

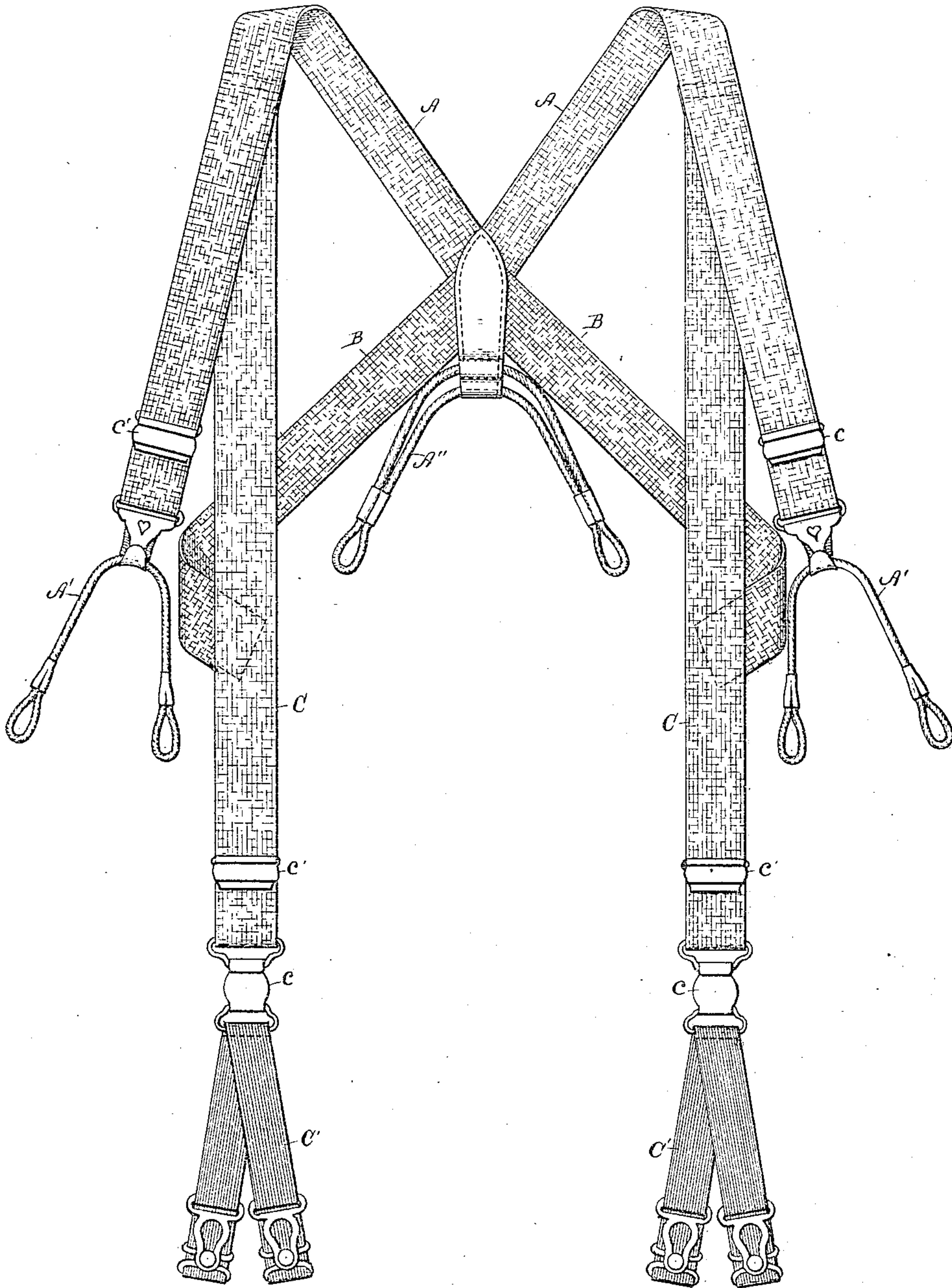
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. THOMPSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Kalamazoo, in the county of Kalamazoo and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hose-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in combined hose-supporters and suspenders.

The objects of the invention are, first, to provide an improved combination hose-supporter and suspender which is simple and economical to construct and convenient to use; second, to provide an improved combination hose-supporter and suspender which effectively supports the garments and one by which dressing and undressing are greatly facilitated; third, to provide an improved hose-supporter which in use is always retained in proper position on the person of the wearer and one by which the weight of the garments is properly distributed, so that it is borne by the parts of the body least likely to be injuriously affected thereby.

Further objects and objects relating to structural details will definitely appear in 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 clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which the view is a front elevation of my improved combination hose-supporter and suspender.

In the drawing similar letters of reference refer to similar parts.

Referring to the drawing, the shoulder-straps A A are secured together at the back in a manner very like a pair of trousers-suspenders and are provided with suitable suspender-ends, as A' A' at the front end and A'' at the back. Straps C C are secured to the shoulder-straps A A at points in front of the shoulder of the wearer. Hose-gripping devices C' are detachably secured to the ends of

the straps C by cast-off clasps or buckles c. Straps B B are secured at one end to the ends of the shoulder-straps A at the back and are brought forwardly and downwardly across the back and secured to the hose-supporting straps C in a manner so that they rest across the back and over the hips of the wearer, and any pull or weight upon the hose-supporter straps is borne jointly by the shoulders, back, and hips of the wearer. The straps B also serve to hold the parts in their proper position. Suitable adjusting-buckles c' are provided for the straps A and C.

The structure illustrated is designed particularly for boys and avoids the necessity of securing the trousers to the waist or providing a waist for that purpose. At the same time the trousers are comfortably supported and the weight of the garments is properly distributed on the person of the wearer.

By using the cast-off buckles c for securing the hose-grips to the hose-supporting straps C much time is saved in dressing and undressing, and a child using the same can adjust and secure the parts together.

It is evident that by substituting the proper garment-attaching devices the structure may be readily adapted for women's use.

As before remarked, by this arrangement of parts the structure is always retained in proper position on the person of the wearer and the weight is distributed to the parts of the body least liable to be injured or inconvenienced thereby. The convenience of the article in the matter of adjustment and use is apparent.

I have illustrated and described my improved combined hose-supporter and suspender in the form preferred by me on account of its simplicity in use and economy in manufacture. I am aware, however, 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 Patent, is—

1. In an article of the class described, the combination of the shoulder-straps secured together at the back; suspender-ends therefor; downwardly-depending hose-supporter straps



secured to the front ends of said shoulder-  
straps; straps secured to said shoulder-straps  
at the back and passed downwardly and for-  
wardly around the person of the wearer and  
5 secured to the front ends of said hose-sup-  
porting straps when such straps are arranged  
in a substantially perpendicular position;  
hose-supporting devices; and cast-off clasps  
or buckles for detachably securing said hose-  
10 supporting devices to said hose-supporting  
straps, substantially as described.

2. In an article of the class described, the  
combination of the shoulder-straps secured  
together at the back; downwardly-depending  
15 hose-supporter straps secured to the front  
ends of said shoulder-straps; straps secured  
to said shoulder-straps at the back and passed  
downwardly and forwardly around the person  
of the wearer and secured to the front ends  
20 of said hose-supporting straps when such  
straps are arranged in a substantially perpen-  
dicular position; hose-supporting devices; and  
cast-off clasps or buckles for detachably se-  
curing said hose-supporting devices to said  
25 hose-supporting straps, substantially as de-  
scribed.

3. In an article of the class described, the  
combination of the shoulder-straps secured  
together at the back; suspender-ends therefor;

downwardly-depending hose-supporter straps 30  
secured to the front ends of said shoulder-  
straps; straps secured to said shoulder-straps  
at the back and passed downwardly and for-  
wardly around the person of the wearer and  
secured to the front ends of said hose-sup- 35  
porting straps when such straps are arranged  
in a substantially perpendicular position; and  
hose-supporting devices, substantially as de-  
scribed.

4. In an article of the class described, the 40  
combination of the shoulder-straps secured  
together at the back; downwardly-depending  
hose-supporter straps secured to the front  
ends of said shoulder-straps; straps secured to  
said shoulder-straps at the back and passed 45  
downwardly and forwardly around the person  
of the wearer and secured to the front ends of  
said hose-supporting straps when said straps  
are arranged in a substantially perpendicular  
position; and hose-supporting devices; sub- 50  
stantially as described.

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

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