

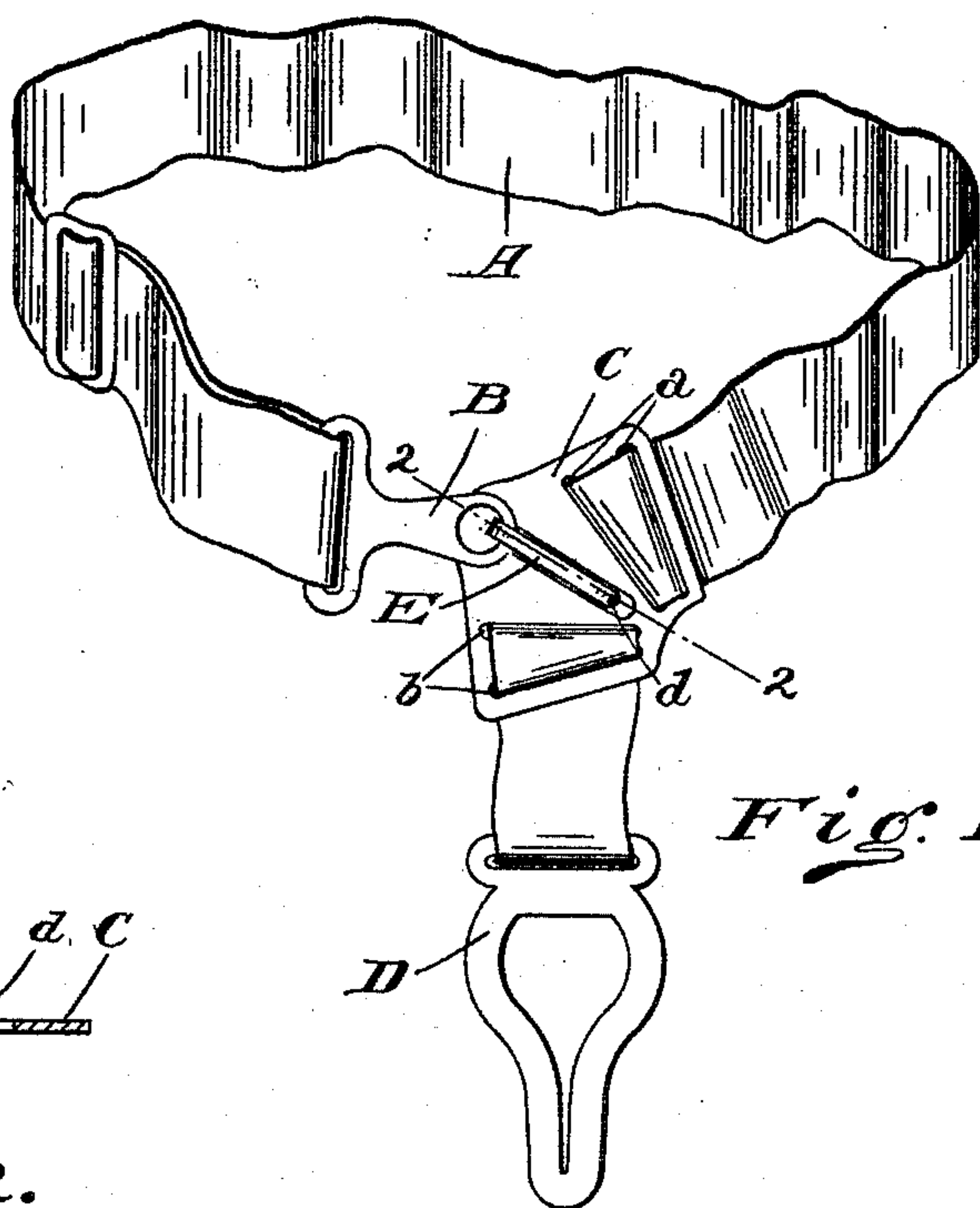
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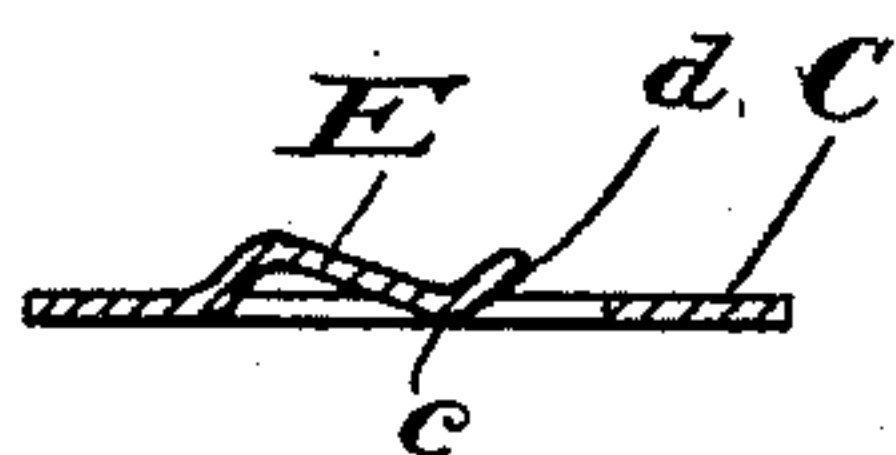
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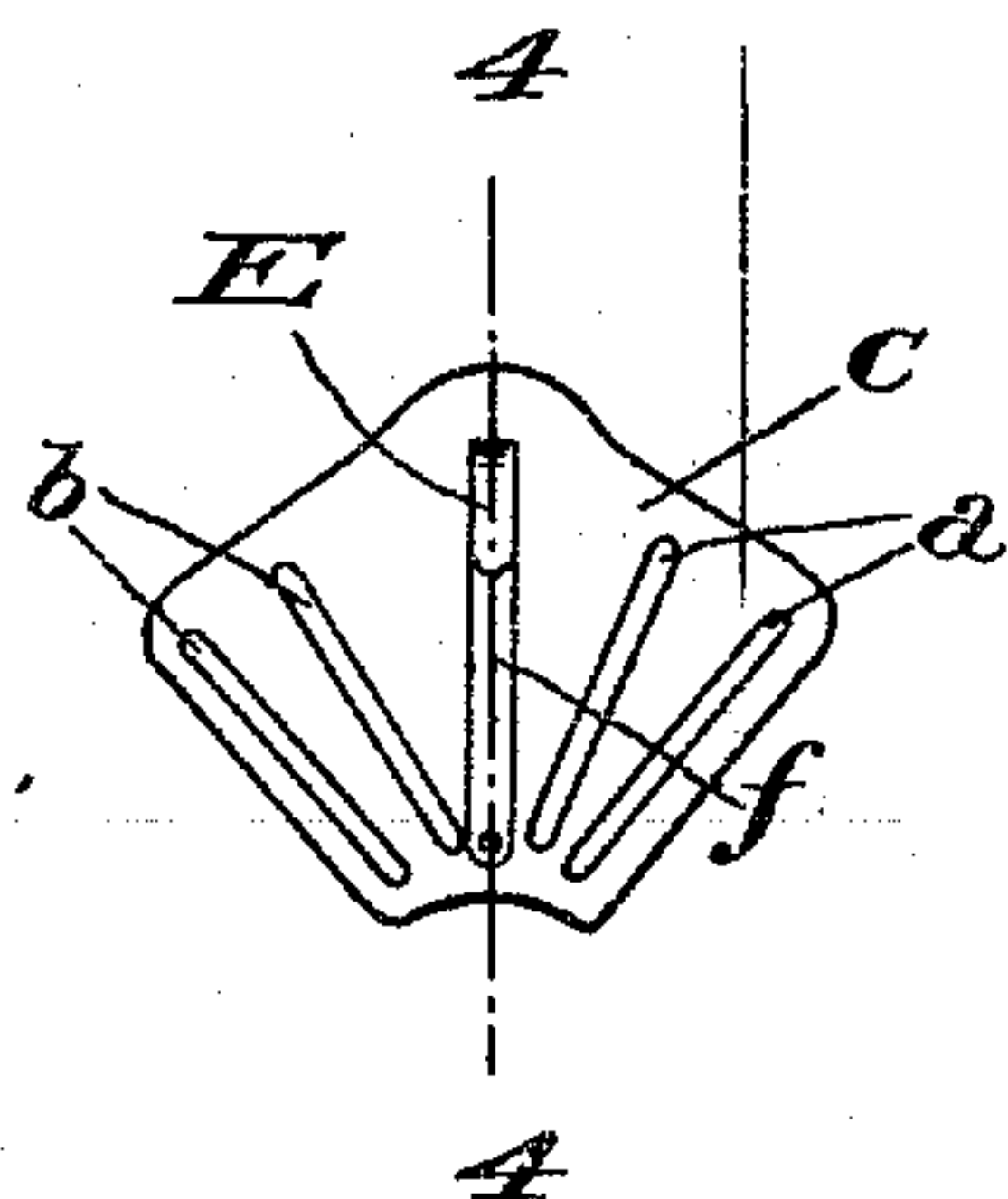
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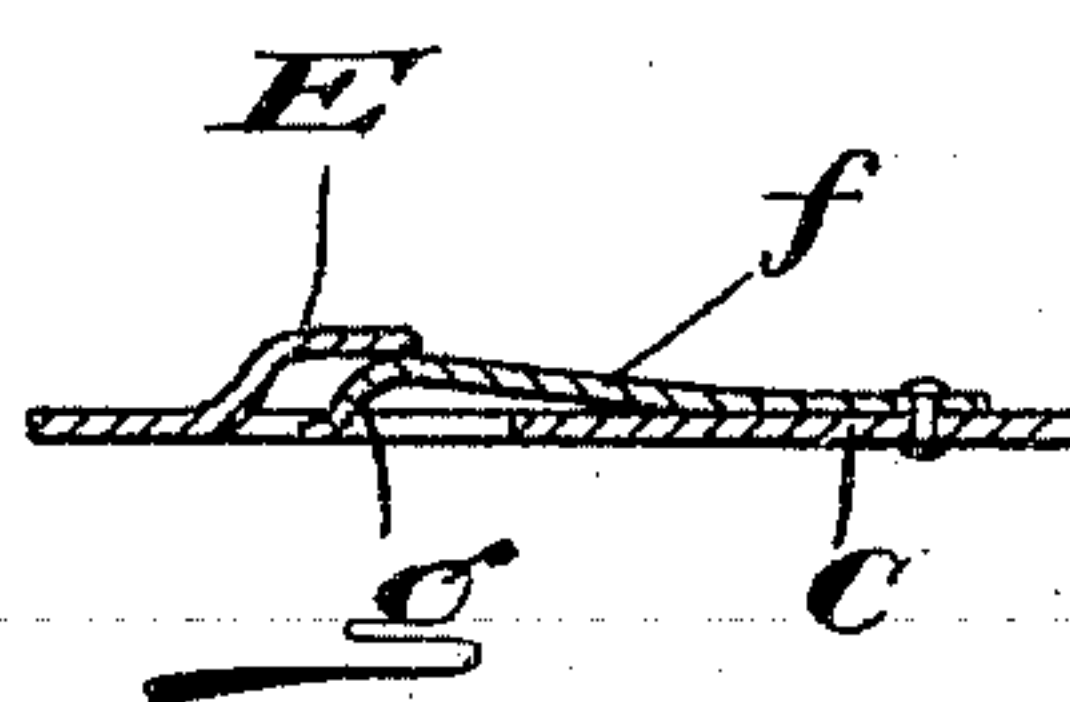
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*

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## CLASP FOR HOSE-SUPPORTERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, LEWIS A. FRITSCH, residing in Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton, and FRANK M. FRITSCH, residing in Circleville, in the county of Pickaway, in the State of Ohio, citizens of the United States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clasps for Hose-Supporters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

Our improvements relate to clasps for securing together the ends of the garter in hose-supporters whereby the garter may be readily and easily secured or loosened and at the same time the clasps cannot become loose or unfastened accidentally; and it consists, essentially, in forming on the connecting-plate a hook provided with a locking-tongue to prevent the accidental displacement of the eye when the garter is fastened around the limb of the user.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the hose-supporter with our improved clasp in place. Fig. 2 is a section of the clasp, taken on lines 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a modified form of clasp. Fig. 4 is a section of same, taken on lines 4 4 of Fig. 3.

A is the garter, of the usual elastic material, provided at one end with the eye-plate B and near the other end with the plate C, having the usual slots *a b*, through which the other end of the garter is threaded in the usual way to provide a downwardly-projecting end, to which is secured the usual fastener D, to which the hose is secured.

Instead of the usual button on the plate C for securing the eye-plate B and from which button the eye-plate can be so easily displaced unintentionally when in use we provide a hook E, formed by stamping or cutting a strip of metal from the plate integral with the plate at one end, and then we bend the strip into an ogee curve, as shown in Fig. 2,

so that an intermediate portion *c* of the strip will extend below the face of the plate, leaving the outer end *d* projecting upward. By reason of this curve in the outer end the eye B can be easily passed under the hook and drawn back along the plate, the depending portion *c* rising to permit the passage of the eye to the base of the hook and then springing back below the surface of the plate to lock the eye in place.

Instead of providing the tongue *c* as an integral part of the hook a separate tongue can be provided, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, in which E is the hook, and *f* is a separate strip of metal secured to the plate C opposite the end of the hook and extending up under the edge of the hook and then downward, as at *g*, so as to form a lock for the hook. In this construction as the eye engages the hook the tongue is depressed, allowing the eye to pass, and then the tongue at once springs back to place, closing the passage and preventing displacement. In either form of construction, however, it will be seen the eye can be easily withdrawn by pressing it against the tongue, in the one case this pressure raising and in the other depressing the tongue to release the eye.

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

In a hose-supporter, the combination with an elastic band, having an eye-plate at one end, and a connecting-plate at the other, of a hook on said connecting-plate with which said eye engages, and a tongue a continuation of said hook and integral therewith, said tongue being curved to a level with and away from said plate, whereby the eye will be retained in engagement with the hook, but can be released or secured by pressure on the tongue.

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