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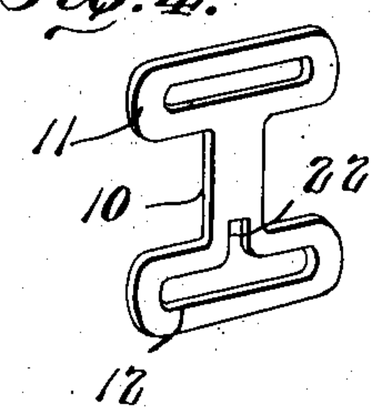
Fig. 4.



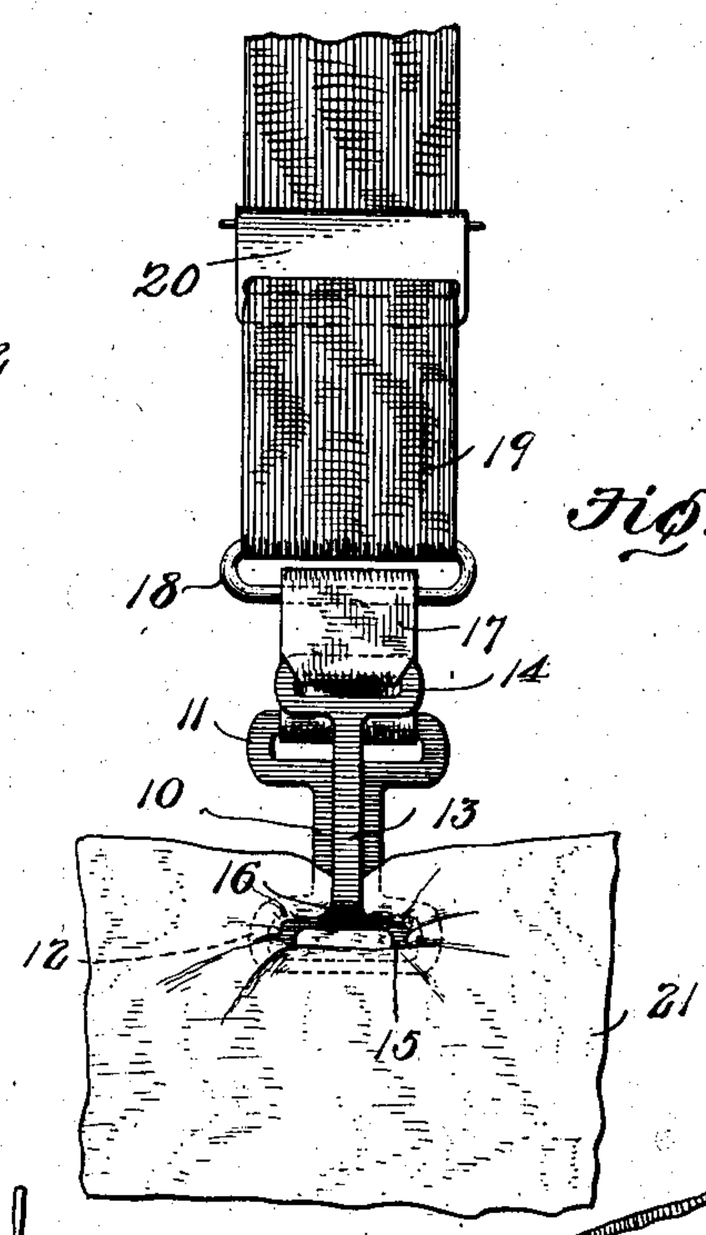
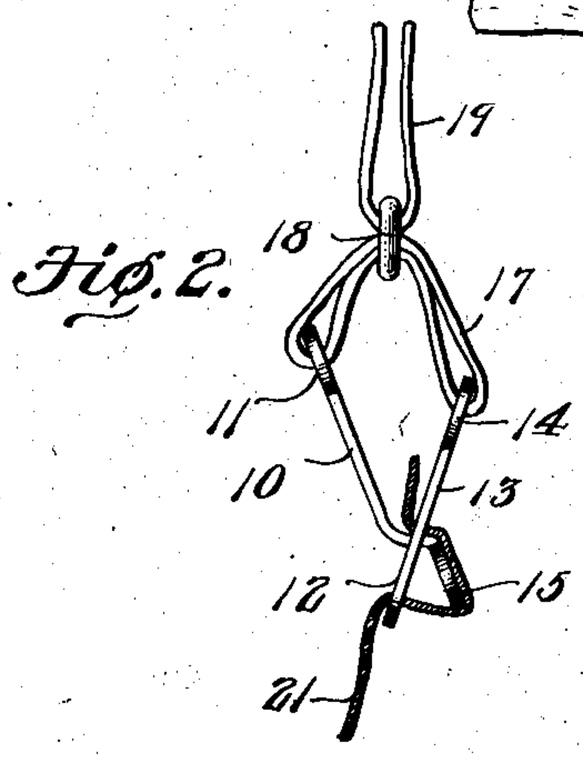


Fig. 1.



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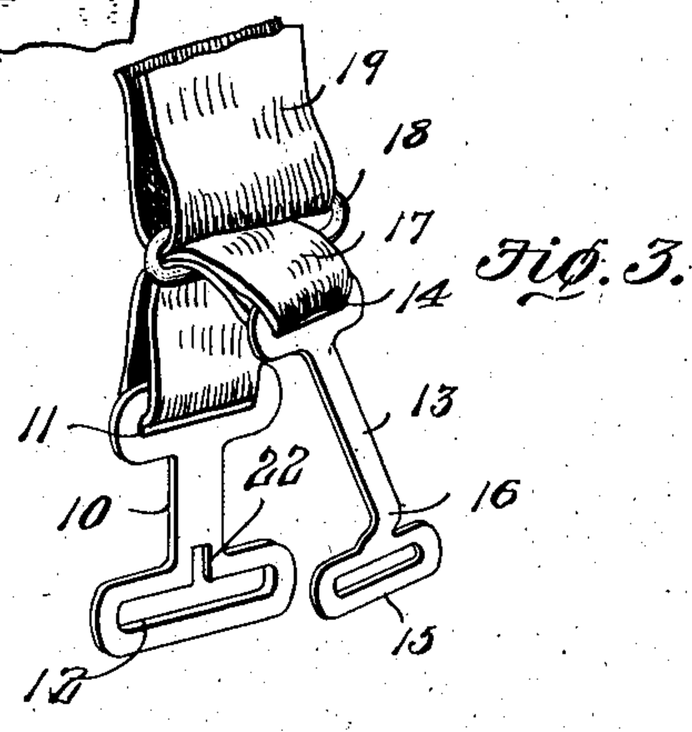

Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IOLA HOUSEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Peru, in the county of Chautauqua and State of Kansas, have invented a new and useful Garment-Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment-supports, and has for its object to improve the construction and increase the efficiency of devices of this character.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, is illustrated the preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation.

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of the improved device applied. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, partly in section, of the improved device with the parts partly separated to illustrate the operation. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the device with the members separated. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the members detached.

The improved device comprises a bar 10, having transverse slots 11 12 at the ends, the slot 12 having a lateral recess 22 communicating therewith, a bar 13, having a transverse slot 14 at one end and a T-head 15 at the other end, with an offset 16 at the juncture of the T-head and bar, a flexible element 17, preferably endless, threaded through the slots 11 and 14, a loop 18, movably engaging the flexible element, and a webbing-support 19 engaging the loop, the webbing being preferably of elastic material and adjustable, as by a buckle 20.

The T-head portion of the bar 13 is shorter than the slot 12 of the bar 10 and is adapted to be passed therethrough, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, with the offset 16 bearing in the recess 22 to complete the union with the garment, (indicated at 21.)

In operating the device the portion of the bar 10 having the slot 12 and recess 22 is placed outside the garment to be held and the T-head portion 15 of the arm 13 inserted beneath the garment and thrust through the slot 12 of the bar 10 and with the offset 16 into the recess 22, carrying the portion of the garment represented at 21, which for the time being extends thereover, with it through the slot 12 and into the recess, as represented in Figs. 1 and 2. Then as the strain is applied to the webbing member 19 the loop 18 draws the flexible element 17 with it and moves the upper ends of the two bars 10 and 13 toward each other and firmly compresses the engaged portion of the garment and effectually holds it against displacement. By this means the harder the strain the stronger the grip of the parts and without danger of rending the garment.

The webbing element 17 being endless and running loosely through the loops of the clamp members and the webbing member 19 being slidably disposed by its loop 18 upon the member 17, the parts will yield to the strains and automatically adapt themselves to the garment to which they are attached, and thus firmly grip the same, no matter how thick or thin the same may be.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

A garment-support comprising a bar having transverse slots at the ends, a bar having a transverse slot at one end and a T-shaped head at the other end and with an offset at the juncture of the T-head and bar, said T-head adapted to pass through one of the slots of the first-mentioned bar, an endless flexible element movably disposed through the slots in the free ends of said bars, and a webbing member slidably coupled to said endless flexible element.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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