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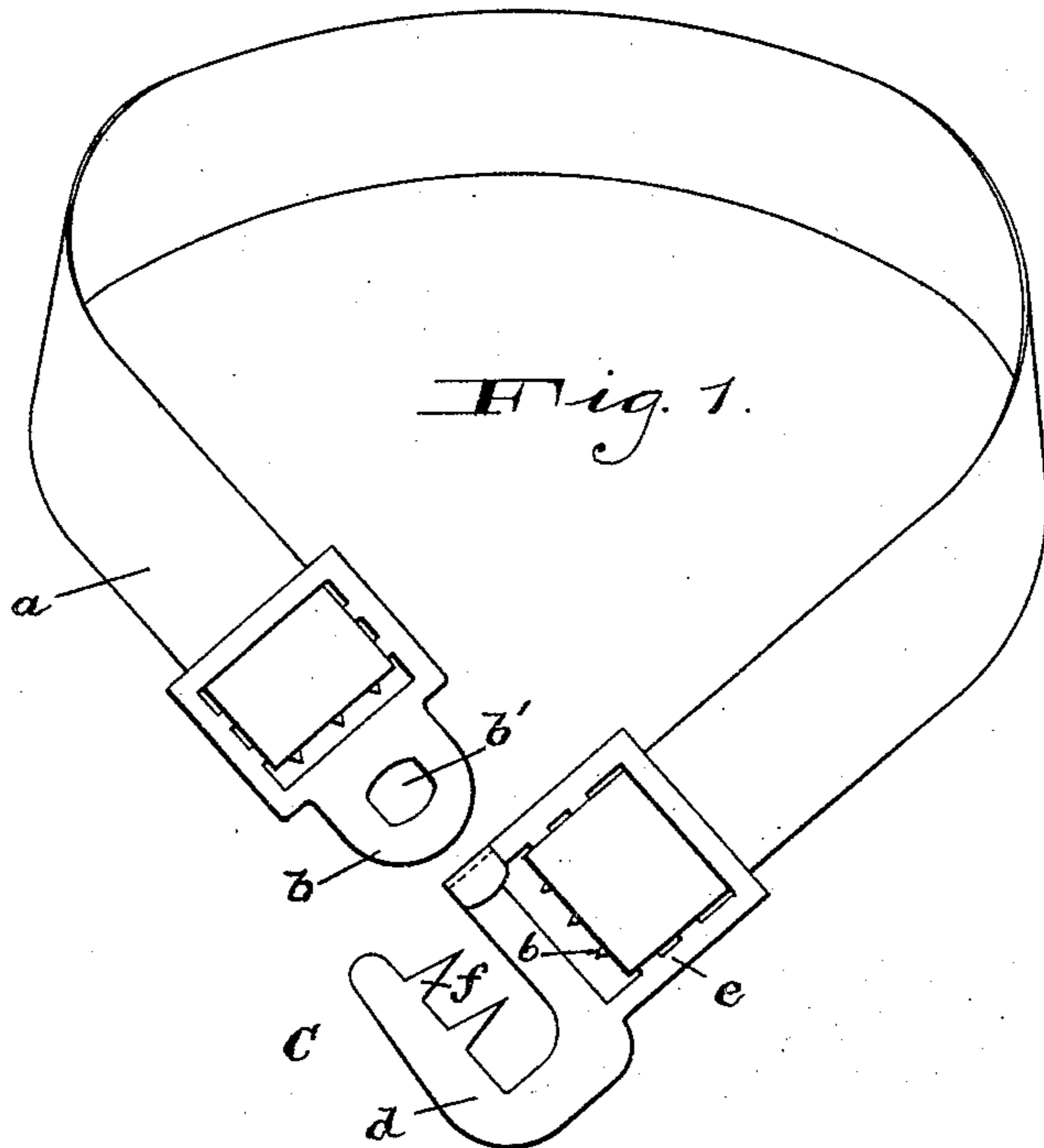


Fig. 2.

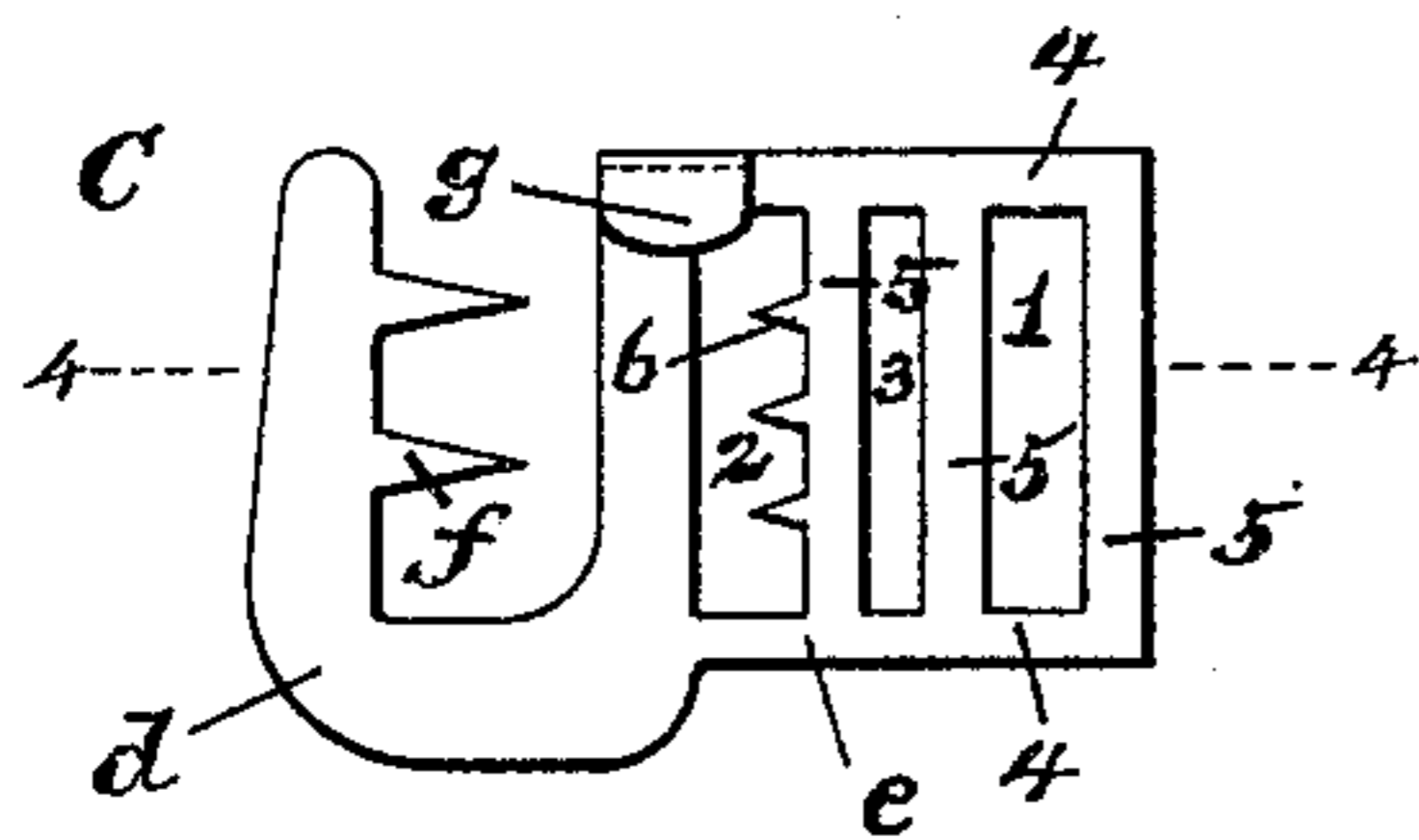


Fig. 3.

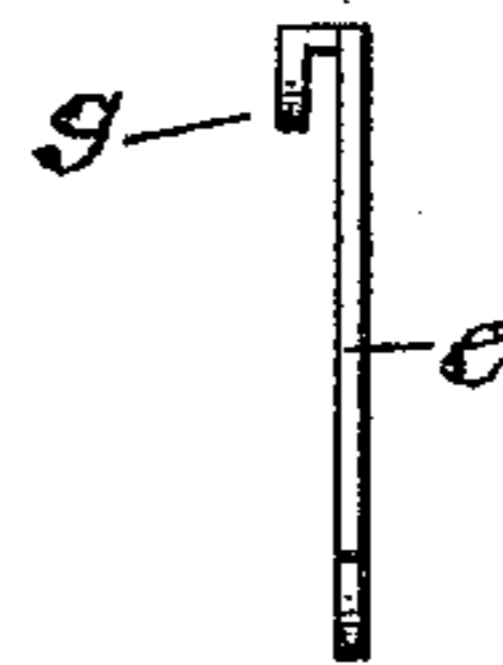
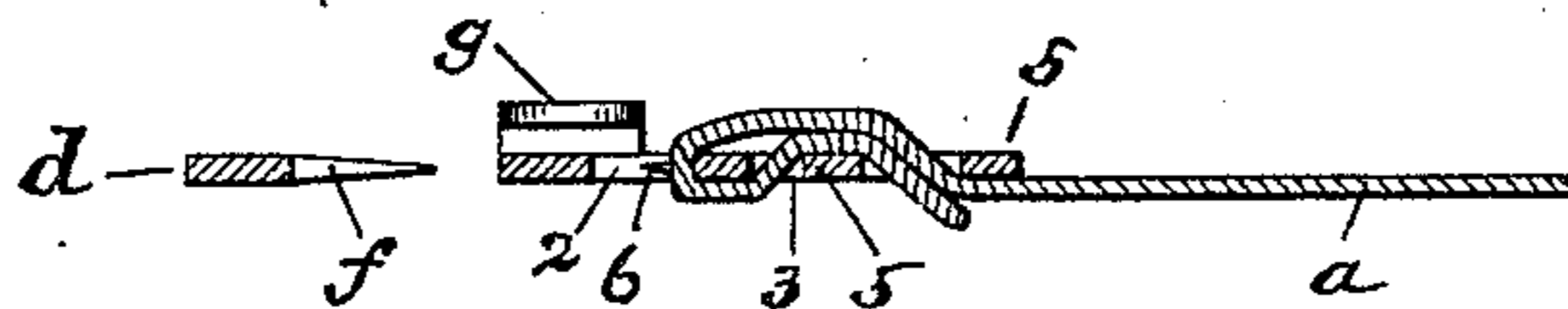


Fig. 4.



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GARMENT-FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST F. P. STENZY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved garment-holder or stocking-engaging device.

The object of the invention is to provide a stocking-holding device that can be stamped or cut out by dies from sheet metal. A complete garter or hose-supporter is formed when the device is connected with a suitable band or piece of webbing.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a complete garter, the metal parts of same comprising my invention. Fig. 2 is a view separately of the metal stocking-engaging device. Fig. 3 is an edge view of same. Fig. 4 is a sectional view of same and of the band, showing the manner of connecting the band therewith.

The letter *a* designates a band of any suitable fabric, at one end of which is secured a metal eyepiece *b*, having a perforation *b'* at one end and three crosswise slots, in one of which suitable teeth project from the eyepiece. The construction of this eyepiece, however, is immaterial, and forms no part of the present invention. The other end of the fabric band is provided with my improved metal stocking-engaging device C.

The stocking-engaging device comprises a U-shaped head *d*, one arm of which has a frame *e* attached, and the other arm has teeth or prongs *f*, which project laterally toward the frame-arm. The frame *e* consists of two side bars 4, attached to one arm of the U-head, and three cross-bars 5, which form three open spaces or slots 1 2 3. Teeth 6 are on the cross-bar that forms the open slot 2, adjoining the U-head. It will be observed that the middle open slot 3 is narrower than the slots on each side of it, and this difference in size of slots is made for a purpose presently to be described. A hook *g* is also attached to that

arm of the U-head which has the frame *e*. In the operation of the device this hook engages with the hole *b'* of the eyepiece *b*.

The frame *e* has the special construction here shown and described for the purpose of being readily attached to the end of a band or piece of webbing *a* without stitching. This is illustrated in Fig. 4. In connecting the stocking-engaging device C with the band *a* the end of the band is first inserted from the under side up through the side slot 1, then is carried over the two cross-bars and narrow middle slot 3 and inserted down through the slot 2, then under the cross-bar having the teeth 6 and upward through the narrow middle slot 3 and over the cross-bar between the slots 3 and 1, and finally down through the wide slot 1. Two thicknesses of band will thus be over the cross-bar between slots 3 and 1 and also two thicknesses in the wide slot 1, but only one thickness in the narrow slot 3. By then drawing tightly on the band the teeth 6 will penetrate the band and prevent the parts from slipping. Thus no stitching is required to attach the device C to the band *a*.

To fasten the garter or hose-supporter about the leg, it is only necessary to place the band *a* around the leg above the calf, then with the fingers form a gather in the stocking and slip the U-head *d* sidewise to let the gather enter between the two arms of the U-head, then slightly draw on the device to cause the teeth *f* to penetrate the said gathered part of the stocking, and finally engage the hook *g* in the hole *b'* of the eyepiece. The band will then tighten around the leg and the stocking will be supported.

This device has been described with reference to its use as a holder or supporter for stockings. It is obvious, however, it may be used as a fastener for the straps on the backs of trousers and on the backs of vests, and for such use the hook *g* may be dispensed with.

It will be understood that the arrangement of slots and teeth on the fastener device C enables the same to be readily attached and adjusted on the fabric band without the necessity of stitching.

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

1. A garment-holder or stocking-engaging
5 device comprising a U-shaped head, *d*, one arm of which has teeth, *f*, and the other arm has a frame consisting of two side bars, 4, and three cross-bars, 5, one of which is provided with teeth—said parts forming three
10 open spaces, 1, 2, 3, and a hook attached to the same arm which has the said frame.

2. A stocking-supporter comprising a band having at one end an eyepiece provided with

a hole, *b'*, and a stocking-engaging device having a U-shaped head, *d*, one arm of which has 15 teeth, *f*, and the other arm a frame attached to the other end of said band, and a hook, *g*, on that arm of the U-shaped head which has the frame—said hook adapted to engage the hole of the eyepiece, as set forth. 20

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

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