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GARMENT RETAINER.

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Fig. 1.

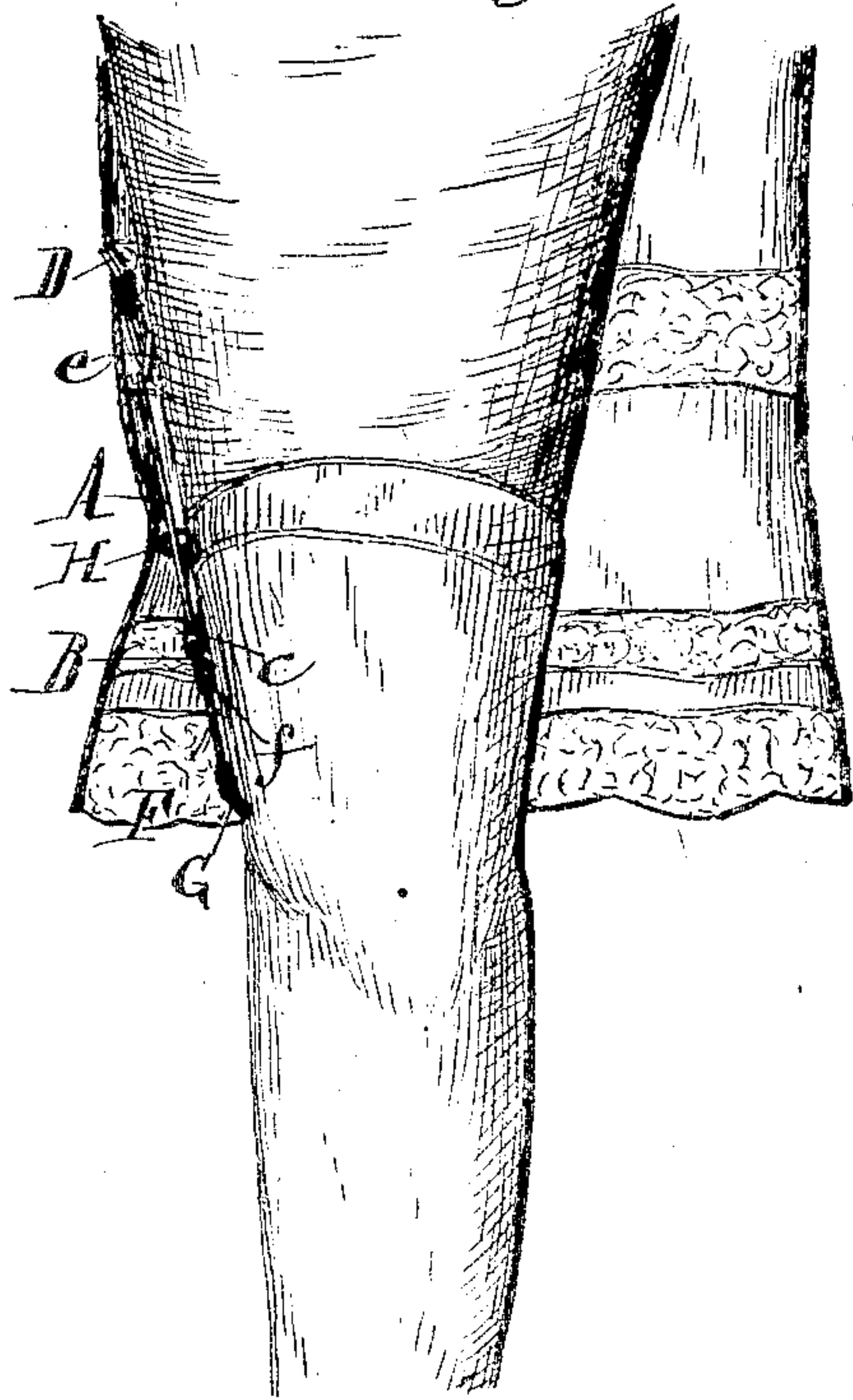


Fig. 2.

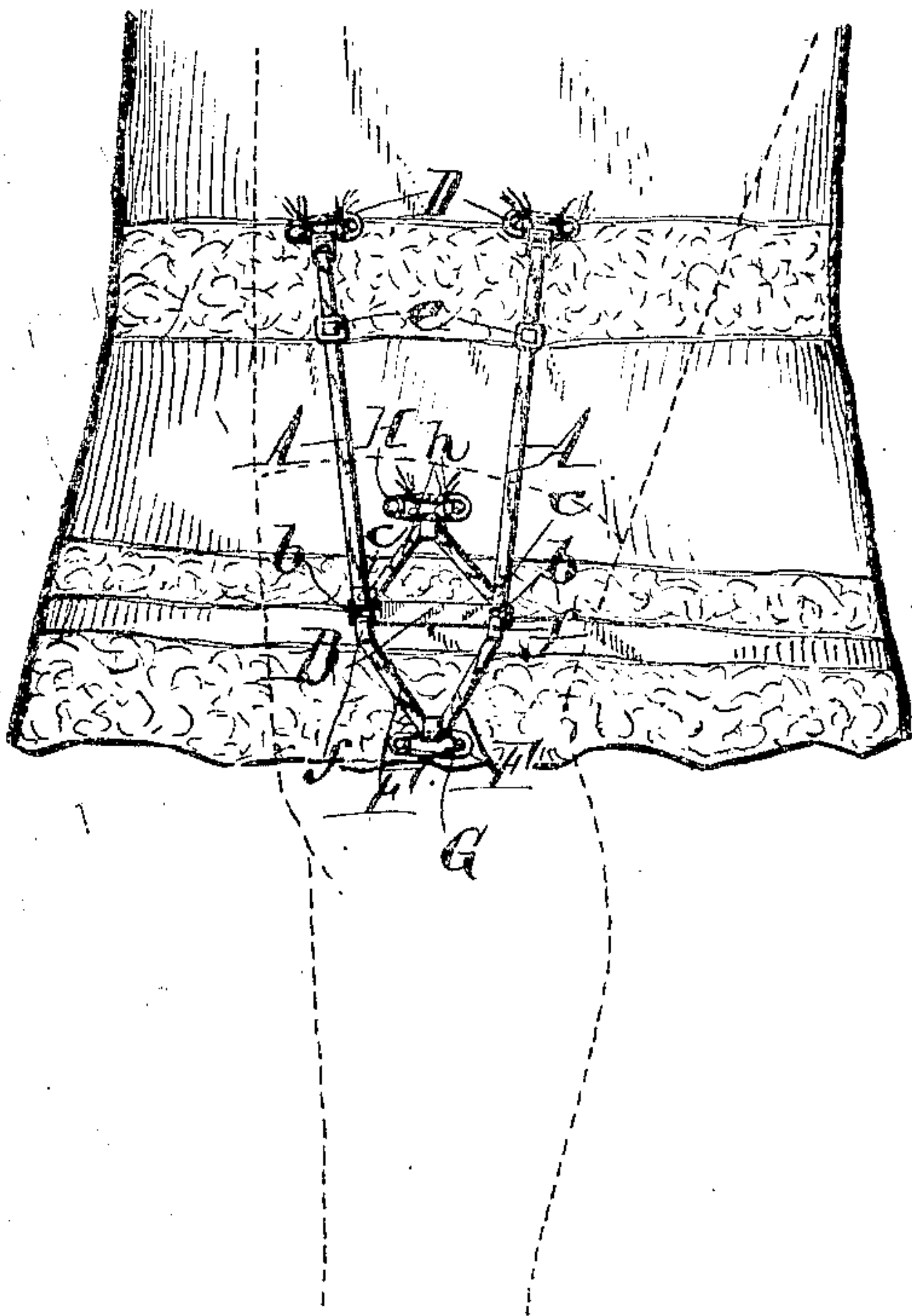
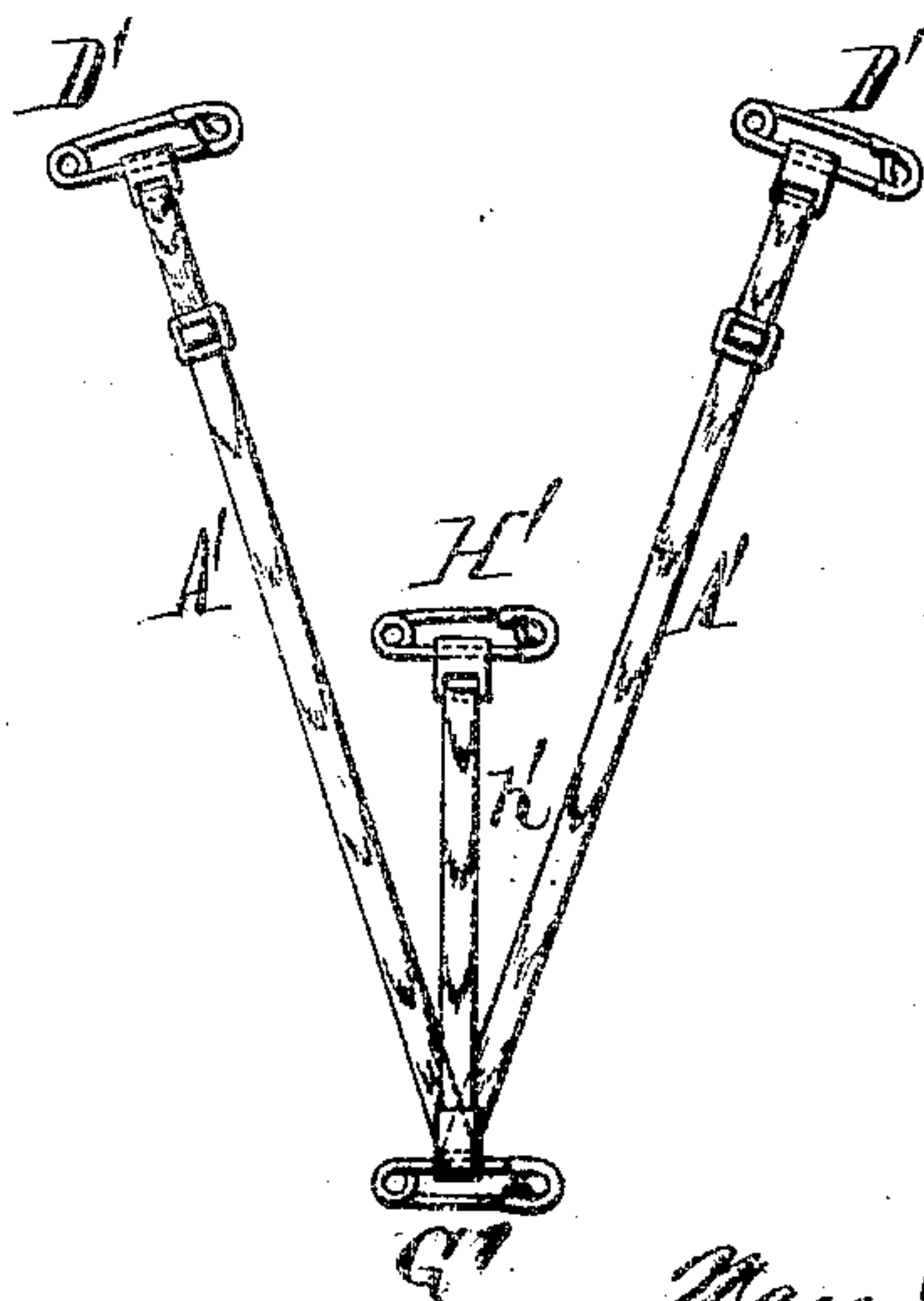


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAY JOHNSTON LAMBRIX, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Garment-Retainers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a garment holder or retainer designed more particularly for holding the flounces or lower portions of ladies' drawers down in place, so as to prevent their rolling up which is liable to occur with the undergarments of stout persons, especially in warm weather.

The object of my invention is the provision of an efficient and inexpensive retaining device of this character which causes no discomfort to the wearer and is not liable to tear the garment.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a sectional front view of a drawer-leg provided with the retainer. Fig. 2 is an inside view of the garment-leg, showing a face view of the retainer. Fig. 3 is a face view of a modified construction of the device.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The retainer is preferably worn on the inside of the garment-leg, facing the inner side of the wearer's leg, and in a broad sense consists of one or more strips, preferably of elastic material, provided at their upper ends with safety-pins or similar attachments adapted to engage the lower portion of the drawer-leg, and at their lower ends with a similar attachment adapted to engage the stocking.

In the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the device comprises a pair of comparatively long strips or tapes A, A preferably of elastic material, attached at their lower ends to opposite ends of a spreader or rigid metallic cross bar B, by which they are held at a suitable distance apart. This cross bar has end-loops b to which the tapes A are attached by metal clips c or other suitable connections. At their upper ends said tapes are provided with safety-pins D or other suitable attachments adapted to engage the upper portion of the drawer-flounce. The upper portions of these tapes are preferably doubled and provided with adjusting rings, clasps or buckles e of any suitable or ordinary construction by which the tapes may be

shortened or lengthened according to the depth of the flounce.

F, F indicate a pair of downwardly-converging strips or tapes preferably of elastic material attached at their upper ends to the end-loops of the spreader-bar B by clips f and carrying at their lower ends a safety-pin G or other suitable attachment adapted to engage the stocking, as shown in the drawings.

In addition to the upper garment-attachments D, the retainer is preferably provided at a point between the tapes A, A and below said attachments with a supplemental attachment consisting of a pair of upwardly-converging elastic tapes h fastened at their lower ends to the clips c and terminating at their upper ends in a safety-pin or other suitable fastening H adapted to engage the lower portion of the flounce of the garment. As shown, the retainer is about as long as the depth of the drawer-flounce, and the stocking-attachment G of the retainer preferably does not extend below the flounce, so as to be practically concealed by the same. To obtain the most satisfactory results, the upper tapes A should be attached to the garment in an upwardly diverging position, as shown.

This improved device effectually checks the tendency of the drawer-flounce to roll or work up, while the several tapes when of elastic material, permit the retainer to yield and follow the movements of the leg, avoiding undue strain upon the garment and preventing tearing of the same.

The spreader bar B prevents the strips A, A from drawing together, thus avoiding gathering of the portion of the garment between the strips and also permitting convenient manipulation of the safety-pin H.

Various changes or modifications may be made in the device within the scope of the appended claims and I do not therefore wish to be limited to the particular construction shown. For example, the spreader B though desirable, is not indispensable and may be omitted, as shown in Fig. 3, and the lower safety-pin or garment attachment H¹ may be carried by a single tape h¹ attached at its lower end to the adjoining lower ends of the main tapes A¹, A¹, which in this case extend continuously from the upper safety pins D¹ to the stocking attachment G¹.

The device can be conveniently applied and removed, and its comparative simplicity enables it to be produced at small cost.

5 I claim as my invention:—

1. A garment retainer of the character described, comprising a pair of upper garment-fasteners, a lower fastener, connections between said lower fastener and the upper fasteners, and a supplemental garment-fastener attached to said connections and arranged between the same and intermediate of their upper and lower ends.

15 2. A garment retainer of the character described, comprising a pair of strips provided at their upper ends with garment attachments, a stocking-attachment connected with the lower ends of said strips, and means for spreading said strips, substantially as set forth.

20 3. A garment retainer of the character described, comprising a pair of strips provided at their upper ends with garment-attachments, a stocking-attachment connected with the lower ends of said strips, and a rigid spreader-bar connected to said strips, substantially as set forth.

30 4. A garment retainer of the character described, comprising a pair of upper strips provided with garment attachments, a spreader-bar connecting the lower portions of said strips, and a lower strip attached to said bar and carrying a stocking-attachment, substantially as set forth.

35 5. A garment retainer of the character described, comprising a pair of upper strips provided with garment-attachments, a spreader-bar connecting the lower portions of said strips, and downwardly-converging

lower strips attached to said bar and carrying a stocking-attachment, substantially as set forth. 40

6. A garment retainer of the character described, comprising a pair of upper strips provided at their upper ends with garment-attachments, a spreader-bar provided with end-loops engaging the lower ends of said strips, and a pair of downwardly-converging strips attached at their upper ends to said loops and provided at their lower ends with a stocking-attachment, substantially as set forth. 45 50

7. A garment retainer of the character described, comprising a pair of strips provided at their upper ends with garment-attachments, a stocking-attachment connected with their lower ends, a spreader-bar for said strips, and an intermediate garment-attachment arranged between said strips and above said bar, substantially as set forth. 55 60

8. A garment retainer of the character described, comprising a pair of upper strips provided at their upper ends with garment-attachments, a spreader-bar connecting the lower ends of said strips, a pair of lower strips converging downwardly from the ends of the spreader-bar and carrying a stocking-attachment, and a pair of intermediate strips converging upwardly from the ends of the spreader-bar and carrying a supplemental garment-attachment, substantially as set forth. 65 70

Witness my hand this 11th day of June, 1908.

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