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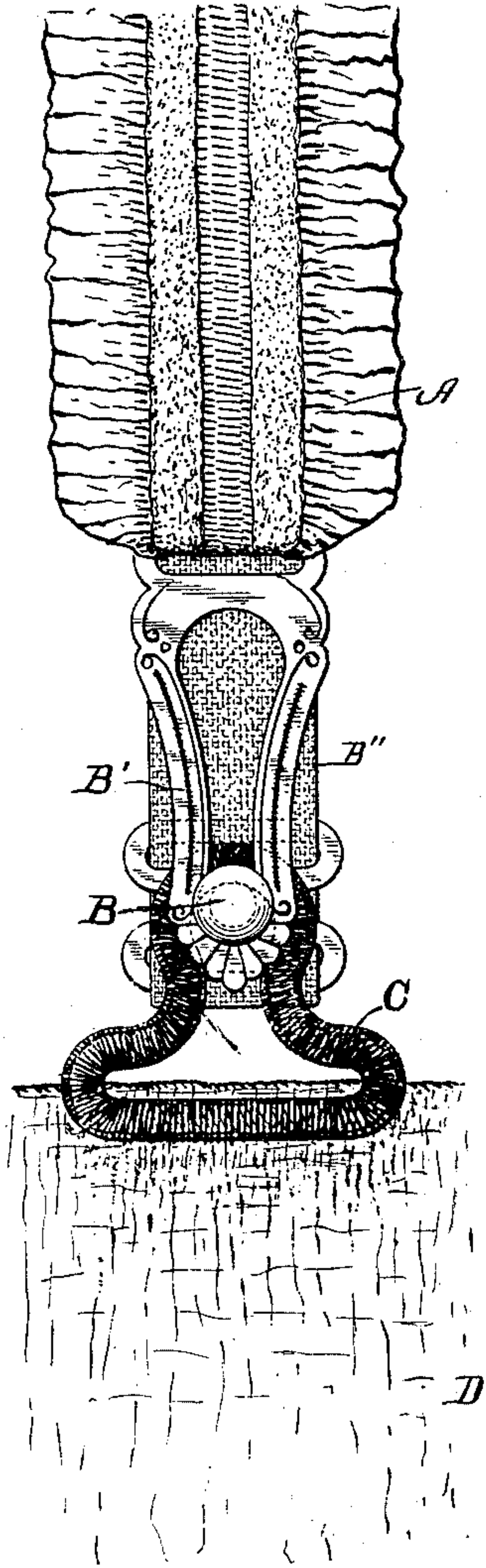


Fig. 1

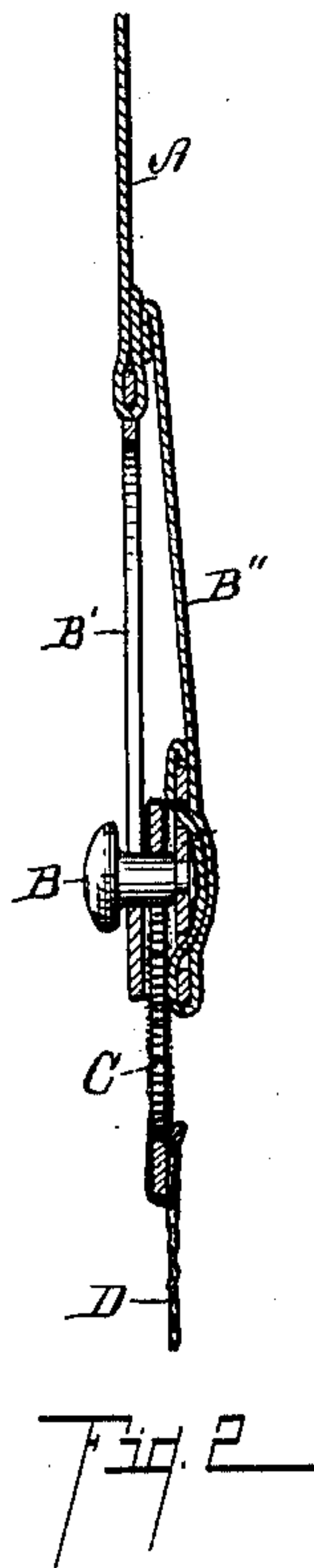


Fig. 2

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GARMENT-SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY H. BOYCE, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Grand Haven, in the county of Ottawa and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in garment-supporters.

It is the object of this invention, first, to provide an improved garment-supporter which is easy to manipulate and apply and which may be used without injury to the garment supported thereby.

Further objects and objects relating to structural details will definitely appear from the detailed description to follow.

I accomplish the objects of my invention by the devices and means described in the following specification.

The invention is clearly defined, and pointed out in the claims.

A structure embodying the features of my invention is fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a detail elevation view of my improved garment-supporter, the same being illustrated attached to a garment. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal sectional view of the structure appearing in Fig. 1, the stud B being shown in full lines.

In the drawings similar letters of reference refer to similar parts in both figures.

Referring to the drawings, the supporting-strap A is of the usual or any desired material, preferably elastic. Secured to the lower end of the supporting-strap A is a fastener member consisting of a stud member B and a retainer B'. The stud member B is secured to the supporting-strap A by a flexible tape B''. The retainer member B' is preferably secured directly to the supporting-strap. The retainer member is provided with a keyhole-slot adapted to engage the stud B.

A supporting-loop member C, having a wide base for attachment and provided with a keyhole-slot adapted to engage the stud B, is secured to the garment to be supported, as D.

The eye member C is preferably sewed to the garment by buttonhole-stitches, so that it may be attached very securely without injury thereto. Of course other means of attaching the broad base may be applied. This eye member C is preferably made of metal and is usually covered by a suitable fabric or by winding, thus rendering the same inconspicuous when used for fine silk hose. For cheaper grades it is left uncovered.

In fastening the stud B is first engaged by the loop member C, and the retainer is then engaged upon the stud so that the loop member is secured under the retainer.

The advantages of this structure appear from an inspection of the same.

Garment-holders as heretofore constructed and on the market have frequently been provided with V-shaped slots which engage a very narrow portion of the garment, putting an undue strain upon the same and often cutting the threads. Other styles are those that are provided with engaging jaws, which to be practical are substantially narrow in comparison to the hose or garment to which they are to be attached, thus putting undue strain upon the same and causing undue wear at the point where the jaws engage. Another kind, known as the "Lindsey" supporter, which is substantially the structure here illustrated with the exception of the supporting-loop, engages the top of the hose or garment direct. This exposes the same to rapid wear and puts undue strain upon the same, which in the case of silk hose or hose of delicate fabric soon wears a hole through the same or breaks the stitches or stretches the same out of shape. By providing a loop with the broad base and the keyhole-slot for engagement as illustrated a very secure flexible attachment for garment-supporters is provided and the objections here enumerated are overcome. I have enumerated these various devices, because I wish it to be understood that I am not claiming supporters comparable therewith and so that exactly what I do claim will distinctly appear.

My improved fastening device is comparatively inexpensive and is very durable in use. I am aware that it is capable of considerable

structural variation without departing from my invention.

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

1. In a garment-supporter, the combination
of a supporting-strap; a stud member B se-
cured to said strap by a flexible tape B''; a
supporting-loop member having a broad base
10 for attachment to the hose or garment and
provided with a keyhole engaging slot to en-
gage said stud; and a retainer-loop B' se-
cured to said supporting-strap and provided
with a keyhole-slot adapted to engage said
15 stud and retain the supporting-loop in place,
substantially as specified.

2. In a garment-supporter, the combination
of a supporting-strap; a stud member B se-
cured to said strap by a flexible tape B''; a

supporting-loop member having a broad base 20
for attachment to the hose or garment; and a
retainer-loop B' secured to said supporting-
strap and provided with a keyhole-slot adapted
to engage said stud and retain the supporting-
loop in place, for the purpose specified. 25

3. In a garment-supporter, the combination
of a stud member; a supporting-loop with a
broad attaching-base for securing to the gar-
ment; and a retainer-loop having a keyhole-
slot therein, adapted to engage said stud mem- 30
ber outside the supporting-loop, as specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal in the presence of two witnesses.

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