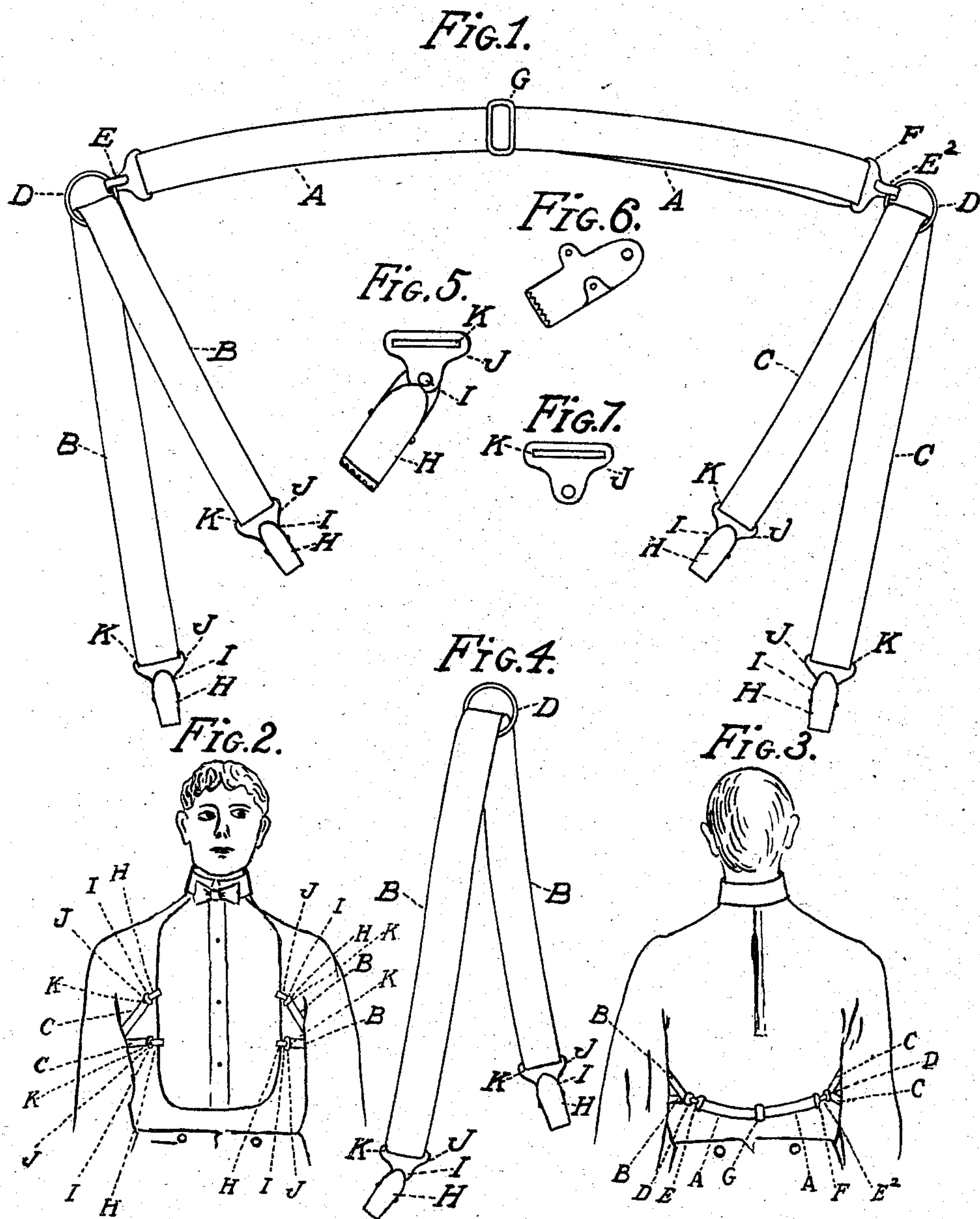


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## SHIRT-BOSOM RETAINER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD H. FIFIELD, of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirt-Bosom Retainers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists of a device for conforming a shirt front or bosom to the shape of the wearer's body and retaining the shirt in its proper position whatever be the posture of the body, and is designed to prevent the shirt from bulging out in front, riding at the neck, or shifting from side to side and may be used with an ordinary shirt or a shirt usually worn on full-dress occasions and may be also used for keeping adjusted and in proper position false shirt-fronts, whether worn by lady or gentleman.

Unlike other devices of similar nature this device is complete in itself and independent in its action, as it does not require the garment to which it is to be attached to be provided with tabs, buttons, or buttonholes and is not, in combination with suspenders or other device, to connect it with the trousers.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the retaining device complete and spread out. Fig. 2 is a front view as worn and in use, and Fig. 3 is a back view as worn and in use. Figs. 4, 5, 6, 7 are severally views in detail as will hereinafter appear.

This retaining device is composed of three separate and detachable bands or sections—A the middle band and B and C the two lateral bands. The lateral sections pass lengthwise through rings D, one for each section, and these are hung or caught by hooks E E<sup>2</sup> at each end of the middle section. The hook E is fastened to one end of the middle section A, and the middle section is doubled on itself and passes through a slot F at the end of the hook E<sup>2</sup> and being attached to a slide G is thus adapted to be lengthened and shortened, as may be desired. At the end of each lateral

section B and C is a spring-snap of any usual or suitable construction H. These snaps, of which a detached view is given in Fig. 5, are each hung or connected by a swivel-joint I to a metal plate or bar J. To this bar J the tape is secured by passing through the slot K and fastened by stitches or otherwise. Figs. 6 and 7 show, respectively, the base of the snap and the bar detached from the device.

In the use of the retainer the lateral sections B and C are attached one to each side of the shirt by the snaps H, all as shown in Fig. 2, with the middle band crossing the back, as shown in Fig. 3, being adjusted properly, as to length, by the slide G. The swivel attachments of the lateral bands or sections allow these bands or sections to automatically adjust themselves to the changing positions of the body of the wearer, and while the snaps remain fixed in position the attachments can assume any angle to them required by the shifting position of the tape attached to them, thus preventing the tape from becoming turned or twisted, the lateral sections being also free to slide lengthwise through the rings D, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4.

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

A retaining device for shirt-bosoms comprising a middle band A adapted to be lengthened and shortened; two lateral or end bands B and C each hung or connected to an end of the middle band so as to be movable lengthwise thereon, and each of the lateral bands having at its opposite ends a spring-snap H with swivel-joint connections I, as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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