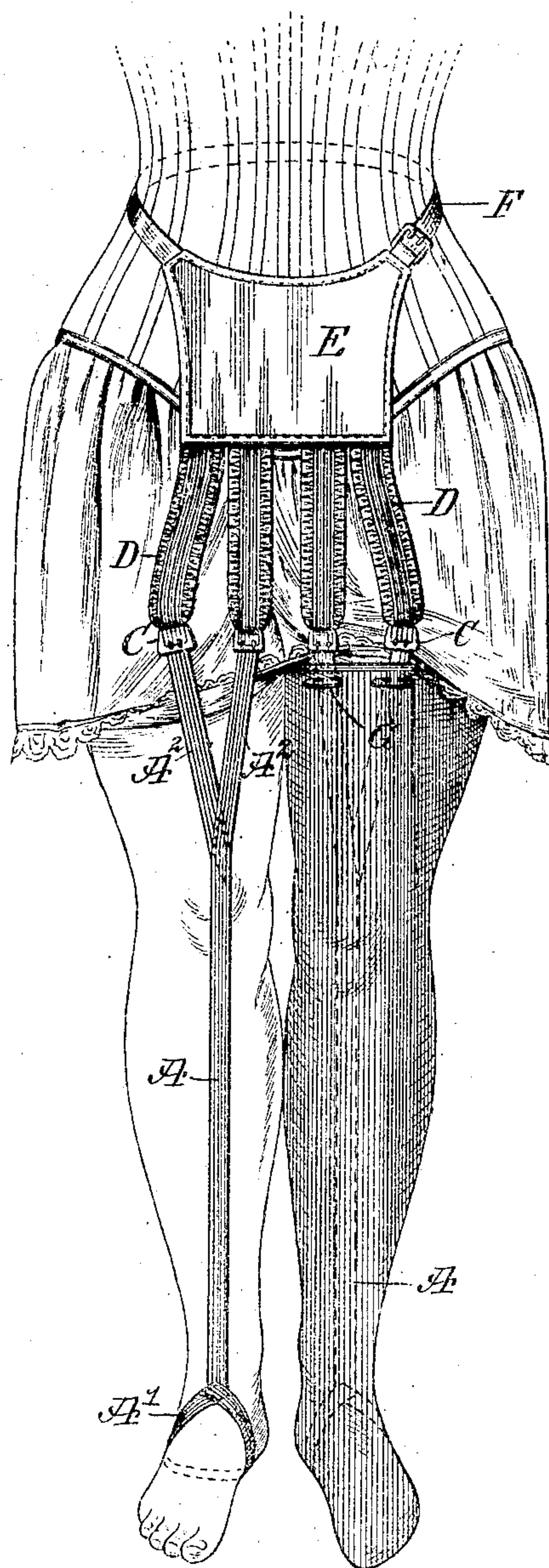


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY T. LEWIS, a citizen of the United States, and residing near Marseilles, in the county of Lasalle and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Hose-Supporter, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved hose supporter arranged to properly support the hose and to avoid all undue strain on the hose, thus preventing tearing thereof, especially at the connection of the supporter with the upper end of the hose.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, which will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which the figure is a front elevation of the improvement as applied.

Leg straps A, A, one for each leg of the wearer of the hose supporter terminate at their lower ends in foot loops A', adapted to be slipped over the foot of the wearer at the instep thereof, and the upper ends of the leg straps A, A terminate each in branches A² connected by buckles C to the elastic straps D attached to the lower edge of a shield E having a waist band F for engagement with the waist of the wearer. The branches A² of each leg strap A are connected by fastening devices G with the upper ends of the hose to be supported, as plainly illustrated at the right in the figure, the said fastening devices G being preferably in the form of safety pins.

It is understood that in using the device, the wearer slips the foot loop A' of each strap onto the bare foot and then draws the hose in position over the leg, after which the upper end of each hose is fastened by the fastening devices G to the branches A² of the cor-

responding leg strap, thus supporting the hose properly, at the same time avoiding all undue strain on the hose, as such strain comes on the leg strap A and not on the hose.

In practice I prefer to make the strap A of a non-elastic material, and by having each strap connected with the elastics D it is evident that elastic straps D readily adjust themselves to the hose of the wearer, and consequently the leg straps A, A do not incommode the wearer.

Although I have shown the leg straps in connection with the elastic bands D, shield E and waist band F, it is evident that other forms of supports for the upper ends of the leg straps may be used.

The device is very simple and durable in construction and can be cheaply manufactured and readily applied.

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

The combination with the hose, of a supporter therefor, comprising a non-elastic strap provided at its lower end with a loop for engagement by the foot of the wearer, and having its upper end terminating in branches, said strap adapted to be worn beneath the hose, fastening means for securing the hose to the branches, a band for encircling the waist of the wearer, and provided at its front with a shield, and elastic bands depending from the shield and provided with buckles for engagement by the ends of the branches, said bands being entirely above the hose, whereby the expansion and contraction of the same will not disarrange the hose.

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

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