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Fig. 1.

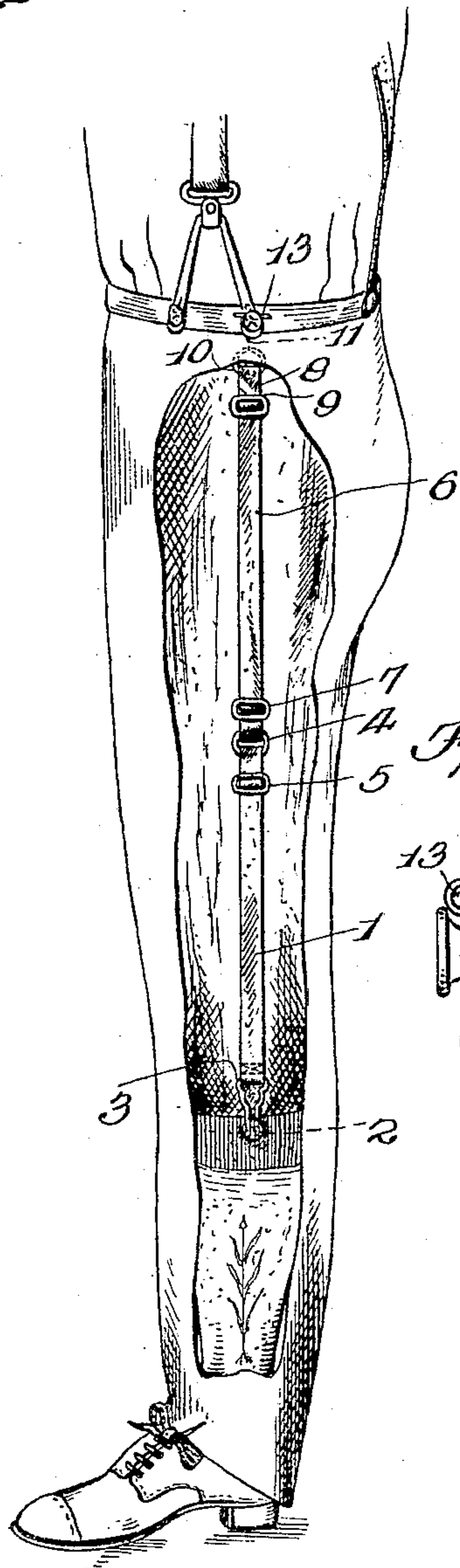


Fig. 2.

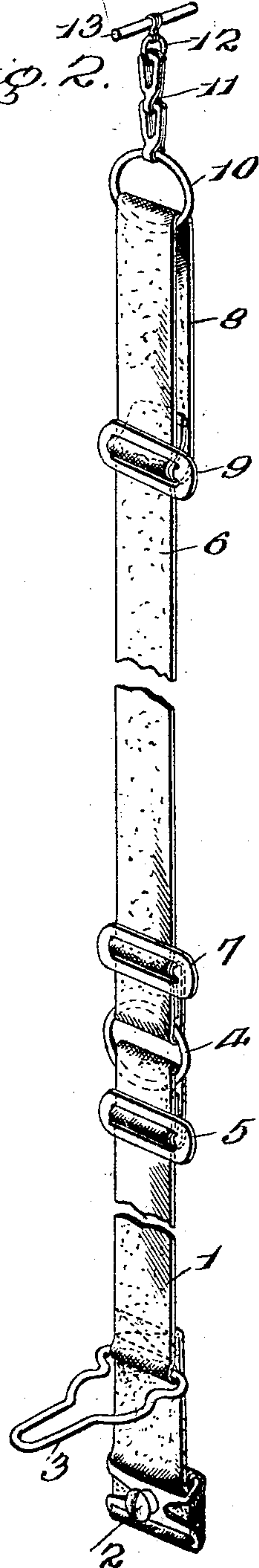
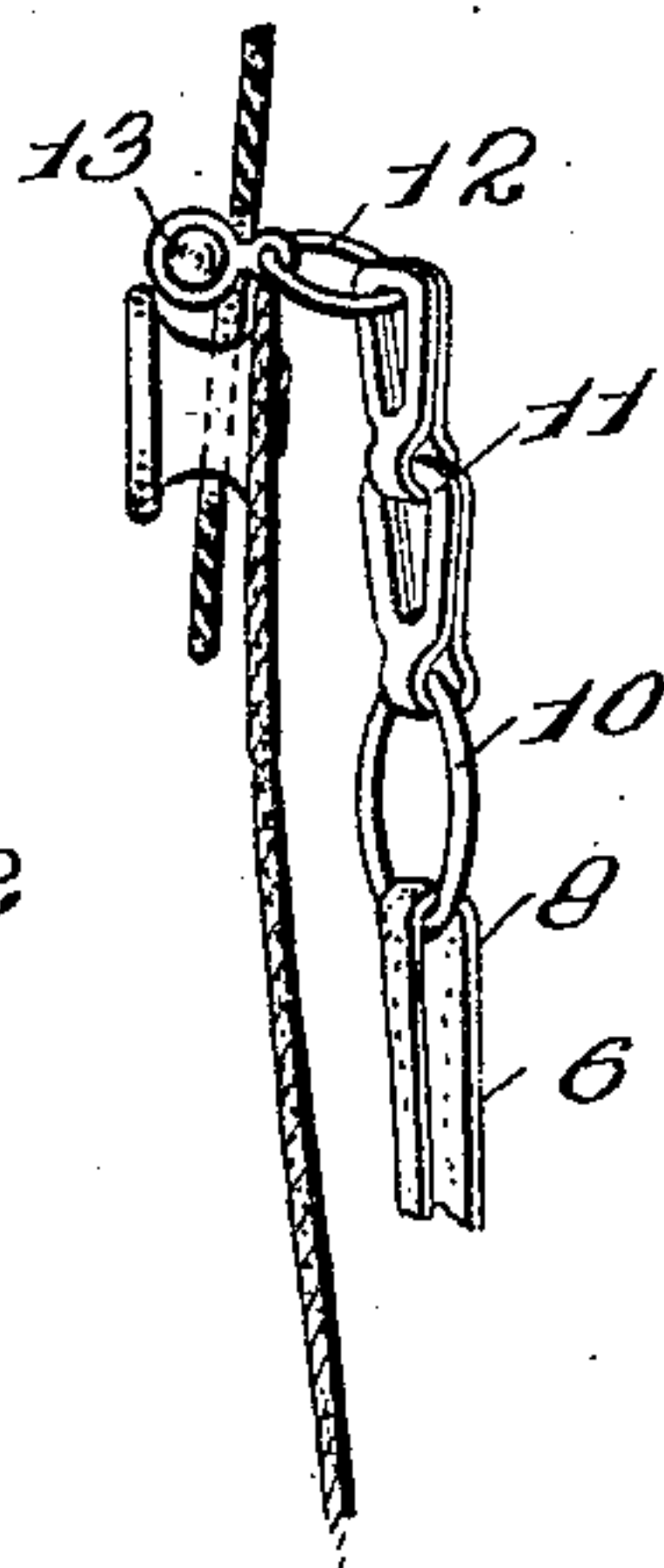


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL EARNEST SEIFFERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garters, of which the following is a specification.

The use of the ordinary form of garter with short hose or socks, in which one end of the garter is attached to the sock and the body of the garter encircles the limb, is attended with certain objectionable features which it is the object of my improved form of garter to obviate.

In the present form of garter the portion which encircles the limb constricts the same and causes impairment of the circulation therein. When such form of garter is worn with short or knee drawers the garter is clasped about the bare flesh and is affected by the perspiration, causing the material to deteriorate, and to lose its elasticity.

My invention has for its object the provision of a garter which will be free from the defects recited, and which has its lower end secured to the hose, and its upper end provided with means for attaching it to the suspender or other portion of the apparel of the wearer at the waist line, whereby the body of the garter extends in an approximately straight line between the points of attachment and no portion of the body of the wearer is encircled thereby.

A further advantage of my improved form of garter is that the garter is out of contact with the flesh and is protected from the effects of perspiration thereon.

With these objects in view my improvement consists of the various features of construction in the relation hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating my invention in which like numerical designations are employed to indicate the same parts wherever they occur, Figure 1 is a side elevation, partly broken away, and showing the device in position; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the garter, and Fig. 3 is a detail vertical section of the upper securing means.

1 represents the lower section of the garter made from elastic material and provided at its lower end with the stud 2 and clip 3 with which the same engages, the edge of the sock being confined between the same whereby the lower end of the garter is re-

movably secured to the sock in the usual manner. Any preferred form of fastening may be employed, same constituting no part of my invention. The upper end of the lower section 1 is carried through a ring 4 and adjacent thereto is provided with a clasp or slide 5 by the movement of which the section 1 is lengthened or shortened in the usual manner.

6 designates the upper section of the garter which is preferably made of inelastic material and the lower end of which is secured to the ring 4 adjacent to which end it is provided with the slide 7. Near its upper end this section 6 is doubled back upon itself forming a looped section 8, and at the point of junction of the ends of such looped portion there is provided a slide 9 by means of which and also of slide 7 the upper section may be shortened or lengthened as may be found necessary. The loop 8 is passed through a ring 10 to which is attached a short piece of chain 11. This chain consists preferably of a couple of links of what is known as safety chain and to the outer link of same is attached a small ring 12 carrying a bar 13. The lower end of section 1 of the garter being secured to the sock by means of the stud 2 and clip 3 the upper end of the section 6 is connected to any convenient part of the apparel at the waist line of the wearer; either the suspender or any other convenient point of connection, the bar 13 being readily connected and disconnected.

It will be noted that the lower section 1 being made from elastic material the garter will give with the movements of the wearer. Also that no portion of the garter passes around the limbs, whereby all constriction and impairment of circulation is avoided. At the same time the material forming the garter is preserved and the usefulness of the device prolonged.

I realize that considerable variation is possible in the details of construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of my invention, and I therefore do not intend to limit myself to the specific form shown and described except as limited by the appended claim.

I claim:

A supporter for socks or short hose comprising a lower elastic section provided at its lower end with means for attaching it to

the sock, an upper inelastic section looped
at its upper end, a ring connecting the two
sections, slides on the sections for adjusting
the length thereof, and means connected with
5 the looped portion of the upper section for
attaching the supporter at the waist line
of the wearer.

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

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