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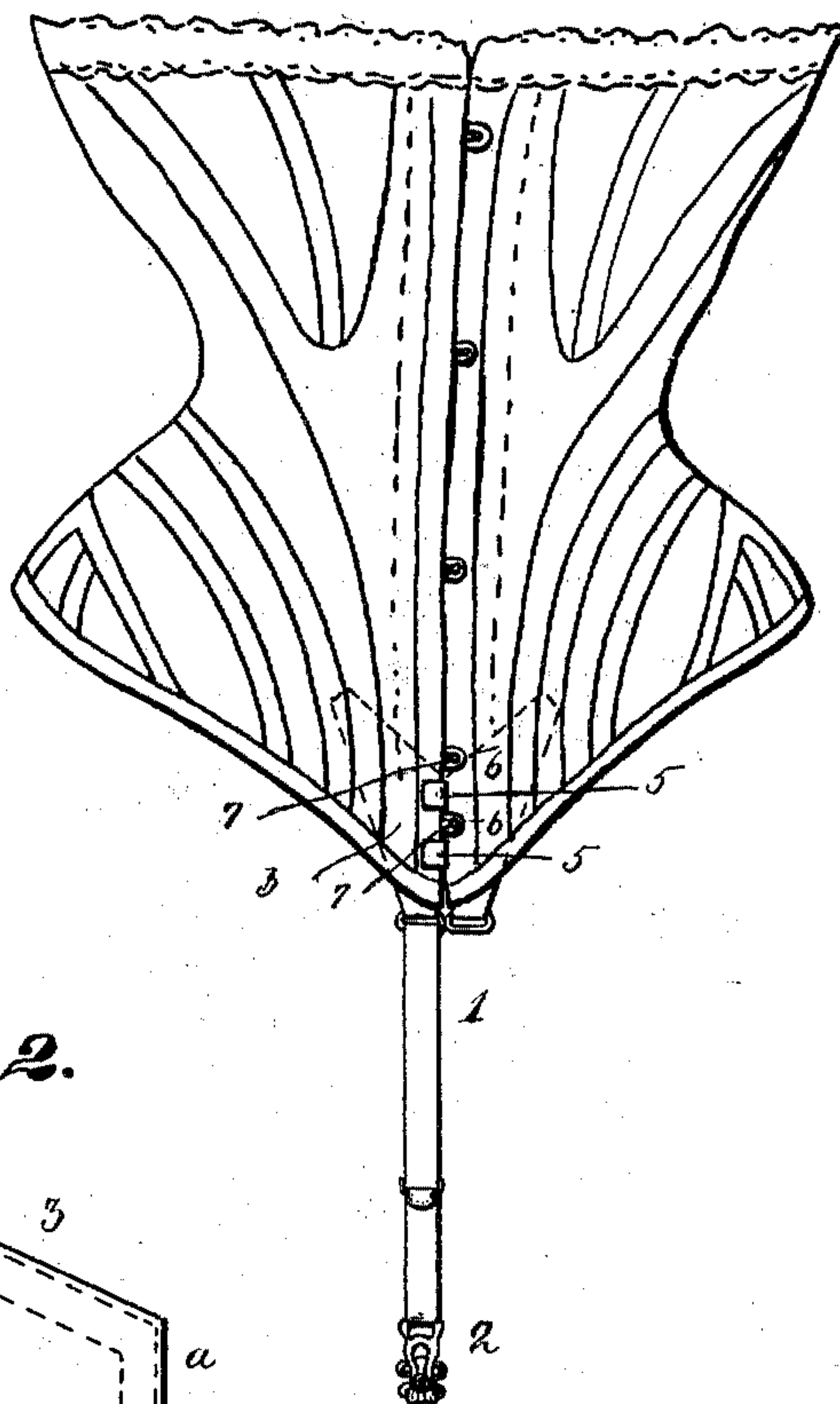
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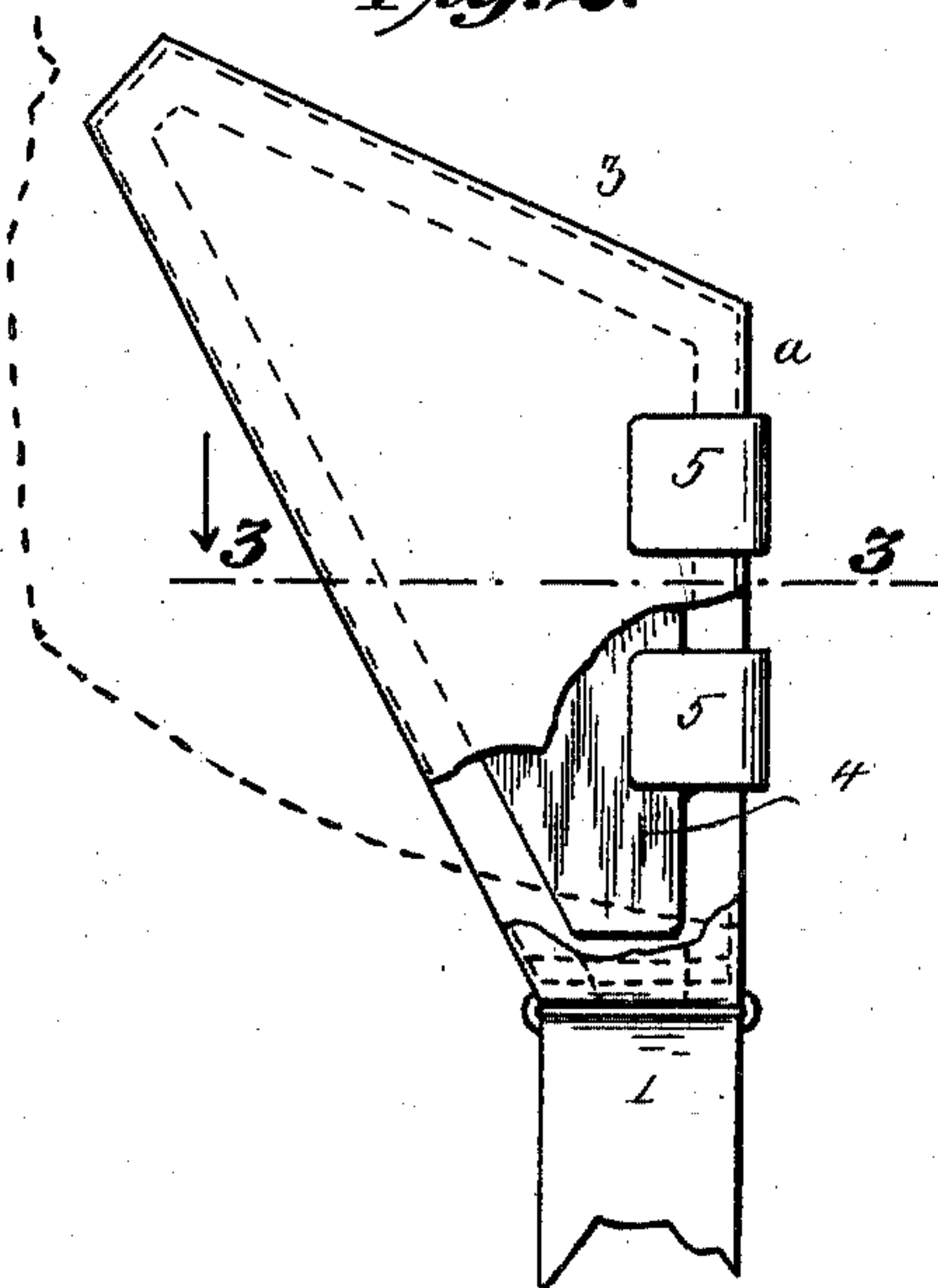
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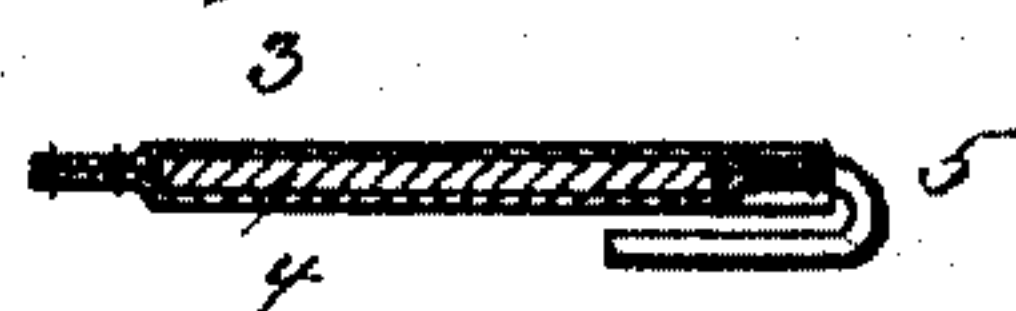
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## HOSE-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALFRED H. BENJAMIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at East Orange, county of Essex, State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hose-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in that class of hose-supporters which are suspended from the corset.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved hose-supporter which is to be applied to the corset at the corners of the bottom of the front opening at the inside of the corset, so as to form a support for the hose and at the same time form a pad which stiffens the corset at the bottom of the front opening, flattens the abdomen of the wearer, and prevents the bottom edges of the steels from being bent and forced through the fabric of the corset or the fabric covering of the steel.

In the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate like parts in all the figures, Figure 1 is a front view of the corset, on which my improved hose-supporters are applied. Fig. 2 is a face view of one of my hose-supporters, parts being broken away. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view of the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

My hose-supporter is composed of a supporting-band 1, preferably made elastic and provided at its lower end with a suitable hose-clamping device or clasp 2 for holding the hose. The upper end of this band is suitably attached to the lower end of a pad 3. This pad may be made of any kind of fabric and is approximately triangular in shape—that is to say, its outer edge *a* extends upward as a continuation of one outer edge of the supporting-band, the upper edge of the pad is inclined upward and inward from the outer edge of the pad, and the inner edge of the pad is inclined downward toward the bottom of the outer edge, so that when this pad is placed against the inner surface of the corset at the bottom of the front opening it will extend in the form of a wing inward and upward and also below the bottom of the corset. This pad 3 contains a stiffening-plate 4 of the same shape as the pad, which stiffening-plate is preferably made

of sheet metal, but may be made of rubber, celluloid, or like stiff material. It is essential that this pad should be so held on the corset that its outer edge is flush with the outer edge of a corset-steel at the bottom of the front opening of the corset. The stiffening-plate 4 is provided at its outer edge with one or more U-shaped wings 5, which extend over the face of the pad, so that when the pad is placed against the inner surface of the corset at the bottom of the front opening these wings extend over the outer surface of the covering of the front steels. These wings may also be used to support the pad on the corset, as one or more of the wings can rest on one or more of the eyes 6 of the corset-closing device or upon one or more of the studs 7 of said closing device without in any way interfering with the eyes and studs for closing the corset. Thereby the pads are held in such a manner that they will rest against the inner surface of the lower front corners of the corset, and thus prevent bending of the lower parts of the corset-steels, and consequently prevent the lower end of the steel working through the fabric covering of the same or through the material of the corset, as the bottom of the stiffening-plate 4 extends below the bottom of the steel. This protruding of the lower ends of the steels through the covering is caused partly by the bending of the lower ends of the steels and partly by the movements in relation to each other of the steels and their covering caused by the movement of the body of the wearer.

The stiffening-plate of my pad not only prevents the bending of the lower ends of the steels, but also prevents the working of the steels on the covering, and thus prevents the lower ends of the steels from cutting through their covering.

The pads may be secured permanently to the corsets or may be temporarily secured.

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

1. A hose-supporter composed of a supporting-band, a hose-attaching device secured to the band, a pad on the upper end of said band, a stiff filling-plate within said pad, and



a curved wing of stiff material connected with said stiff filling-plate, and projecting from one edge of said stiff filling-plate over one edge of the pad, and inwardly over the surface of the pad, substantially as set forth.

5     2. The combination with a corset, of a hose-supporter composed of a band, a hose-attaching device on said band, a pad connected with the upper end of the band, which pad has one  
10 edge in line with one edge of the band and the same edge of the pad in line with one edge of the opening of the corset, a stiffening-plate in said pad, which stiffening-plate is provided with a projection extending from that edge in  
15 line with the edge of the opening of the cor-

set and projecting over said corset edge on the front of the corset, said pad being held against the inner surface of the corset at one of the lower front corners at the bottom of the front opening of the corset, substantially as set forth. 20

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 1st day of October, 1903.

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