

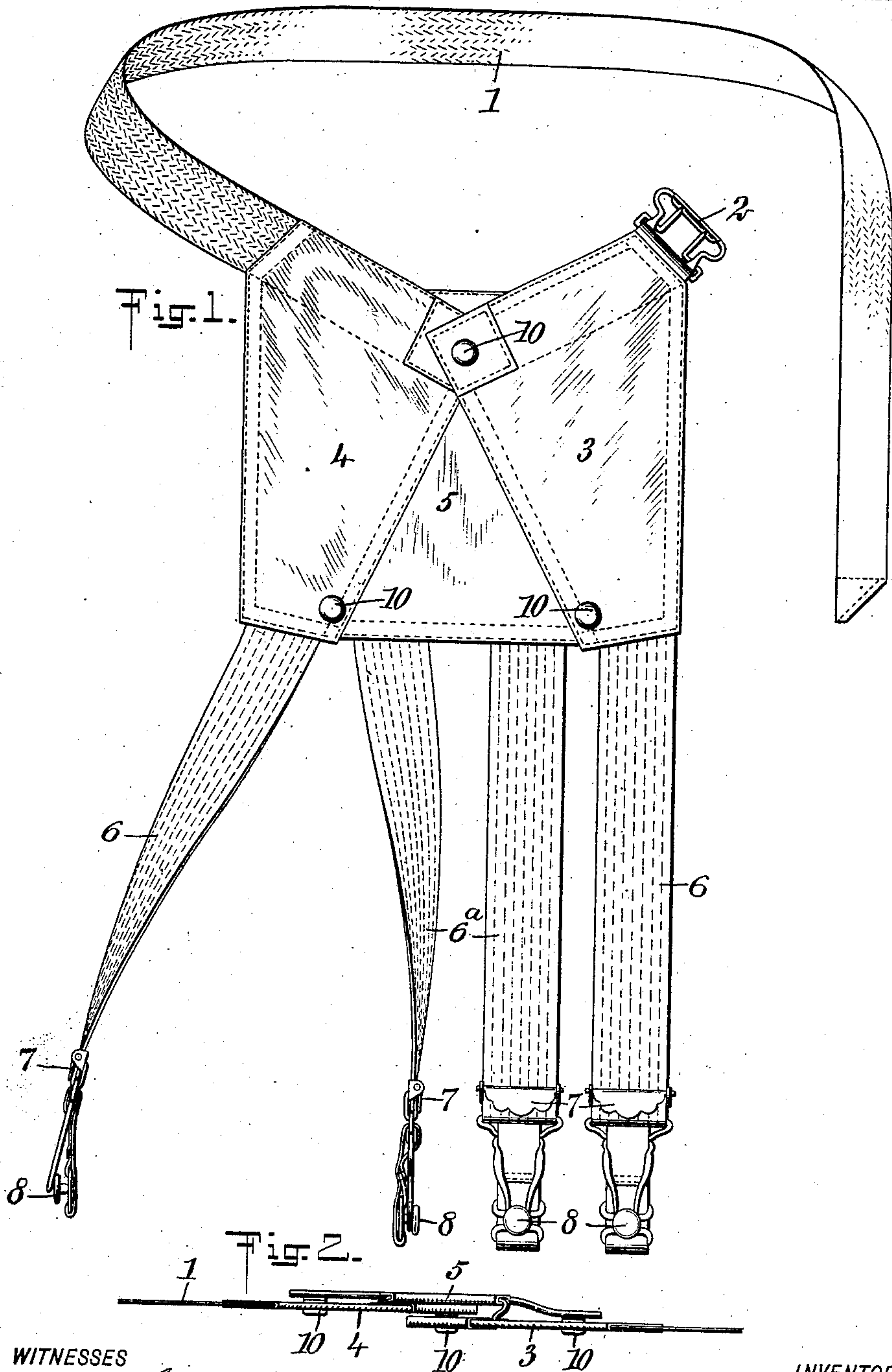
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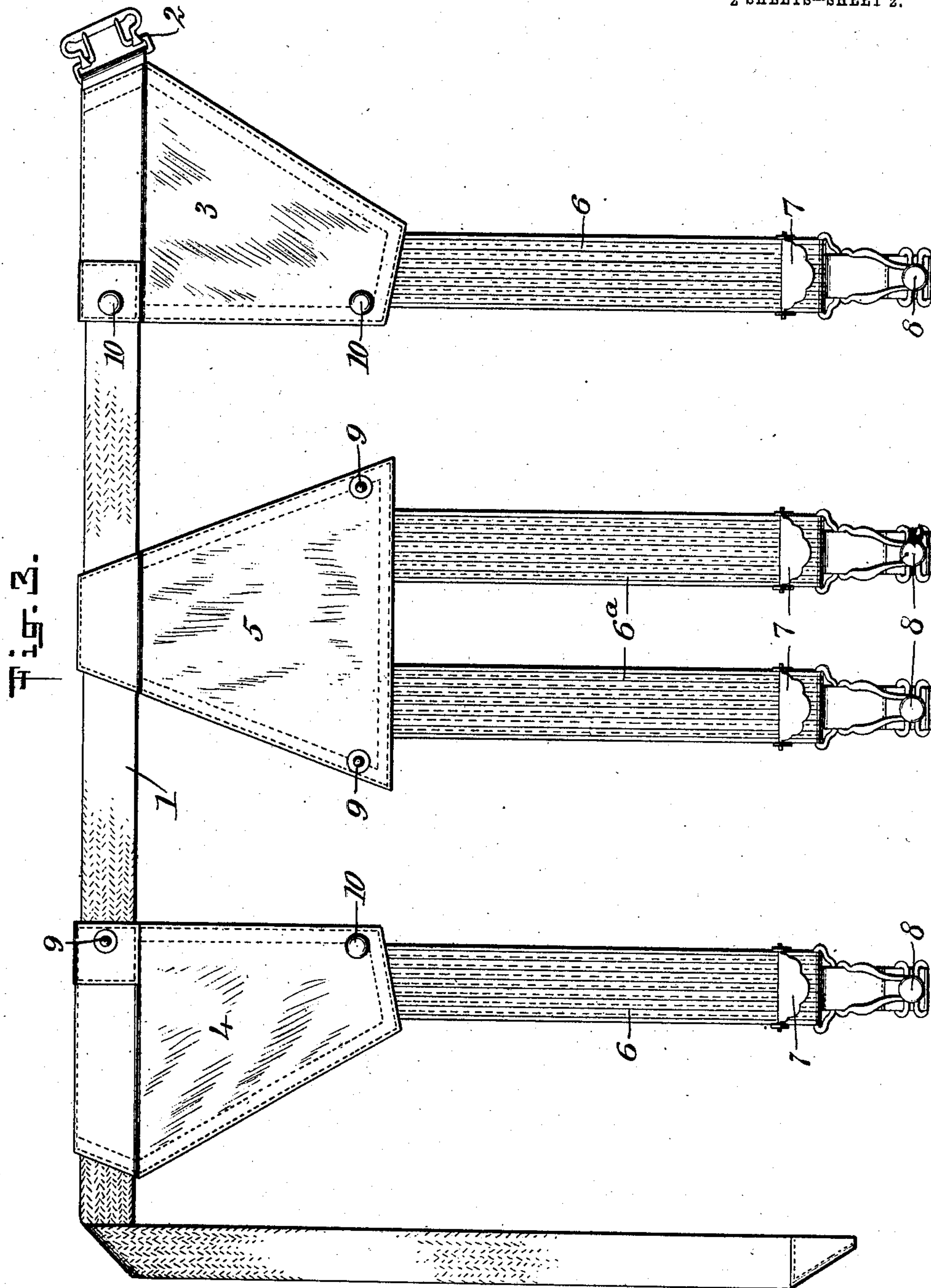
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB MANN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Hose-Supporter, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is an improved hose-supporter of such construction that the hose-supporting members may be disposed in different relations as most suitable and comfortable for the body of the wearer.

One embodiment of the invention consists of a waistband carrying three flaps, one of which is fixed and the other two adjustable, each outside flap carrying a depending tape and an intermediate flap carrying two tapes, all of said tapes being preferably made of elastic material and provided at their lower extremities with the usual buckles and clasps of any desired construction. Buttons, preferably of the ball-and-socket type, are arranged on the three flaps for connecting them together when the entire supporting strain is thrown at the front of the body and to be disconnected when the supporting strain is to be partly distributed at each side.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the supporter with the flaps connected together. Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same, the waistband being only partly shown; and Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the supporter with the flaps in spaced relation.

Referring to the drawing-figures, the numeral 1 indicates a waistband of any suitable material, having fixed at one end thereof a buckle 2, providing for the adjustment of the band to the body of the wearer. Sewed or otherwise secured to the waistband adjacent to the buckle 2 is a flap 3 of right-angle triangular formation with the vertical side of the triangle disposed inwardly. A flap 4 of the same construction as the flap 3 is carried by the waistband, but is looped thereover, adapting it to be slid thereon to any desired position. Intermediate the flaps 3 and 4 is a flap 5, also slidable on the waistband and preferably cut in substantially the shape of an isosceles triangle, as shown. From each of the flaps 3 and 4 a tape 6 depends, as also do two corresponding tapes 6^a depend

from the flap 5, all of said tapes being preferably made of elastic material and carrying at their lower extremities the usual buckles 7 and clasps 8, providing, respectively, for the lengthening or shortening of the tape and for their connection with the hose. All of the flaps are adapted to be connected together and to each other by buttons, preferably of the ball-and-socket type, balls 9 being fixed near the lower vertices of the flaps 5 and a socket 10, adapted to coact therewith, being fixed to each of the flaps 3 and 4 in a corresponding position. In the right-angular portion of the flaps 3 and 4 are fixed a socket 10 and a ball 9, respectively, each of these flaps at this point being free of the waistband, as shown in Fig. 2, adapting them without interference therewith to overlap each other as also the upper end of flap 5.

When it is desired to use the supporter to partly distribute the strain on the tapes at the sides of the body, the flaps are disposed in the relation shown in Fig. 3 in spaced position. When in use, the flaps 3 and 4 will fall at opposite sides and the flap 5 will remain at the front of the wearer. If, however, it is desired to throw the entire strain on the tapes at the front of the body, the flaps 4 and 5 are slid on the waistband toward the flap 3 and the flaps 3 and 4 engaged at their lower ends with the flap 5 by the ball-and-socket buttons and to each other at their upper ends by the element of the ball-and-socket button carried by each of them. The flaps will then present the appearance as illustrated in Fig. 1, with the tapes 6^a disposed centrally and hanging in a vertical position, whereas the tapes 6 will have a tendency to turn angularly outward therefrom, due to the angular position assumed by the flaps 3 and 4, to which they are connected. It is thus seen that I have produced in a single structure a hose-supporter capable of being changed to different forms to suit the conveniences of the wearer.

The precise construction is not material provided the essential characteristics are employed as pointed out by the annexed claims.

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

1. A hose-supporter comprising a waistband, flaps arranged on the waistband, tapes depending from the flaps, means for connecting the flaps together, and means for disposing the flaps in spaced relation.

2. A hose-supporter comprising a waist-band, flaps arranged on the waist-band, tapes of elastic material depending from the flaps and carrying means at their extremities for
5 securing them to the hose, means for connecting the flaps together, and means for disposing them in spaced relation.

3. A hose-supporter comprising a waist-band, a flap fixed thereto, flaps adjustable
10 thereon, tapes depending from the flaps, and means for connecting the flaps together.

4. A hose-supporter comprising a waist-band, a flap of right-angle triangular shape fixed thereto, a flap of the same shape slid-
15 able thereon, an intermediate flap of substantially the shape of an isosceles triangle slidable on the waistband, tapes depending from the flaps, means for connecting the lower ends of the outer flaps to the inter-
20 mediate flap, and means for connecting the upper ends of the outer flaps together whereby they are disposed in an angular relation as described.

5. A hose-supporter comprising a waist-band, three flaps arranged on the waistband, 25 tapes depending from the flaps, means for connecting the outer flaps to the intermediate flap at their lower ends, and means for connecting the outer flaps together.

6. A hose-supporter comprising a waist- 30 band, two flaps of right-angle triangular shape carried by the waistband, a flap carried therebetween by the waistband of substantially isosceles-triangle shape, tapes depending from the flaps, means for connecting 35 the lower ends of the outer flaps to the intermediate flap, and means for connecting the upper ends of the outer flaps together.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of 40 two subscribing witnesses.

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