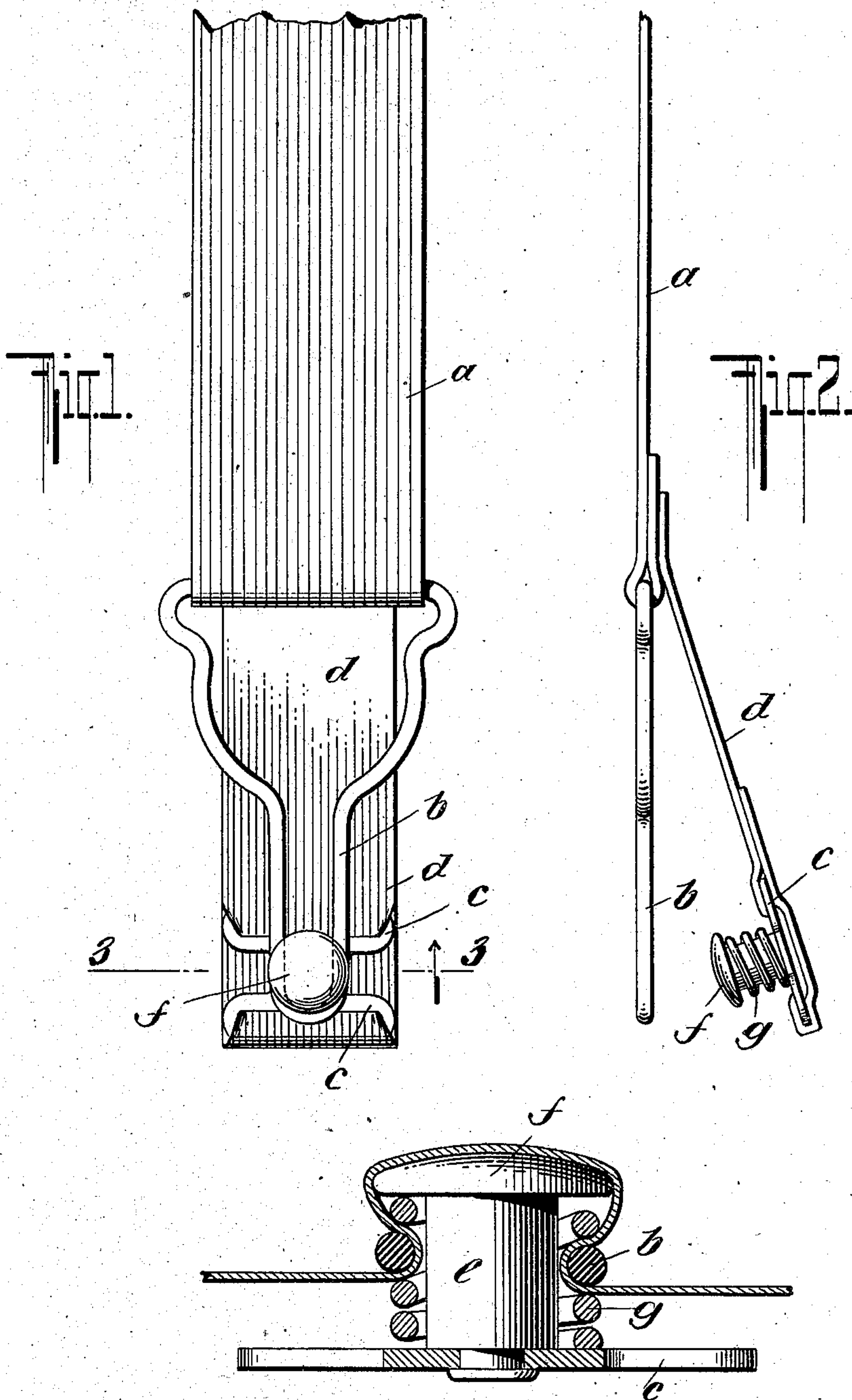


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ERNEST H. LUEBBERS, Jr., of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supports, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to a garment supporting device of that class usually employed for supporting hose and the like.

The object of the invention is to construct the supporting devices proper of metal in such a way as to secure a firm grip on the fabric without, however, increasing the danger of tearing the same.

With this end in view I form the button of the device with a number of ribs which are preferably, though not necessarily, spirally disposed, and between which the yoke engages thus gripping the fabric over a larger surface than ordinarily. By making the ribs spiral the yoke is caused to engage the fabric at two different points and to hold the same through the medium of a number of the threads of the fabric so that the danger of tearing the fabric is materially reduced.

My invention involves various other novel features, which will be fully set forth hereinafter and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings which illustrate, as an example, one manner in which the various features of my invention may be embodied, in which drawings,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the device; Fig. 2 is a side view of the same; and Fig. 3 is a sectional view showing the yoke engaged with the button and illustrating the manner in which the fabric is gripped.

As shown in the drawing, the device is attached to a strap or tape *a* and it comprises the usual yoke *b* with the button holder *c* attached to the strap *a* at the upper end of the yoke through the medium of a tape *d*. This element *d* is preferably of some flexible material, but it may be of metal or rubber, if desired. The button comprises, as shown

best in Fig. 3, a shank *e* and head *f*. In the preferred form of the invention the wire *g* is coiled around the shank *e* and lies snugly between the holder *c* and head *f*.

In the use of the device the fabric is stretched over the head *f* of the button, and the yoke *b* is engaged with the button, the fabric lying between the yoke and button as shown in Fig. 3. The yoke, it will be perceived, presses in between the convolutions of the coil *g*, and in so doing has a two fold advantageous effect, to wit, it causes each side of the yoke to grip the fabric at three points instead of one, and it causes the yoke to assume a slightly diagonal position with respect to the button, thus engaging the different threads of the fabric and reducing laterally the danger of tearing the same. In this connection it will be seen that the yoke at each side presses the fabric against the shank *e* and also presses it against the two adjacent coils of the wire *g* thus bringing about the three-point engagement referred to. While I prefer to form these ribs by coiling a resilient wire around the shank, nevertheless they may be formed in various other ways without departing from my invention and they are not necessarily spirally disposed, although I consider this the preferable arrangement.

Having thus described the preferred embodiment of my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:—

1. In a hose supporter, the combination of a yoke, a button base plate, a button shank connected thereto, a head carried by the shank, the shank having substantially transverse ribs, and the yoke being adapted to embrace the shank, and bear in between two adjacent ribs for the purpose specified, and a means flexibly connecting the yoke and button base plate to each other, whereby to admit engagement and disengagement of the yoke and button shank.

2. In a hose supporter, the combination of a yoke, a button base plate, a button shank connected thereto, a head carried by the shank, the shank having substantially transverse ribs, and the yoke being adapted to embrace the shank, and bear in between

two adjacent ribs for the purpose specified,  
and a means flexibly connecting the yoke  
and button base plate to each other, whereby  
to admit engagement and disengagement of  
5 the yoke and button shank, the said ribs on  
the shank being formed by a wire coiled  
around the same.

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

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