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Fig. 1.

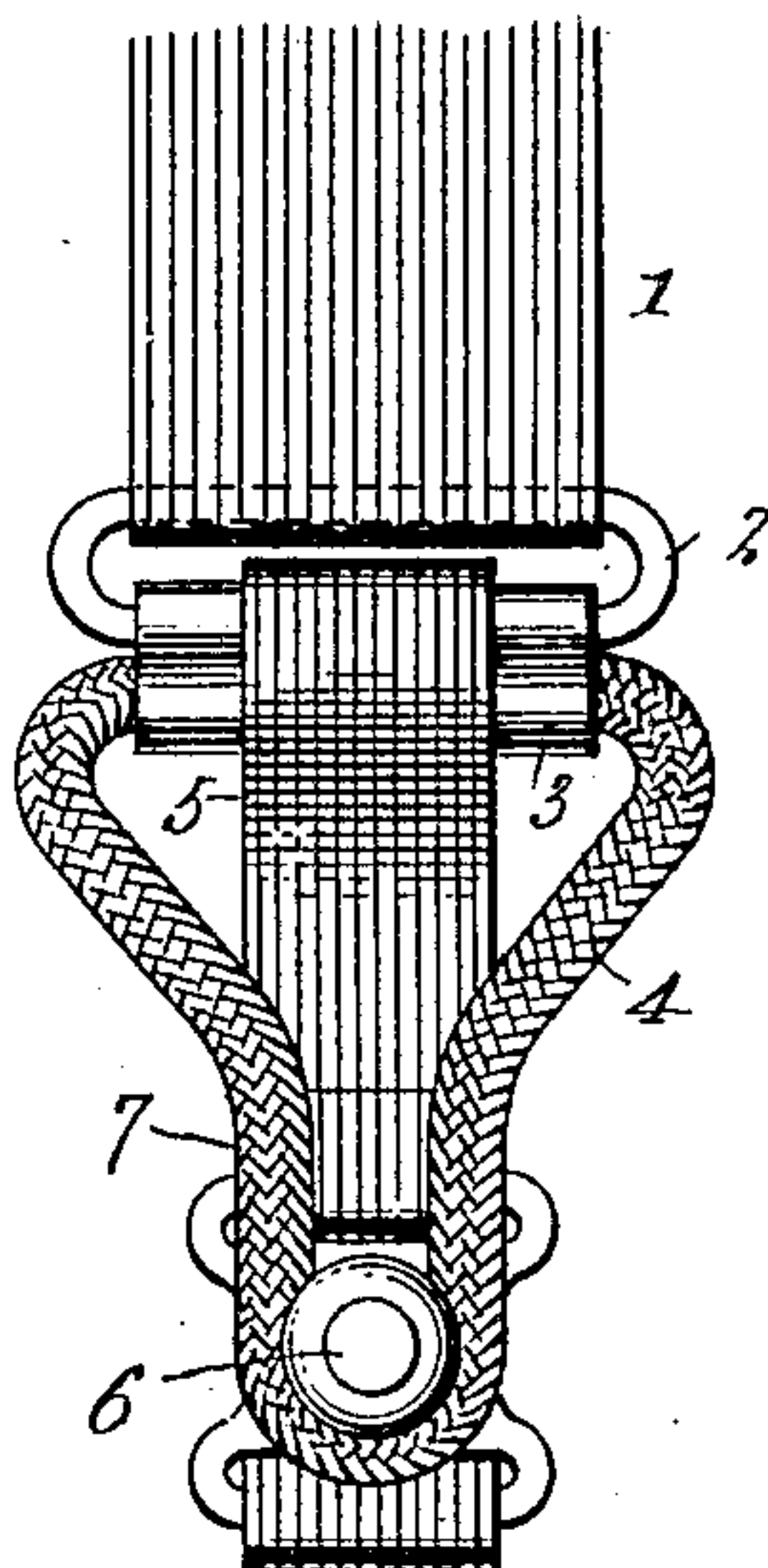
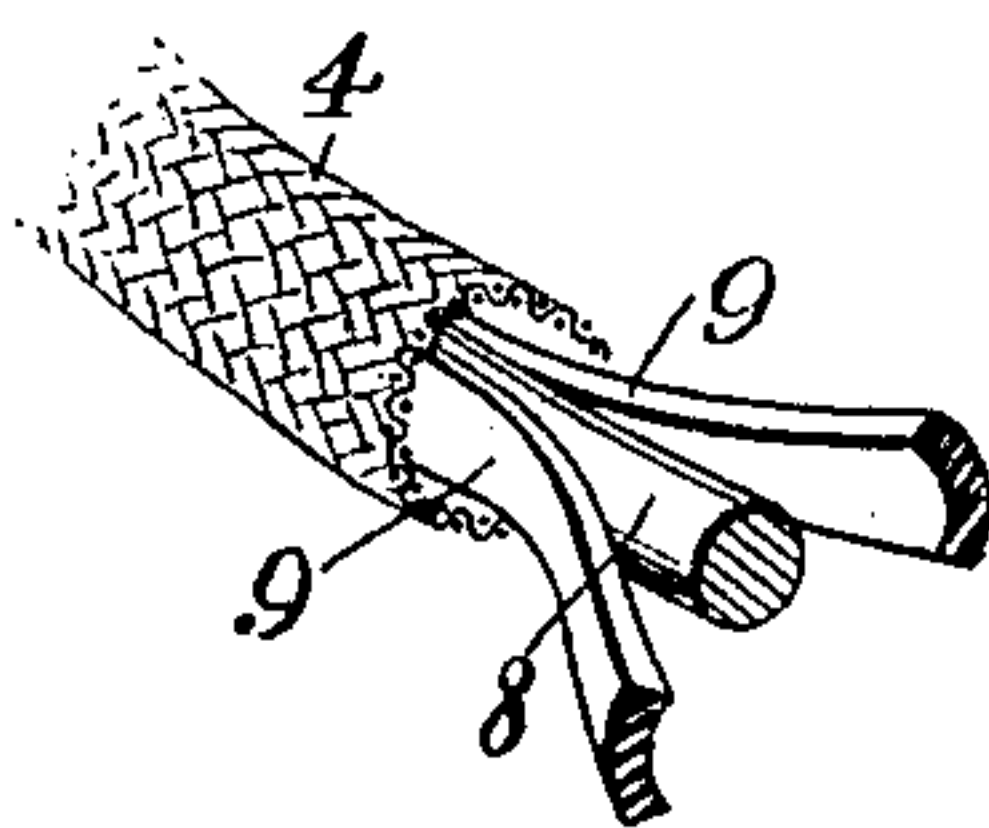


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MEYER WILLIAM SCHLOSS, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of New York, in the borough of Manhattan and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garter-Clasps, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to garter or garment clasps and is particularly designed for more or less delicate fabrics, such as stockings which are apt to be torn or injured by many ordinary clasps in common use. The present invention is adapted to overcome this difficulty and further provide a clasp which grasps the stocking or garment with great security and which can be very easily disengaged when desired. I also aim to provide a clasp having an ornamental appearance of uniform color, and which is very cheaply manufactured.

In my Patent No. 896,331, dated August 18, 1908, I have set forth a form of garment clasp making use of a metallic loop having a complete tubular rubber covering which is in turn inclosed in an envelop or wrapper of loosely braided fabric. This constitutes a very advantageous clasp in use, for the reasons set forth in said application, but is somewhat inconvenient and expensive to manufacture on account of the difficulty of applying a rubber tube or cover to the wire forming the core of the loop. In the present application I have set forth a modified structure which secures all the advantages in use of my prior invention, but which is very easy and cheap to manufacture. As will later appear, the complete loop with its rubber and fabric covers is manufactured in one operation in a braiding machine with practically no more trouble or difficulty than the application of a simple braided cover alone to a wire.

My invention consists in the features of construction and combination as hereinafter set forth and claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a front or face view of a garter clasp embodying the principles of my invention, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the construction of the loop member.

Referring to the drawings, in which like

parts are designated by the same reference sign, 1 indicates the usual elastic strap by which the garter clasp is supported.

2 designates the link or metallic connecting loop joining the strap 1 to a socket piece 3 which is of such transverse section as to be capable of receiving both the link 2 and loop 4 in pivotal engagement.

5 designates a fabric strip looped about the socket piece 3 and having a button 6 fastened to its extremity. The diameter of the button 6 and the length of the strip 5 are such that the button passes freely into the restricted lower portion 7 of the loop.

The loop 4 has a core 8 of stiff metallic wire or other suitable material which is inclosed or enveloped in yielding material in turn covered by a braided or fabric coating. In practice I take a straight metallic wire and run it through a braiding machine, at the same time maintaining a pair of elastic strips or filaments 9 in close proximity to and on opposite sides of the wire so that they are inclosed with the wire in the braided envelop. The rubber strips or filaments 9 may be ordinary strands of flat or rectangular transverse section, which may be closely bound upon the wire by the fabric or braided envelop so as to make a yielding layer which substantially surrounds the wire in the same way as a complete tubular cover. It is obvious that one or any number of these strips or filaments may be used, and the fabric cover may be braided or applied in any desired way.

An incidental feature of the invention lies in the button 6 which is made very cheaply of metal or wood or similar material and enameled with a color or tint corresponding to that of the braided loop member 4. The result is a garter clasp of ornamental appearance and uniform color throughout, although the expense of its manufacture is very trifling.

What I claim is:—

1. A garment clasp comprising a loop having an elongated opening, a button or stud with which the loop is adapted to engage, said loop having a rigid core and a cover of textile fabric, and yielding material in strip form inclosed between said cover and said core.

2. A garment clasp comprising a loop hav-

ing an elongated opening, a button or stud
with which the loop is adapted to engage,
said loop having a rigid core and a cover of
textile fabric, and a yielding material in
5 strip form extending parallel with said core
and inclosed between said cover and said
core.

In witness whereof, I subscribe my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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