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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

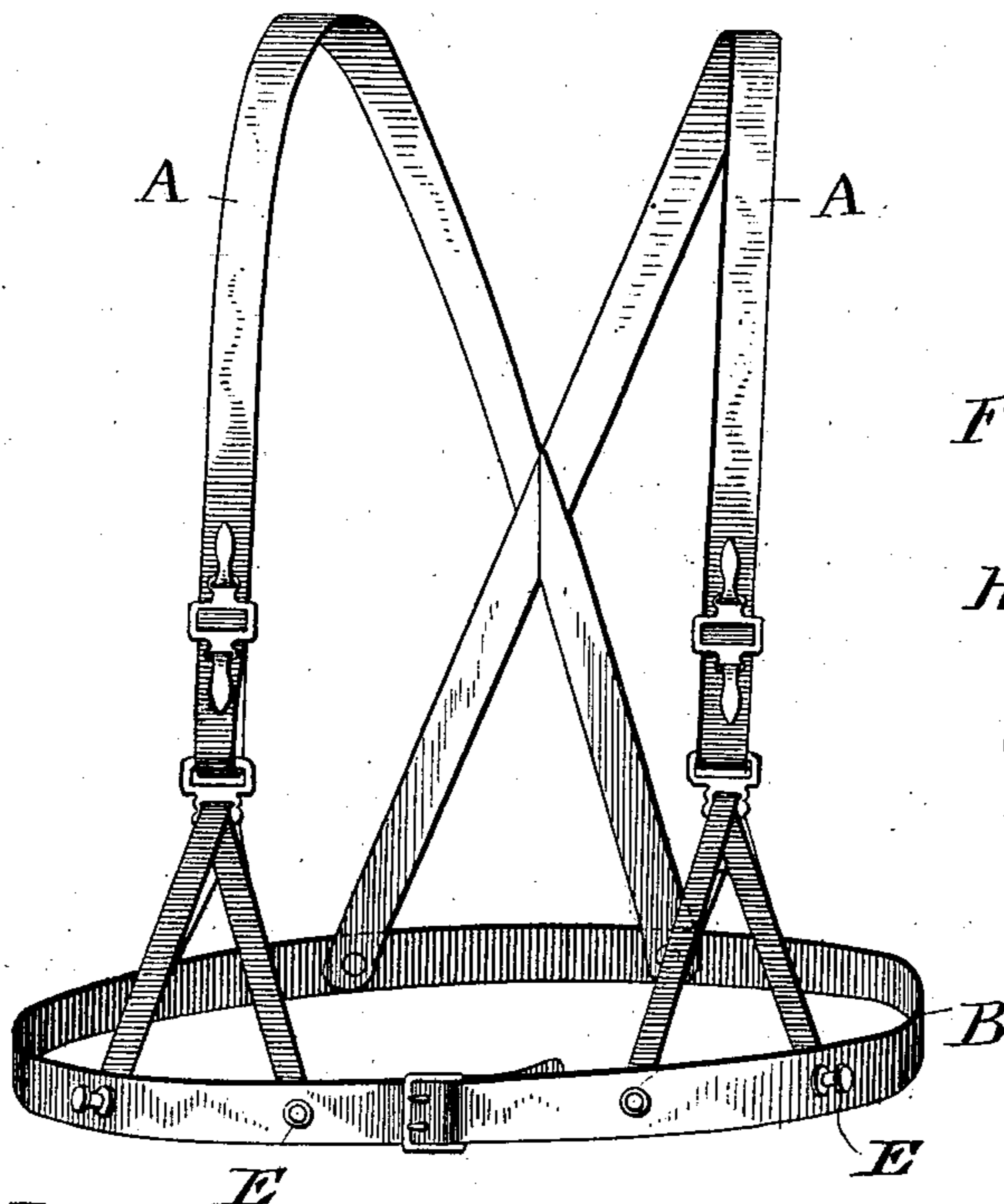


Fig. 5.

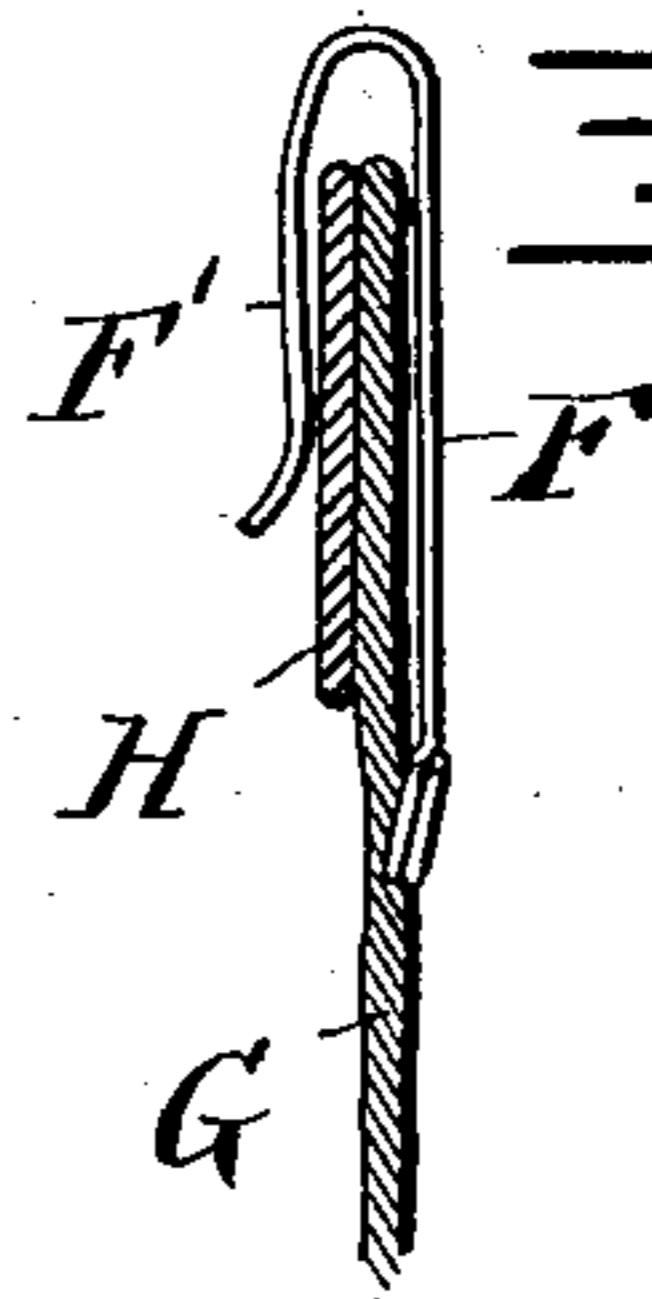


Fig. 2.

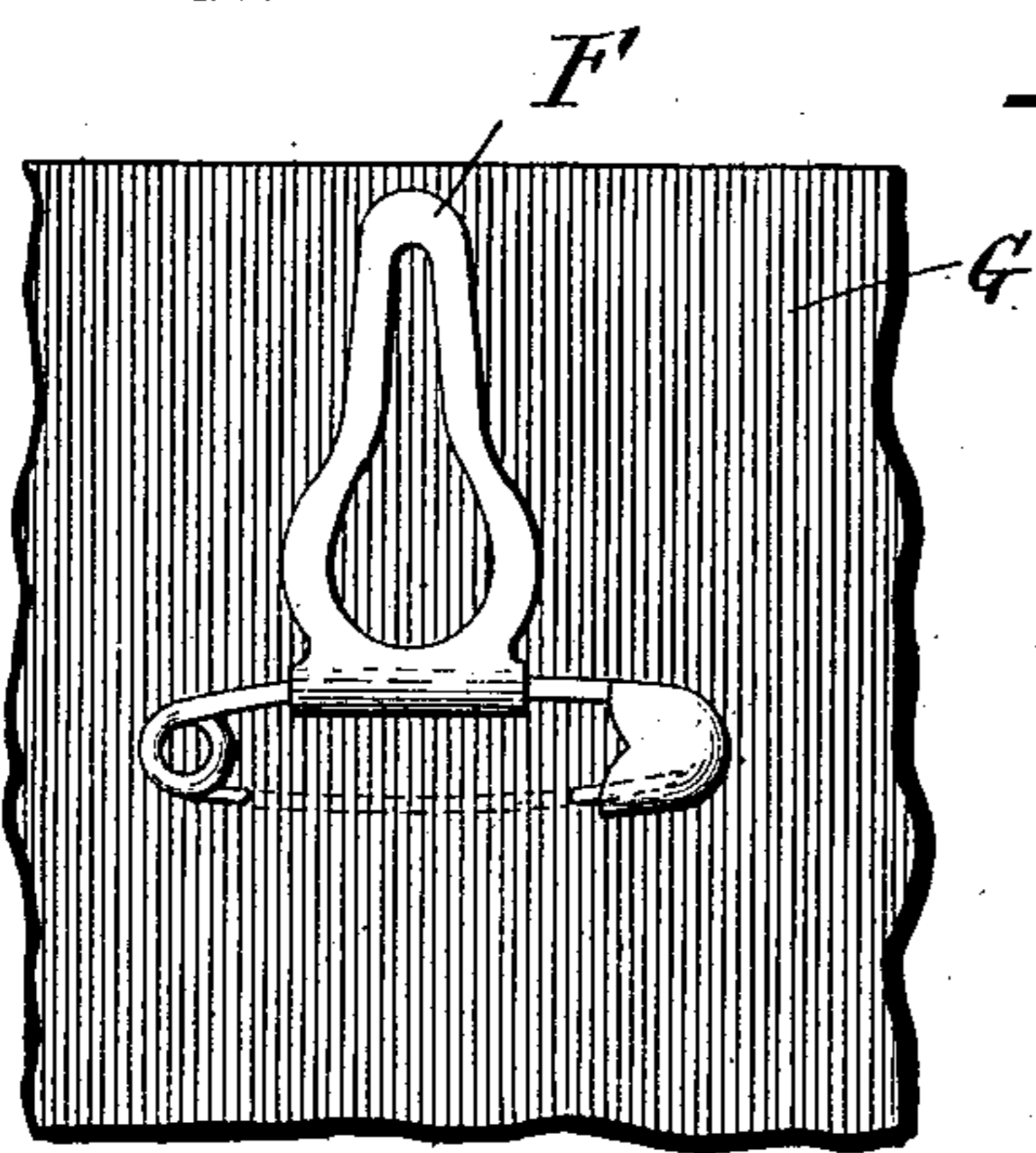


Fig. 3.

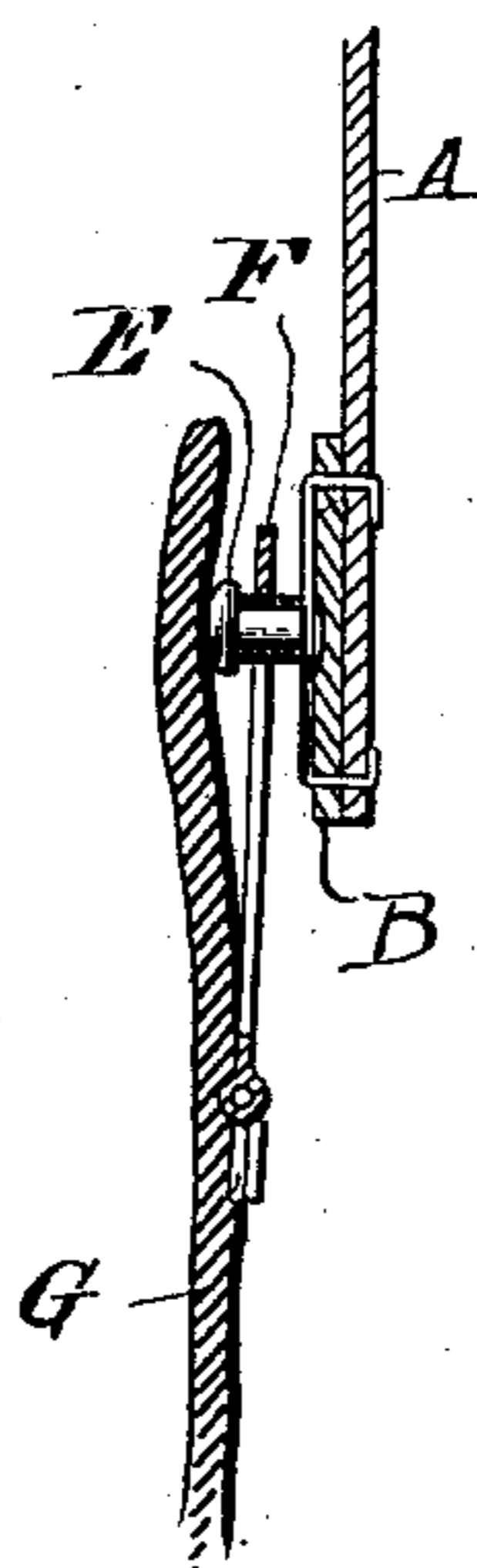
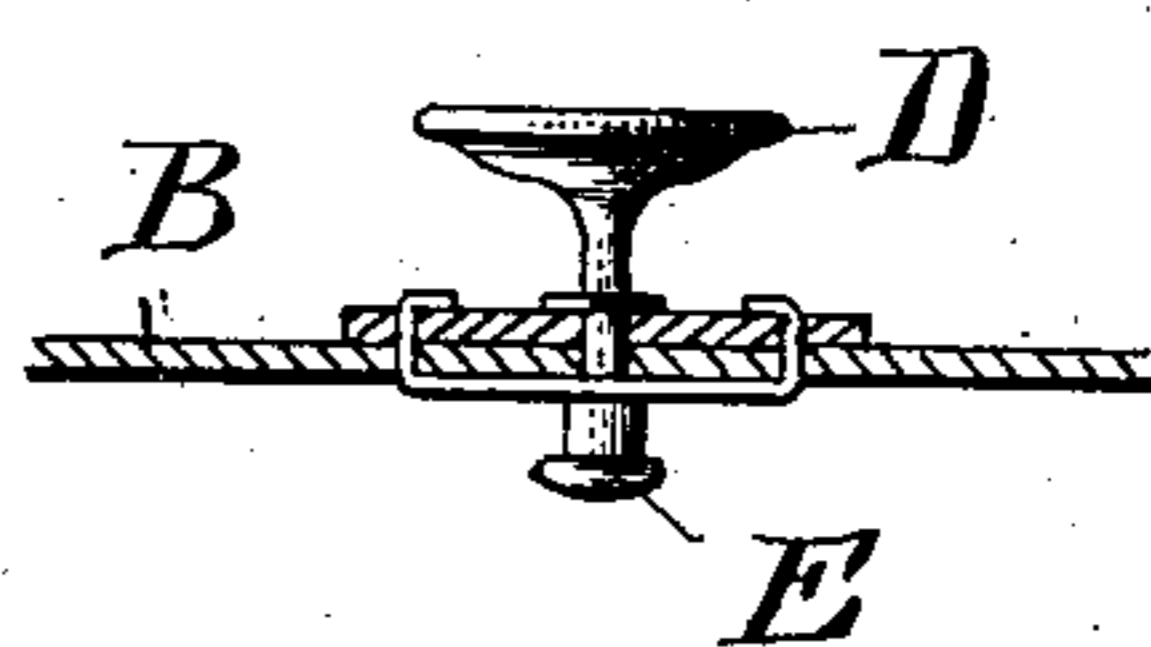


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. HUNKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Merriam Park, county of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to garment-supporters.

The main object of my invention is to provide a means for supporting the nether garments, said means being invisible. Further, the construction is such that a shirt or shirt-waist may be worn in the usual way to cover the upper portion of said garment-supporter, which waist will be properly held in place by the coaction of certain parts of the construction hereinafter described.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is an elevation of a detail. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of fragmentary portions. Fig. 4 is partly an elevation and partly a section of a detail of construction. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of a modified detail of construction.

In the drawings, A A are suspenders or straps adapted to go over the shoulders of the wearer.

B is a band to which the straps A may be attached, if desired, by means of buttons D, secured to the inside of said band. The buttons D may be provided with studs E on the opposite side of said band, said studs being designed to receive a buttonhole-loop F, carried by the nether garment G.

The garment-supporter when adjusted in place assumes the position approximately shown in Fig. 1. The nether garment G is secured to the band B by securing the buttonhole-loop F to the proper stud E. Before the nether garment is attached, however, the shirt-waist or shirt may be adjusted, and that portion of the shirt-waist adjacent to the stud E may be grasped by the buttonhole F, so that it will be held between it and said stud, the loop F performing the double function of securing the nether garment G to the band B and also securing the lower portion of the shirt-waist in place. The shirt-waist is not

shown in the drawings for obvious reasons and because the method of application is clear from the foregoing description. The shirt-waist renders the supporter invisible.

When it is desired, the suspenders may be secured to the band B—for example, as shown in Fig. 3, in which one end of the strap A is shown as riveted to the band B. The buttonhole-loop may be made of metal, substantially as shown in Fig. 2, and, if desirable, the upper end of said loop may be extended into the form of a hook, as shown in Fig. 5, in which F' is the bill of the hook, the same being adapted to hold a belt H in place around the waist.

What I claim is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a garment-supporter comprising shoulder-straps, a band attached to the ends thereof, means of connection on the outside of said band adjacent to the ends of said shoulder-straps, and a loop adapted to coact therewith said loop being adapted to be attached to the nether garment, and a hook constituting a belt-retainer formed integrally with said loop.

2. As an article of manufacture, a garment-supporter comprising shoulder-straps, a band permanently attached to the ends thereof, means of connection on the outside of said band adjacent to the ends of said shoulder-straps, and a loop adapted to coact therewith said loop being adapted to be attached to the nether garment, and a hook constituting a belt-retainer formed integral with said loop.

3. As an article of manufacture, a garment-supporter comprising shoulder-straps, a band permanently attached to the ends thereof, outwardly-projecting studs comprising means of connection on the outside of said band at the ends of said shoulder-straps whereby vertical strains are directly taken up by said straps without buckling the belt, and a series of loops adapted to coact therewith, said loops being adapted to be detachably attached to a nether garment.

4. A garment-supporter comprising a band adapted to the waist of a wearer, suspender-straps for extending over the shoulders of the wearer and connected to the band in the front and in the rear, outwardly-projecting studs at each junction with said suspender-straps con-

stituting one set of fastening devices whereby downward strains on said studs are taken directly by said straps and lateral displacement of said studs is prevented by said band and a
5 companion set of fastening devices comprising loops adapted to be secured to a nether garment having slots, the opening in each of said loops being broader at the bottom than at the top, the width of the narrow portion of said

slots being sufficiently greater than the diameter of the shank of said stud to receive the fabric of a garment between said stud and loop.

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