

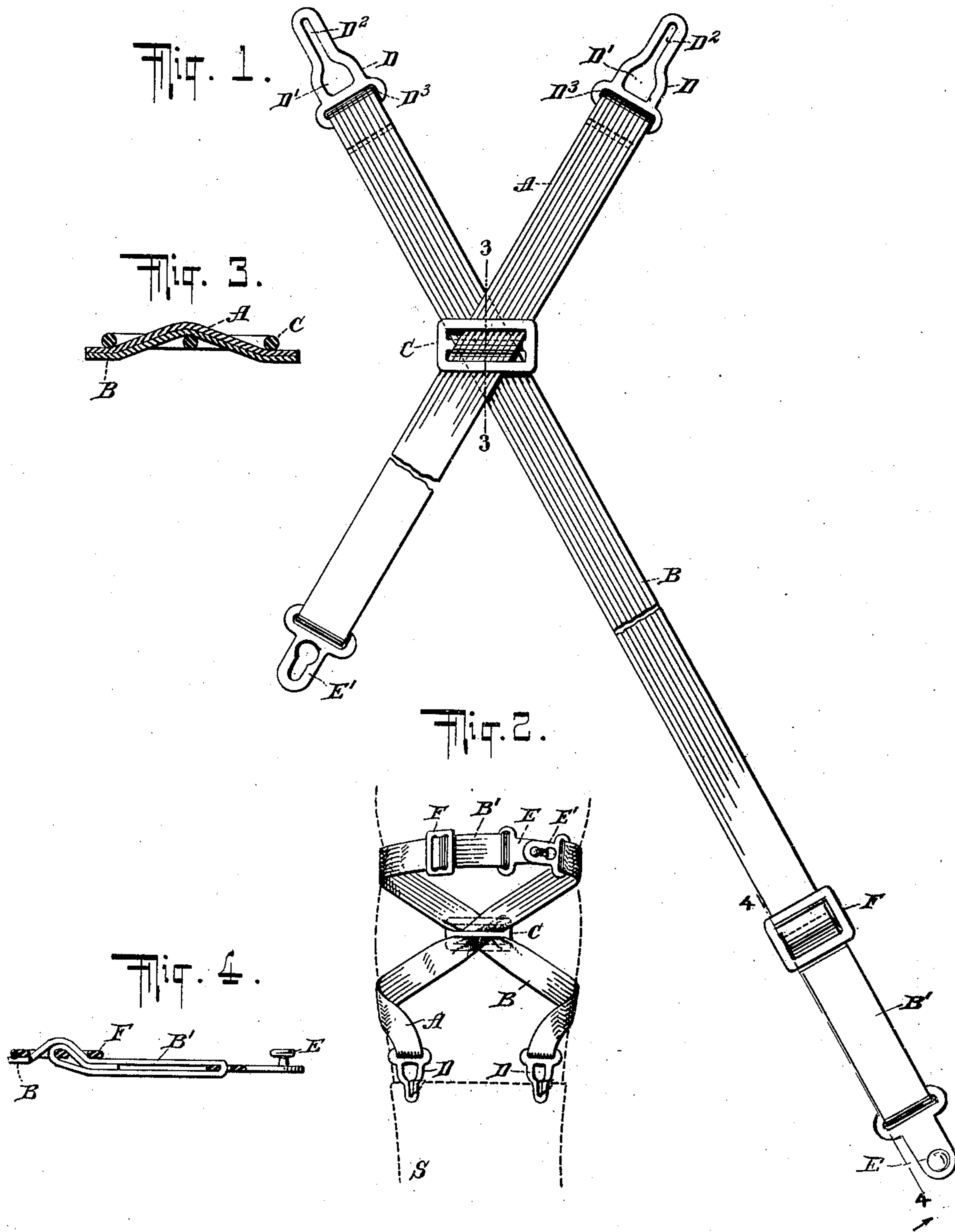
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GRANVILLE L. BURTON and CLIFFORD J. FULLER, both citizens of the United States, and residents of the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have jointly invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garters, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to men's garters and has for its object to provide a garter which will hold a sock firmly at more than one point and not only prevent it from slipping but keep it smooth so as to avoid distorting the pattern and forming creases and folds, as is liable to occur when a sock is supported at one point only. These advantages we aim to attain without causing any discomfort to the wearer, the garter being so arranged that it will not bind or press the leg unduly at any point.

A garter embodying our improvements is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 shows the garter spread out flat; Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the garter in use; Fig. 3 is a cross section on line 3—3 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 4 is a section on line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

It will be understood that the drawing represents only examples of the invention, and that various modifications may be made without departing from the nature of our invention as defined in the appended claim.

The improved garter comprises two straps A and B which may be made of elastic or of comparatively inelastic material, and these straps are crossed, being connected by a slide C at the crossing point so that each of the straps may be adjusted lengthwise by slipping it through such slide. The ends at one side of the crossing point are provided with fastening devices or grips D of any suitable construction adapted to hold the upper edge of the sock S as shown in Fig. 2. The particular grip illustrated has an opening D¹ terminating at the bottom in a narrow extension or slit D² for grasping the

sock. At the upper end the grip has a slot D³ to receive the end of the strap A or B, which is secured by sewing or otherwise. The straps are preferably of unequal length, and one of the ends opposite to those carrying the grips D, is provided with one member E¹ of a detachable fastener of any suitable kind, such as a pin and eye. The other member (say, a keeper E) of this fastener is mounted loosely so as to be capable of sliding lengthwise, on a loop portion B¹ of the longer strap B. To form this loop portion, the strap is passed through a slide or buckle F in the well known manner shown in Fig. 4. The length of the loop B¹ is thus readily adjustable.

In using the improved garter, the grips D are engaged with the sock S on the left and right of the leg respectively, preferably somewhat in front, as shown in Fig. 2, the crossing point of the straps A, B being in the rear, and then the free ends of the straps are passed around the leg as shown, and secured by means of the detachable fastener E, E¹. The fastener and the slide or buckle F should preferably be adjusted to come on the inside of the leg (although for the sake of clearness, they have been shown more in front), as in this inside position they are least liable to chafe the skin.

We claim as our invention

A garter comprising two crossed straps, one of which is longer than the other and each provided with a grip at one end, a slide through which both of said straps pass in an undulating line at their point of crossing, means for forming an adjustable loop at the other end of the longer strap and a detachable fastener for connecting the free end of the shorter strap with said loop.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

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