 6.



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SUPPORTING MEANS FOR GARMENTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. MESICK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supporting Means for Garments; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of 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 more particularly to means for supporting undergarments upon an outer article of apparel, such as trousers or the like.

Heretofore it has been customary in the manufacture of gentlemen's drawers to provide a strip of tape on each side of the waistband of the garment and through which the suspender-strap is passed before being buttoned to the waistband of the trousers. The suspenders are also usually provided with an additional strap provided with a gripping device at the extremity adapted to engage the waistband of the drawers, thus supporting the same from the suspenders. These methods of support for undergarments have proved objectionable because by either the top of the undergarment shows above the top of the waistband of the trousers and presents an unsightly appearance, and, furthermore, if a gripping is used the same soon cuts through or tears the waistband of the drawers.

The object of this invention is to provide a construction on the inner side of the waistband of the trousers adapted to receive and engage the tape before described and acting to support the undergarment from a point adjacent to or opposite the point of attachment of the suspender-strap therewith, thereby communicating the weight directly to the suspenders and avoiding sagging of the waistband between the suspender-buttons.

The invention is an improvement over my prior patent, No. 698,037, entitled "Supporting means for garments," issued on the 22d day of April, 1902, and has for a further object a hook construction adapted to be more

readily secured upon the waistbands of ready-made trousers without injury to the fabric or necessitating ripping of a seam to attach the hooks.

The invention consists in the matters hereinafter described, and more fully pointed out and defined in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an inner face view of a portion of a trousers-waistband illustrating the construction of the hook and the attachment of the same therewith. Fig. 2 is vertical section taken at one side of the hook and illustrates the method of inserting the same into the lining. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the ends of the hook forced upwardly and secured at the top of the waistband. Fig. 4 is a front face view of the hook. Fig. 5 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 6 is a section taken through the bottom or throat of the hook.

As shown in said drawings, A indicates as a whole the waistband of a pair of trousers constructed in the usual manner and comprising an outer fabric a , the interline a' , of canvas or other suitable material, and a lining a'' , of any preferred material, all of which are secured together at the top, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, with the edges turned inwardly to afford a finish. The suspender-buttons B are sewed upon the outer side of the waistband through the fabric a and fabric a' in position to best support the weight of the garment in the usual manner.

The hooks C comprise each a single piece of wire or other suitable material bent to form an outwardly-turned tongue c , formed by bending the wire at its middle upon itself, providing a rounded bend, and turning said rounded portions outwardly. The ends of said wire intermediate the extremity of the tongue are bent upwardly, forming a rounded bend c' at the bottom or throat of the hook for engagement with the tape D of the undergarment, as shown in Fig. 1. The ends of said wire extend upwardly approximately parallel and to a rounded point beyond the tongue of the hook and at their extremities are flattened and pointed and turned slightly outwardly and oppositely from the outward bend

of the tongue, as shown at c^2 , and are provided with an eye through which the same may be stitched to the fabric. The wire on each side of the bottom or throat of the hook is slightly flattened on the outer side of the hook, reducing the thickness at said points above the bottom or throat of the hook and adding materially to the resiliency of the hook.

The operation is as follows: The hooks are inserted in position by forcing the pointed ends of the wires through the lining a^2 of the waistband, as shown in Fig. 2. This may be done without tearing or injuring the fabric, as the extremities are pointed. The hook is then pushed upwardly until said pointed extremities extend to near the top of the waistband, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. The hook is then sewed in position through the eyes in said extremities, (shown in Fig. 3.) with the outwardly-turned flat ends thereof directed away from the body and toward the interlining of canvas a' in position to prevent injury to the wearer or garment. Preferably said hooks are secured, as shown in Fig. 1, on the inner side the waistband directly opposite the suspender-buttons, which are secured on the outer side of the waistband, and are positioned with the lower bends of the hooks extending below the point of attachment of the button with the garment, so that the weight of the undergarment is supported in direct alinement with the suspender-strap and below the button, thereby preventing the weight of the undergarment sagging the waistband of the trousers.

Obviously from the construction shown the undergarment is supported entirely below the top of the waistband of the trousers and is entirely concealed from view.

Obviously details of construction may be varied without departing from the principles of this invention.

I claim as my invention—

1. A hook comprising a wire bent at its middle to provide an outwardly-turned rounded tongue and having the ends of the wire turned upwardly and outwardly from the outward curvature of the tongue and reduced to thin flat points and each provided with an aperture therethrough.

2. A hook of the class described comprising a metallic wire bent at its middle to provide a rounded, outwardly-turned hook each of the ends of the wire being bent upon itself and extending upwardly along the tongue of

the hook and turned outwardly therefrom and reduced to a thin, flat point and provided with an eye therethrough, the wire on each side of the throat or bottom of the hook on the outside side thereof being flattened.

3. The combination with the waistband of a garment, of supporting-buttons secured on the outer side thereof and a hook secured on the inner side of the waistband directly opposite and slightly below one or more of said buttons and embracing a thin pointed apertured, outwardly-turned extremities and an integral upwardly-extending tongue of the hook positioned to receive the supporting-tape of an undergarment.

4. A garment-supporting device comprising in combination the waistband of a garment, buttons for shoulder-supports such as suspenders secured on the outer side thereof, a hook secured on the inner side of the waistband directly and slightly below said buttons and comprising a wire bent at its middle part to form an outwardly-turned tongue and rounded in cross-section at the throat, the extremities of said wire extending upwardly parallel with the sides of the hook and terminating in flattened pointed outwardly-curved extremities each provided with an eye to receive attaching means, said extremities being forced through the lining of the waistband and upwardly and adapted to be stitched through said eyes at the top of the waistband.

5. The combination with a waistband of a pair of trousers, of suspender-buttons secured on the outer side thereof and wire hooks comprising parallel outwardly-turned flattened extremities each provided with an eye therethrough and which are forced upwardly through the lining of said waistband opposite the suspender-buttons and to a point near the top of the waistband and are stitched therethrough the middle portion of the wire forming the hook being curved upwardly to provide a tongue having a slight outward curvature and the wire on each side of said throat being flattened on the sides of the hook.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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