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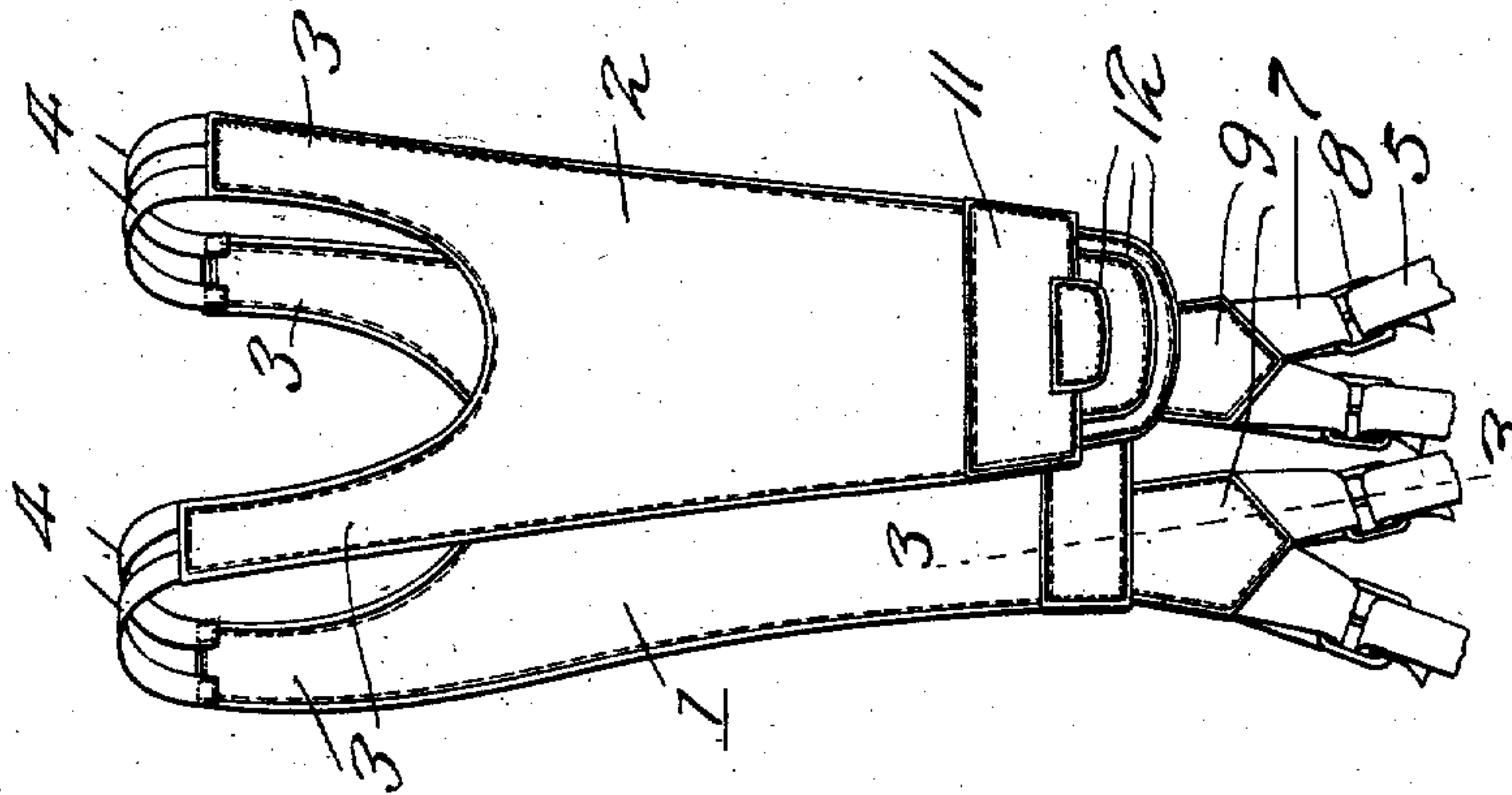


Fig. 2.

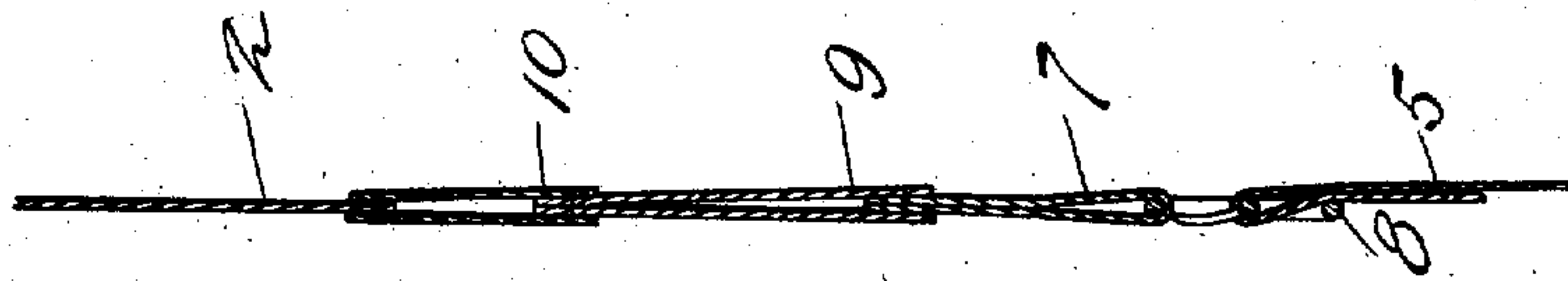


Fig. 3.

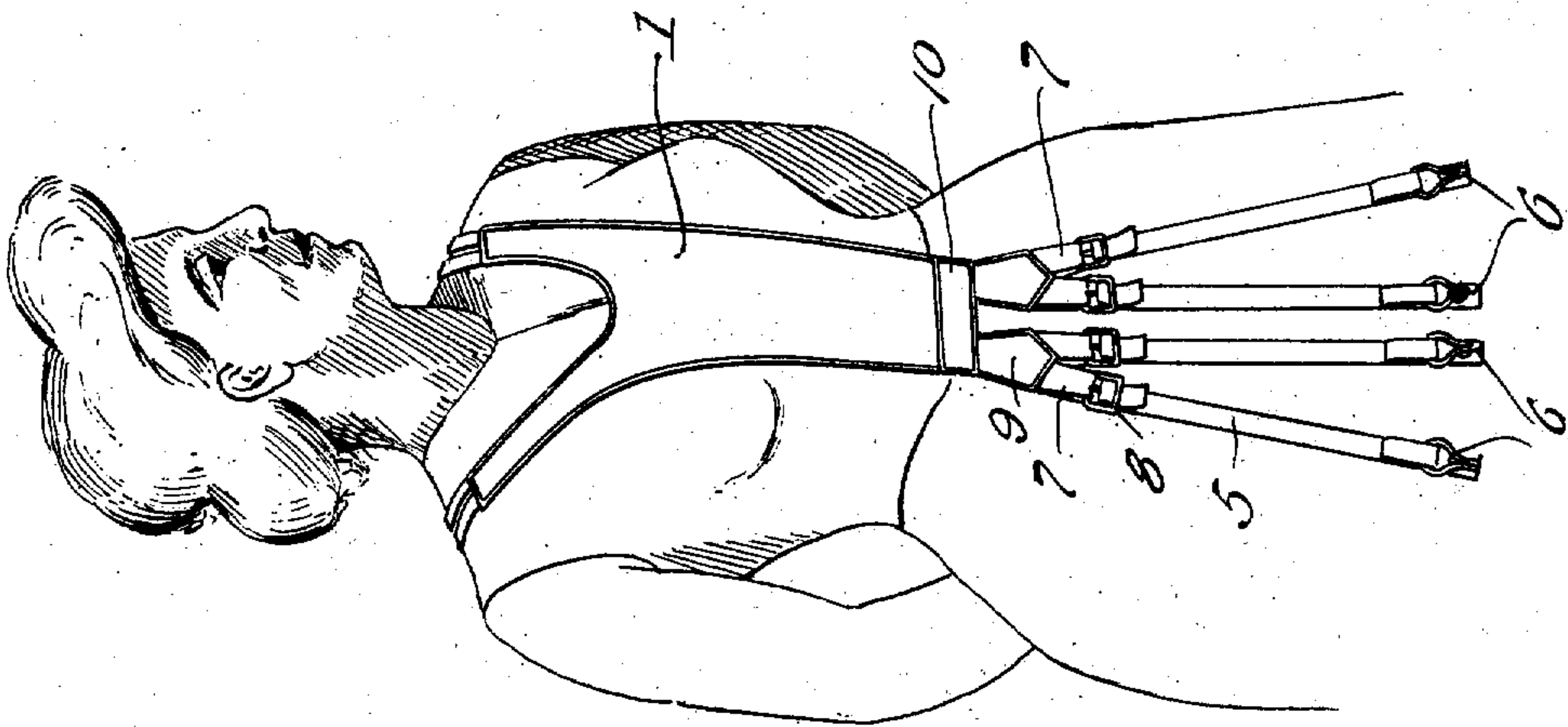


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BESSIE MAY RICHARDSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waxhaw, in the county of Union and State of North Carolina, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment supporters, the object of the invention being to provide a simple, practical device for supporting the hose and lower garments of women, the device as a whole being adjustable to suit requirements and finding a support upon the shoulders of the wearer.

With the above and general objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement hereinafter fully described, illustrated and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the garment supporter shown applied to the person. Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view of the garment supporter. Fig. 3 is a detail section through the front part of the supporter taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

The garment supporter contemplated in this invention comprises two main body portions, a front body portion 1 and a rear body portion 2, and each of said body portions is provided with upwardly extending divergent shoulder wings 3 which are connected by shoulder straps 4 passing over the shoulders of the wearer, whereby the supporter as a whole is carried by the shoulders and the weight of the several garments thrown entirely thereon.

At the front of the garment supporter are hose supporters preferably in the form of elastic straps 5, there being two pairs of such straps and each strap being provided with a suitable clasp 6 adapted to engage and support the hose. Each strap 5 passes through one of a pair of loops 7 and is provided with an adjusting buckle 8. The loops 7 are secured in pairs to a pair of tabs 9 and the tabs are in turn secured to a yoke 10 fastened to the bottom of the forward body portion 1 of the garment supporter. It will be

understood that the yoke 10 carries a pair of tabs 9 and that each tab 9 carries a pair of flexible loops 7 and that each loop carries a hose supporter 5. Thus all the hose supporters are carried by the yoke 10 which is supported directly by the body part 1.

Secured to the bottom edge of the back part 2 of the body of the device is a yoke piece 11 and to said yoke piece is secured a plurality of flaps 12 of different sizes and having their lower edges arranged at different elevations, the said flaps being adapted to support a corresponding number of garments along the waist line at the back, which garments may be pinned or otherwise suitably fastened to said flaps, one over the other, thus rendering the application and removal of such garments easy. This also provides a convenient means of anchoring or securing the supporter as a whole upon the person.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

1. The herein described garment supporter embodying front and back body portions connected by shoulder straps, a plurality of hose supporters connected to one of the body portions, and a plurality of flaps overlapping each other and secured to the other body portion of the device and adapted for the support of one or more garments, substantially as described.

2. The herein described garment supporter embodying front and rear body portions connected by shoulder straps, a plurality of overlapping flaps carried by one of the body portions and providing for the support of one or more garments, a yoke carried by the other body portion, a plurality of tabs extending downwardly from said yoke, a plurality of loops carried by each tab, and hose supporters suspended from said loops, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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