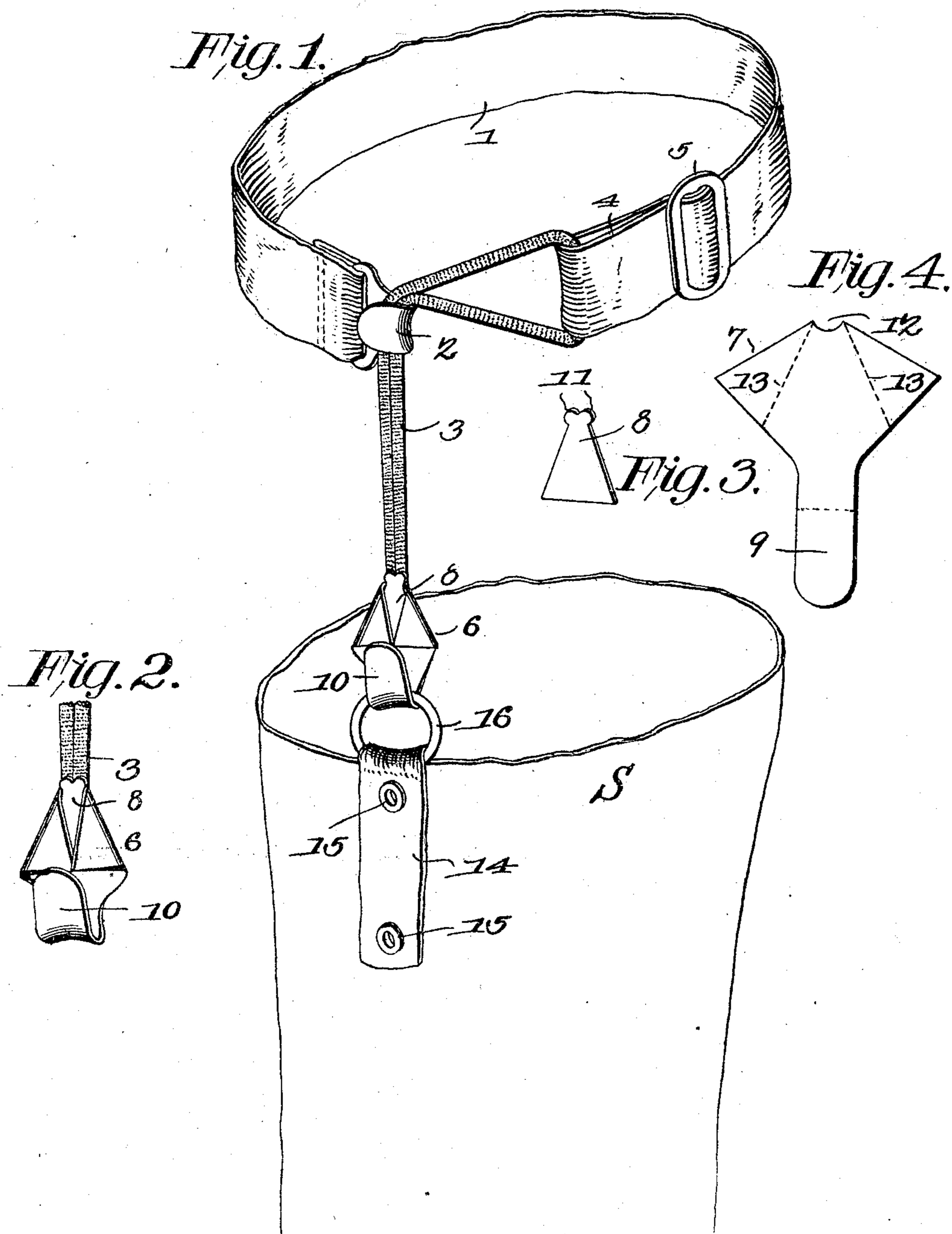


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELI TAYLOR FORRESTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bonesteel, in the county of Gregory and State of South Dakota, have invented a new and useful Garment-Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment-supporters.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, thoroughly efficient, and readily-applied garment-supporter in the use of which all friction-clasps such as are commonly employed are dispensed with and in which the garment is supported in a certain and positive manner.

With these and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a garment-supporter, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, Figure 1 is a view in perspective, exhibiting the supporter combined with the upper portion of the stocking. Fig. 2 is a perspective detail view of the hook member of the supporter. Figs. 3 and 4 are detail views of the parts of the hook member, showing the same as they appear before being assembled as shown in Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a garter of the supporter, which is worn around the leg, as usual, and is provided at one end with a hook 2 to engage with an elastic member 3, the bend of which passes through a loop 4, formed at the other end of the garter, a buckle 5 being provided, by which the garter may be adjusted, as usual. The elastic member 3 is combined with a hook or supporting member, (designated generally 6,) which constitutes one of the features of the present invention and is provided for the purpose of doing away with the ordinary friction-clasps, such as are commonly in use and which are very destructive to hosiery. Of course it is desirable that the parts of the device should be made as cheaply as possible and at the same time to cause them to combine both strength and utility in use. The supporting

member comprises a body member 7 and a wedge or locking member 8. The body member is approximately diamond-shaped and provided at one side with an extension 9, which is adapted to be bent to form a hook 10, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The locking member is approximately triangular in shape and is provided at its apex with a pair of rounded extensions 11, the function of which will presently appear. The upper end of the body portion is cut away to form a semicircular recess 12, thus to remove the sharp point, which would otherwise be present and operate to cut the elastic member. In securing the elastic within the body portion its two ends are disposed upon the central portion thereof. The locking member is then placed upon the terminals of the elastic, and the sides of the body member are folded inward over the locking member on the dotted lines 13. When these parts are thus assembled, the elastic will be flattened out between the locking member and the body portion and be held positively in position against any strain to which it may be submitted. The rounded extensions 11 by interlocking with the walls of the crotch formed by the overturned sides of the body member positively prevent the locking member from working loose, and, further, these extensions from their shape will not cut or fray the elastic 3. Of course it will be understood that a single extension 11 may be employed, and as this will be obvious detailed illustration of such modification is deemed unnecessary.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that although the improvements of this invention are simple in character, they will be thoroughly effective in securing the objects designed; further, that positive supporting of the hosiery against liability of dropping is secured.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

A garment-supporter comprising a body portion provided on one edge with a depression and on its other edge with an extension forming a hook, the sides of the member being overturned, an elastic member combined with the supporting member, and a wedge-shaped locking member bearing against the elastic member and held in place by the over-

turned sides of the supporting member, the apex of the locking member being provided with extensions to engage the walls of the crotch formed by the overturned portions to hold it against separation from the supporting member.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as

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