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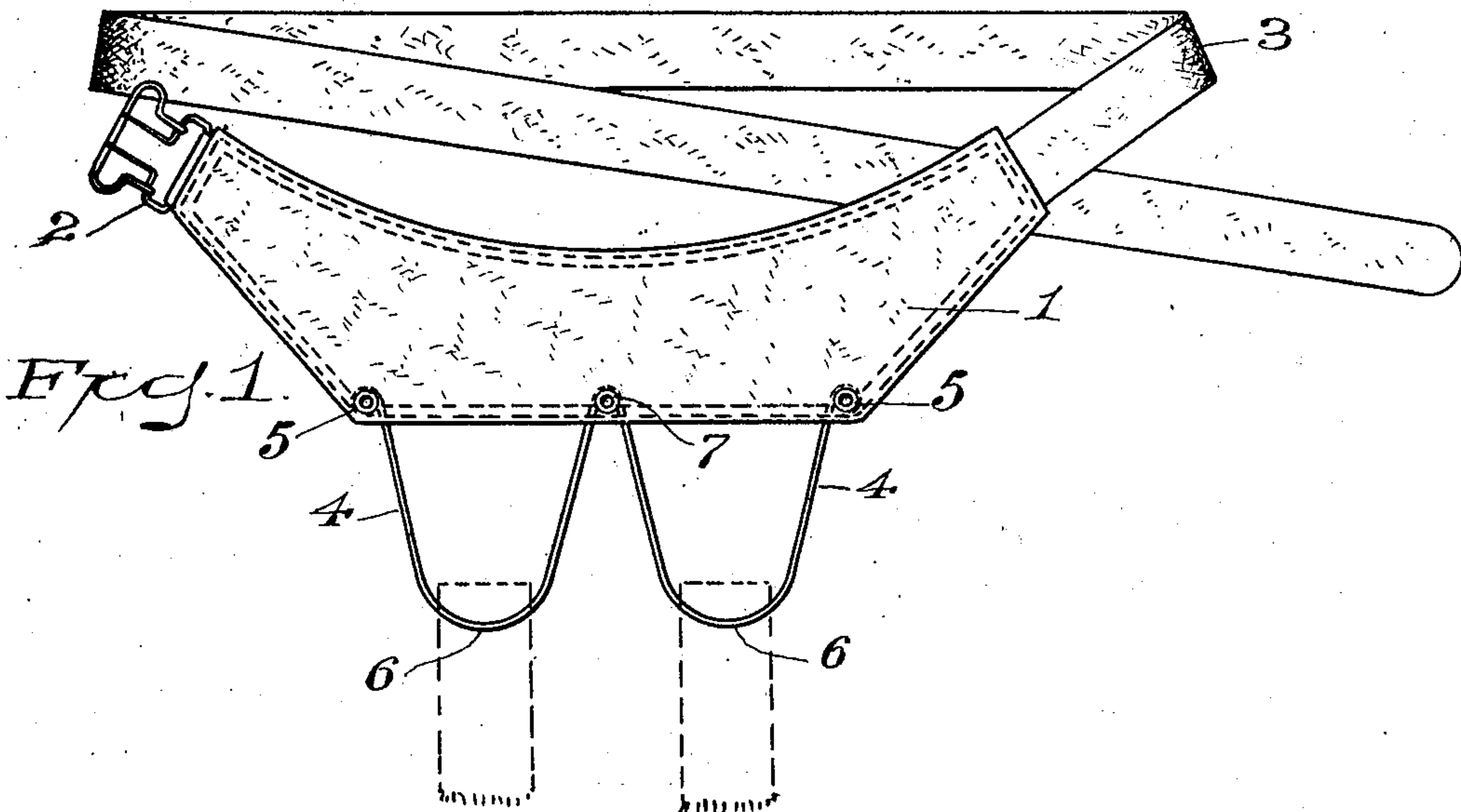
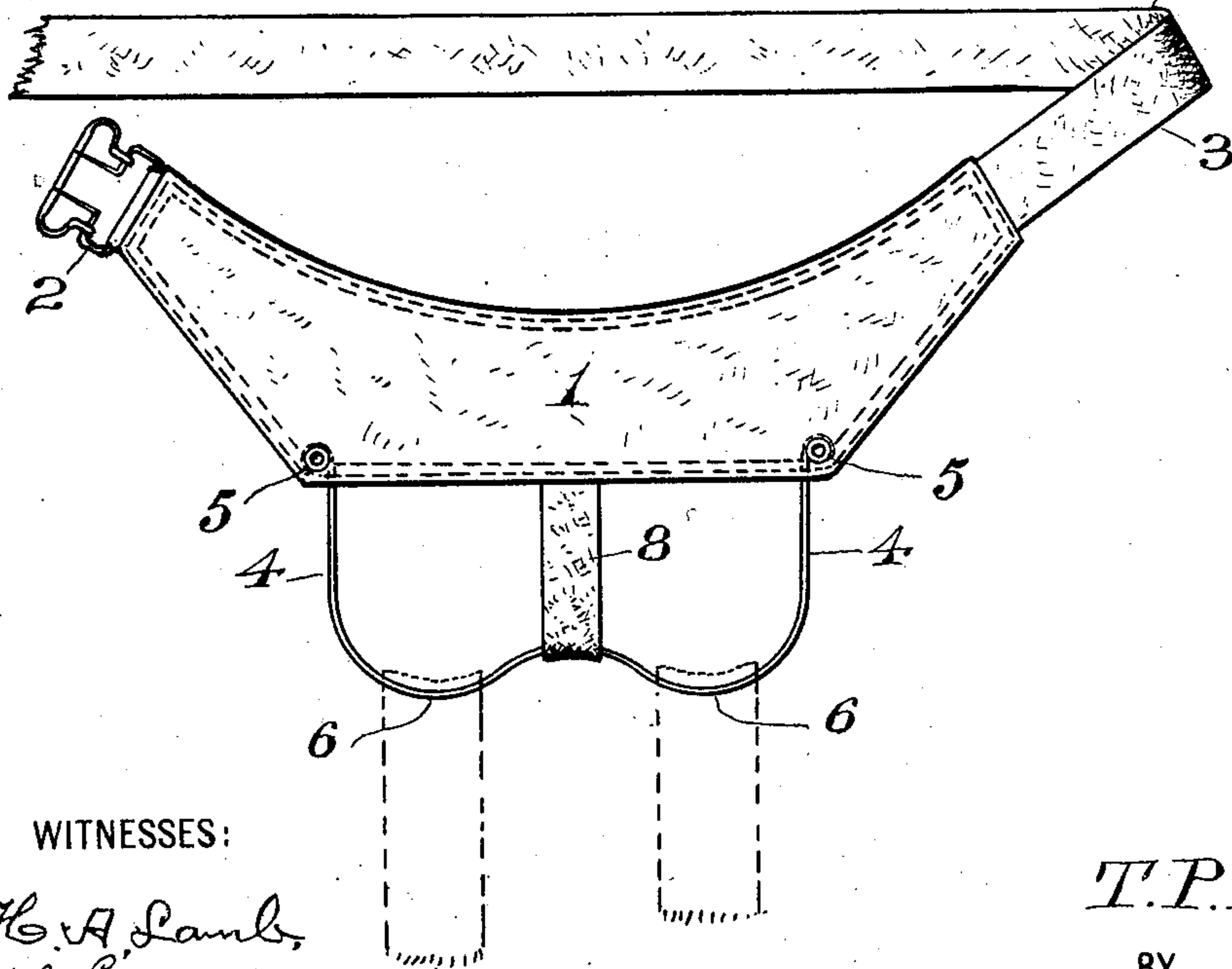


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS P. TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stocking-Supporters; and I do hereby 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 relates to certain improvements in stocking-supporters, and has for its object simplicity of construction and great utility; and with these ends in view my invention consists in certain details of construction and combination of parts, such as will be hereinafter fully set forth and then specifically be designated by the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this application, Figure 1 is an elevation showing an approved form of construction of my device; Fig. 2, a similar view showing a modified form of construction.

Similar numbers of reference denote like parts in both figures of the drawings.

My invention relates solely to that part of a stocking-supporter which may be attached in position around the waist of the wearer and by means of which stocking-engaging members may be upheld; but I have not illustrated any stocking-engaging members, since they form no part of my present invention, and therefore in the drawings the position of these members is merely indicated by dotted lines.

1 is a section of any approved shape made of cloth and having at one extremity a buckle 2 and at the other extremity a belt 3 for attachment around the waist of the wearer.

4 is a skeleton frame made of wire and having its free ends secured to the section 1 by means of eyelets 5, while the lower extremity or loop end of the frame is disposed in the arc of a circle, as shown at 6.

The wire frame 4 is so formed as to present two of the circular portions 6, and such construction may be afforded by returning the central portion of the frame upwardly and supporting it from an eyelet 7, thus presenting

a wire frame having the general shape of the letter W, as shown at Fig. 1, or the frame may be formed by properly depending arcuate portions for upholding the two stocking-engaging members, while the central bottom portion of the frame may be curved upwardly and sustained in position by means of a suitable tape 8, which depends from the central portion of the lower edge of the section 1, as shown at Fig. 2.

Since the extreme lower portions of the frame are disposed in the arcs of circles, it will be clear that the stocking-engaging members can slide freely and independently upon these portions, so that there can be no undue strain during the movements of the wearer.

The wire frame is resilient, and if its normal shape be disturbed for any cause whatsoever such shape will be readily restored when the wearer assumes a normal position. The chief objections to the large abdominal pads in stocking-supporters of this description are lack of proper ventilation, distortion, uncleanness, and failure to maintain a proper and uniform pressure against the abdomen of the wearer. My improvement overcomes these objections, and, moreover, the depending stocking-engaging members may be readily removed from the frame and replaced by other similar members.

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

A stocking-supporter, comprising an upper cloth section provided with means for attaching said section to the person of the wearer, and two similar resilient open wire frames having their free ends secured to the bottom of said section at the ends thereof, while their main portions depend from said section and form closed loops side by side capable of receiving and supporting the duplicate stocking-engaging members, substantially as set forth.

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

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