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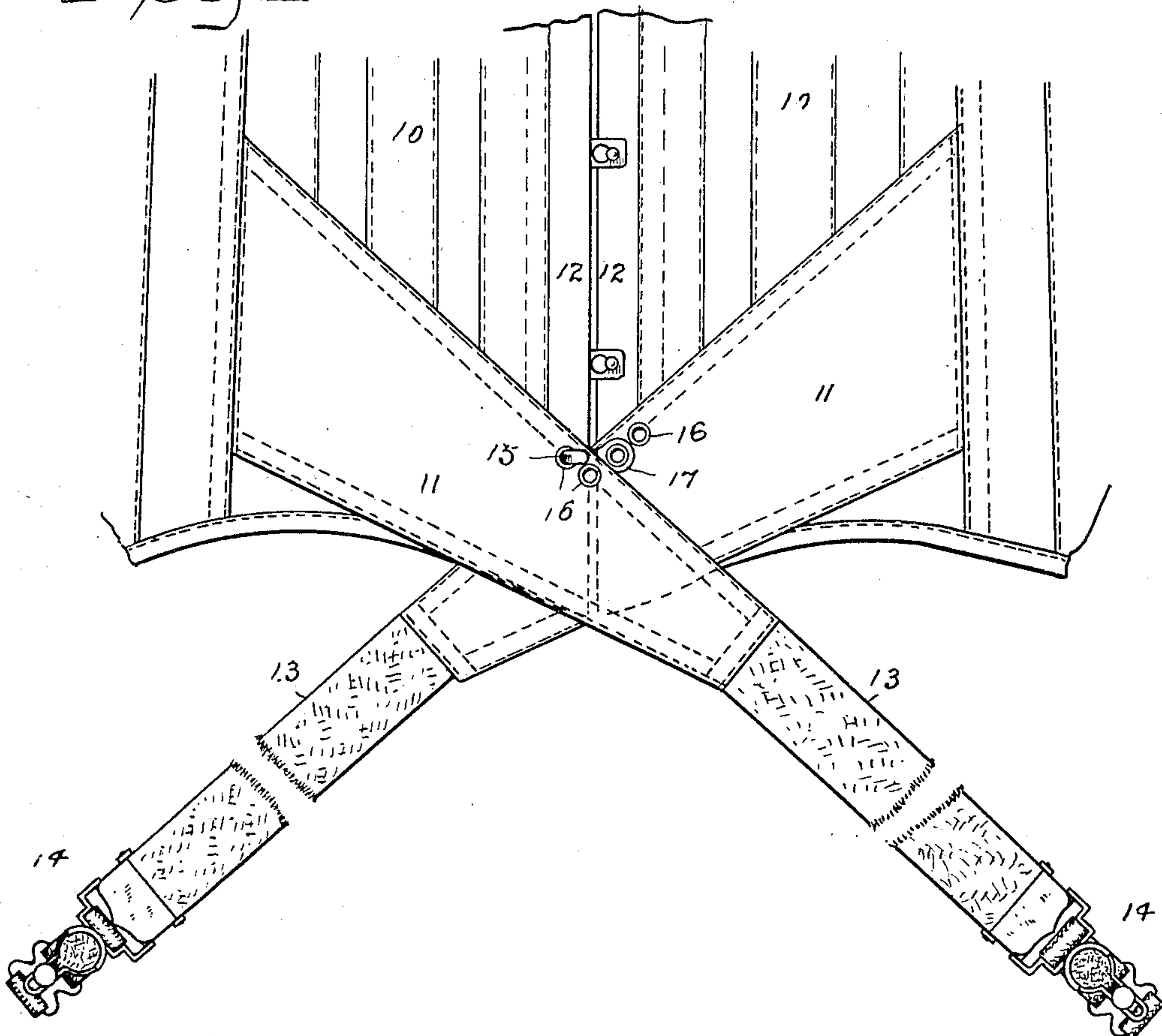


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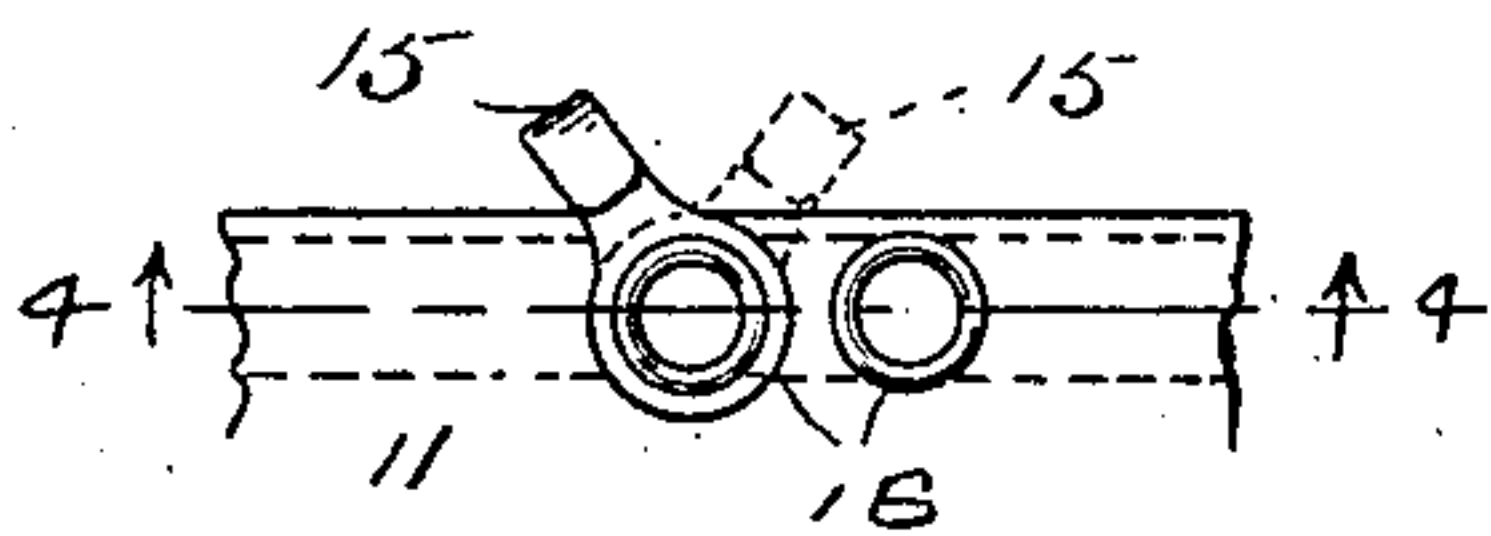


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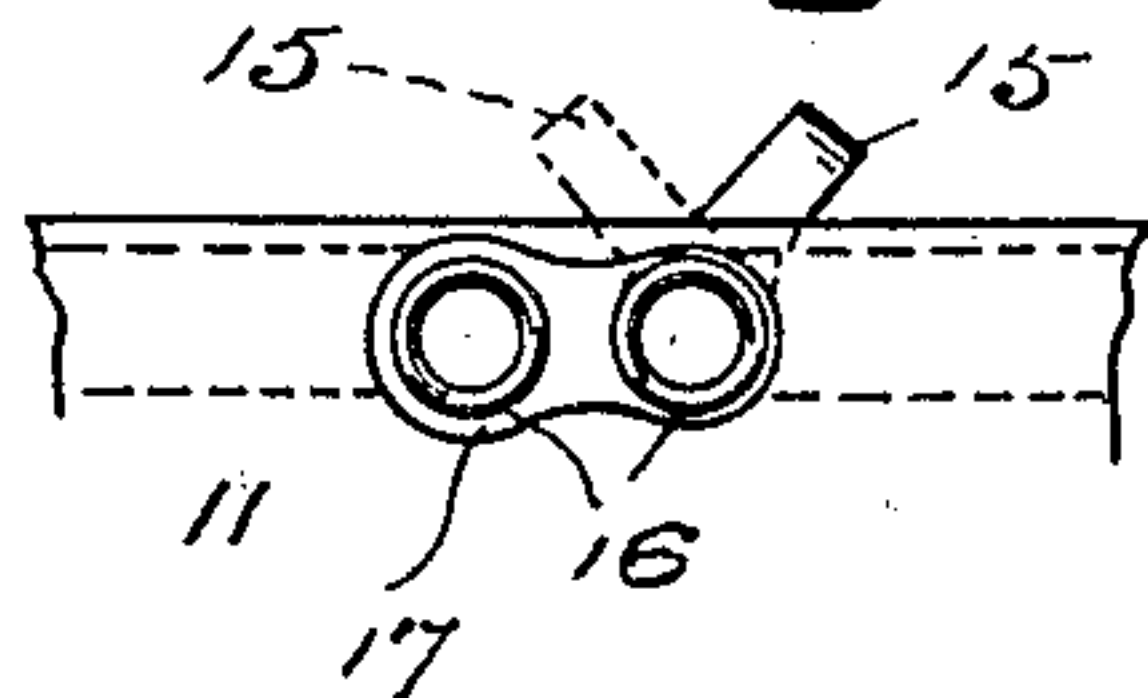


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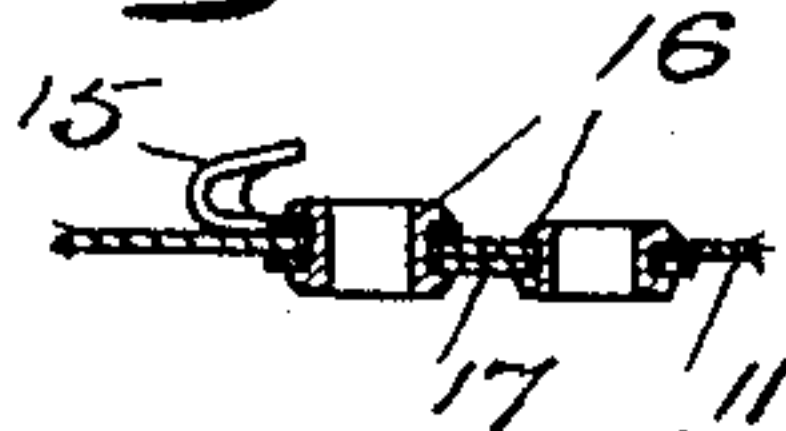
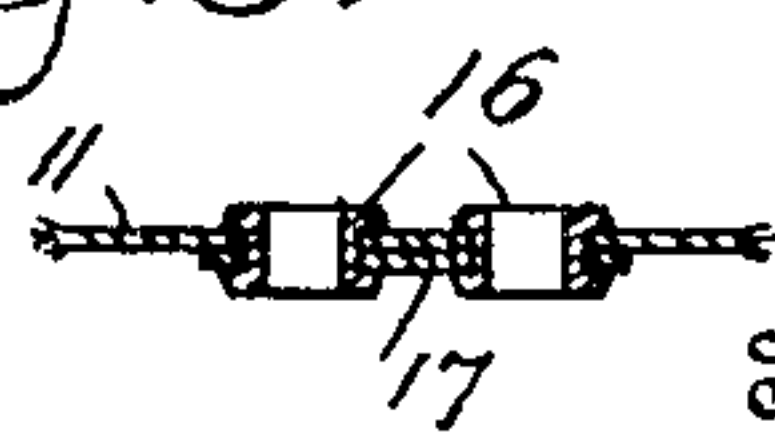


Fig. 5.



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## ABDOMINAL HOSE-SUPPORTER ATTACHMENT FOR CORSETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES E. DOOLITTLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, county of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Abdominal Hose-Supporter Attachment for Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a hose supporter attachment for corsets which shall be especially adapted to prevent the halves of the corset from spreading at the front and to draw in and hold down the abdomen. This I accomplish by means of tabs which are attached to the corset halves, cross each other and are each provided with a clasp to engage the stocking on the opposite side from the attachment to the corset, said tabs being adjustably secured together at their crossing to retain them in position over the abdomen and prevent them from slipping down.

With these and other objects in view I have devised the novel stocking supporter attachment which I will now describe, referring to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and using reference characters to indicate the several parts.

Figure 1 is an elevation of the front of a corset, illustrating the application thereto of my novel supporter and the mode of its use; Fig. 2 a detail front elevation on an enlarged scale, illustrating the mode of attaching the swinging hook to the tab; Fig. 3 a reverse view corresponding therewith; Fig. 4 a section on the line 4—4 in Fig. 2 looking in the direction of the arrows; and Fig. 5 is a corresponding section of the eyelets on the other tab, either of which is adapted to be engaged by the swinging hook.

10 denotes the halves of a corset body, the structure of which is wholly unimportant as my novel attachment is equally applicable to any of the various styles of corsets upon the market.

11 denotes tabs secured to the halves of the body at a distance back from the front stays (indicated by 12) and extending downward and inward and crossing each other over the lower ends of the front stays. Beyond the crossing, each tab is provided with an extension 13, preferably made of elastic web, at the lower end of which is a clasp 14 to engage a stocking. It will be obvious from Fig. 1,

that in use the clasp of the right tab engages the left stocking and the clasp of the left tab engages the right stocking, the crossing of the tabs over the abdomen acting to prevent the lower ends of the front stays from spreading and to draw the abdomen in and retain it.

In order to prevent the possibility of the tabs slipping down below the abdomen and below the lower ends of the corset halves, I connect the tabs together at the crossing by means of a swinging hook 15 upon one of the tabs which is adapted to engage either of a plurality of eyelets 16 (two in the present instance) in the other tab.

In order to secure both the hook and the eyelets firmly to the tabs and prevent the tabs from wrinkling in use, I preferably place on the under side of each tab a supporting plate 17 provided with holes for the eyelets which are passed through the plies of the tabs and the plates and the whole secured in place by flanging or spreading the straight ends of the eyelets. The hook 15 is adjustably secured to one of the plates by passing the straight end of an eyelet 16 through a hole in the base of the hook, the tab and the plate and then spreading or flanging the end of the eyelet, leaving the hook, however, free to swing on the eyelet, which makes the attachment adjustable to the wearer.

The operation in use will be readily understood from Fig. 1. The tabs are crossed and secured together by the engagement of the hook with one of the eyelets in the other tab, and then the clasps are secured to the stockings in the usual manner, the clasp upon the right tab being secured to the left stocking and the clasp upon the left tab secured to the right stocking.

Having thus described my invention I claim:

1. An abdominal hose supporter attachment for corsets, comprising a pair of tabs adapted for attachment to the opposite halves of a corset, said tabs crossing each other and each being provided with means for attachment to a stocking, one of said tabs being provided with a plurality of eyelets and the other with a swinging hook adapted to engage either of said eyelets, whereby the attachment is made adjustable to the wearer.

2. An abdominal hose supporter attachment for corsets, comprising a pair of tabs

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other and each being provided with means  
for attachment to a stocking, one of said  
5 tabs being provided with a plurality of eye-  
lets and the other with a swinging hook  
adapted to engage either of said eyelets, and  
supporting plates on the tabs for the eyelets

and the hook, whereby the tabs are pre-  
vented from wrinkling.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature,  
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