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Fig. 1.

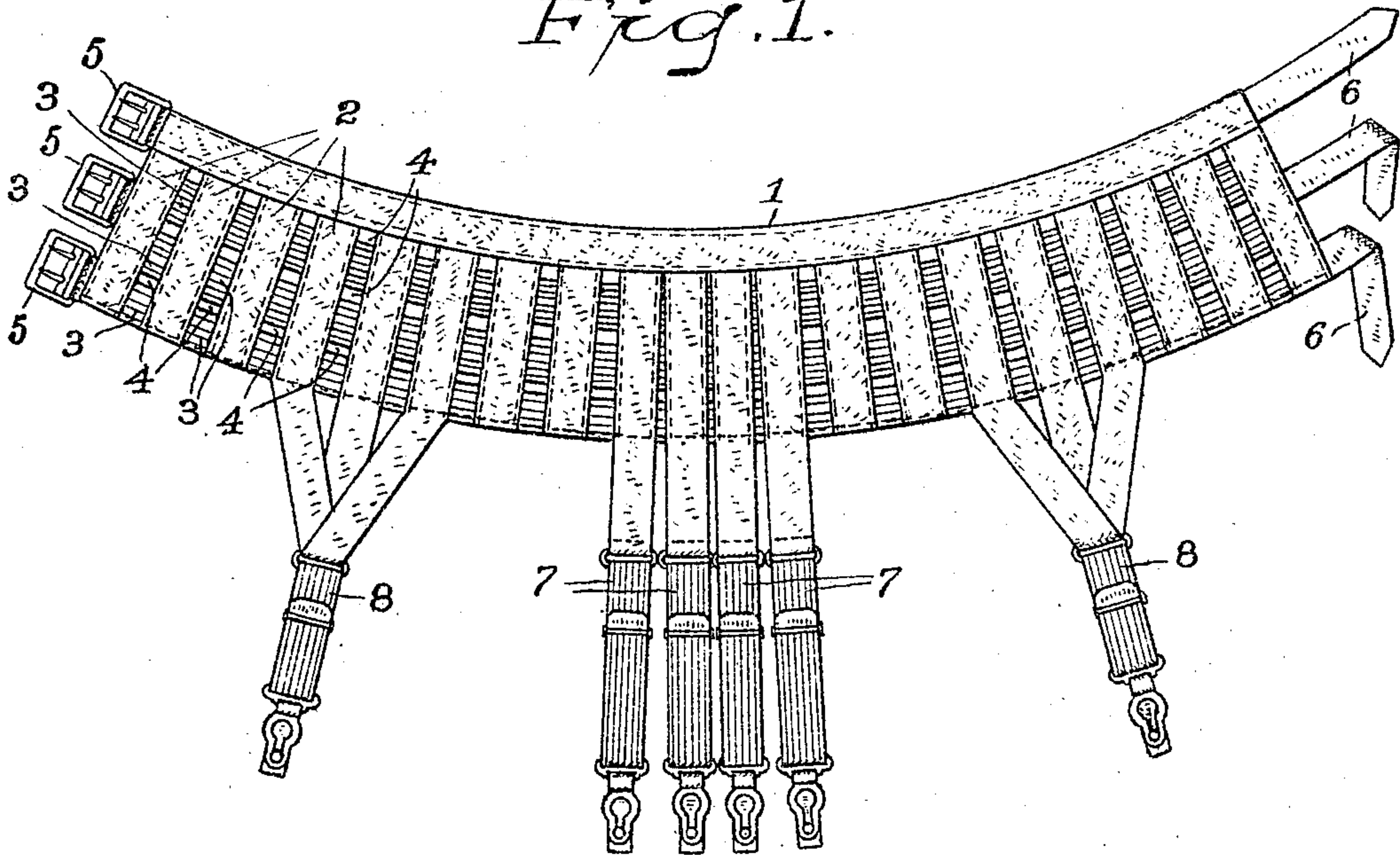
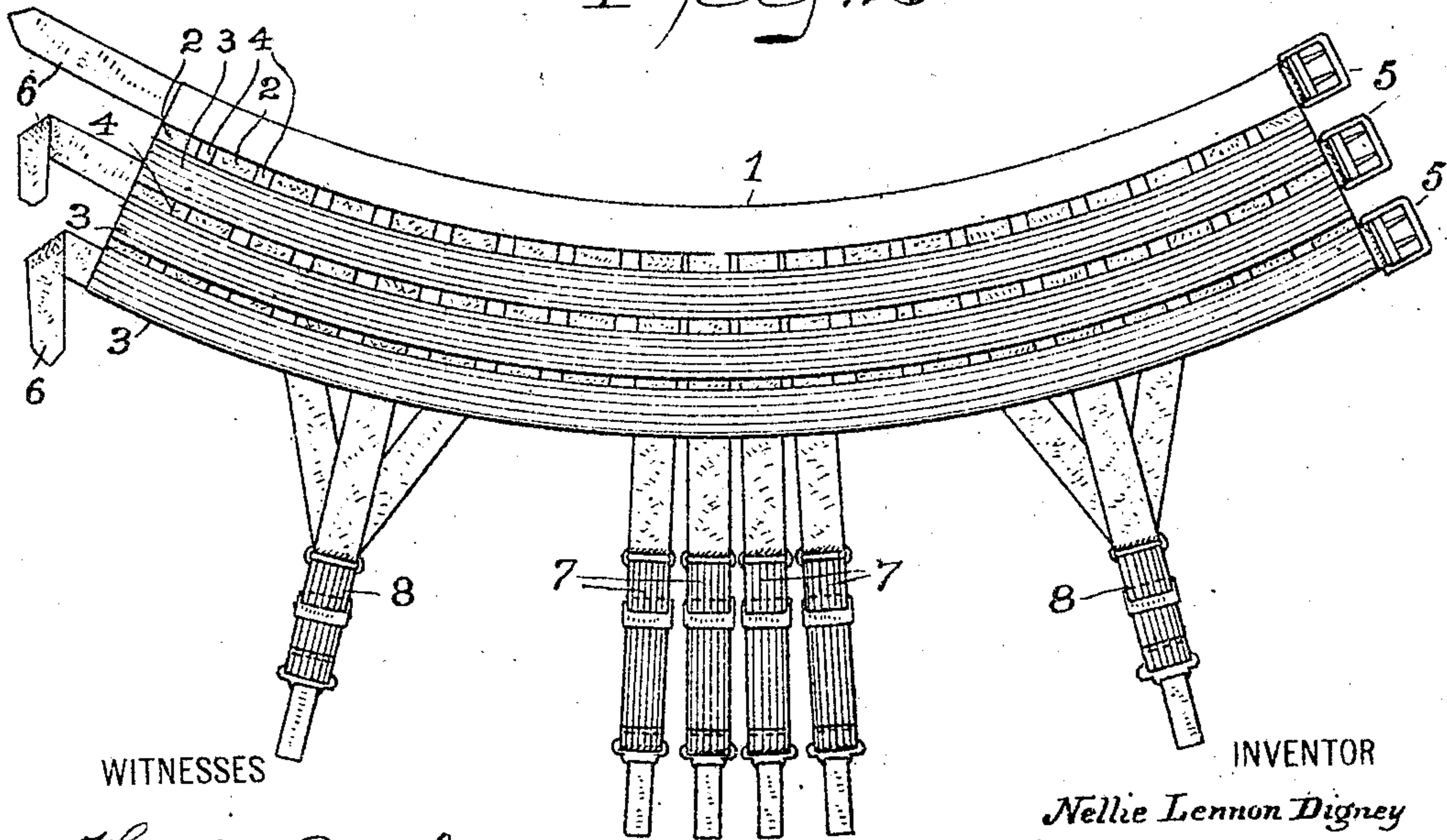


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELLIE LENNON DIGNEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Abdominal Support and Hose-Supporter; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to combined abdominal supports and hose-supporters, and has for its objects to support the abdomen firmly and yet with no undue pressure and to afford a device which shall fit snugly to the person of the wearer.

With these ends in view my invention consists of the novel arrangement of parts, such as will be hereinafter fully described and then pointed out in the claims which conclude this description.

In the accompanying drawings, Figures 1 and 2 are respectively front and rear elevations of my improvement.

Similar numbers of reference denote like parts in both figures of the drawings.

1 is the waistband, and 2 represents non-elastic short strips stitched to and depending from said band at intervals. This waistband is disposed in the form of a curve, so as to fit the waist of the wearer, while the strips depend radially from said band.

3 represents elastic webbings disposed parallel to the band 1 and crossing the strips at intervals and secured to said strips by stitching. This arrangement of said strips and webbings provides intervening openings 4, whereby not only is a good ventilation afforded, but distortion and wrinkling of the device are unlikely to occur.

Buckles 5 and straps 6 are provided at the ends of the support, whereby the latter may be secured around the person of the wearer.

Depending from the middle portion of the support are stocking-engaging members 7, while from the sides or hip portions of the support depend stocking-engaging members 8.

The provision of the elastic webbings lengthwise of the support enables the latter to adjust itself to the shape of the wearer, so

as to snugly fit her form, and the support will therefore yield to the movements of the body, but will at the same time maintain a constant pressure against the abdomen and hips. When the members 7 8 are engaged with the stockings, a perfect-fitting abdomen-support is afforded which is elastic lengthwise, but is unyielding in the direction of the strain on the stocking-supporting members.

The shape or design of the support may of course be altered to suit different forms and conditions without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

1. A combined abdominal support and hose-supporter, comprising a waistband having depending therefrom the non-elastic flexible strips spaced apart, a plurality of elastic webbings spaced apart and crossing said strips, said webbings and strips being stitched together, suitable fastenings at the end of the support, and stocking-engaging members depending from said support.

2. A combined abdominal support and hose-supporter, comprising a waistband having depending therefrom the non-elastic flexible strips spaced apart, a plurality of elastic webbings spaced apart and crossing said strips at right angles whereby openings are provided between said webbings and strips, suitable fastenings at the ends of the support, and stocking-engaging members depending from the front and side portions of said support.

3. A combined abdominal support and hose-supporter, comprising vertically-disposed non-elastic strips and horizontally-disposed elastic webbings, which strips and webbings are spaced apart and cross each other and are secured together by stitching, suitable fastenings whereby the support may be secured around the waist of the wearer, and stocking-engaging members which depend from the lower edge of the support at the front and sides.

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

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