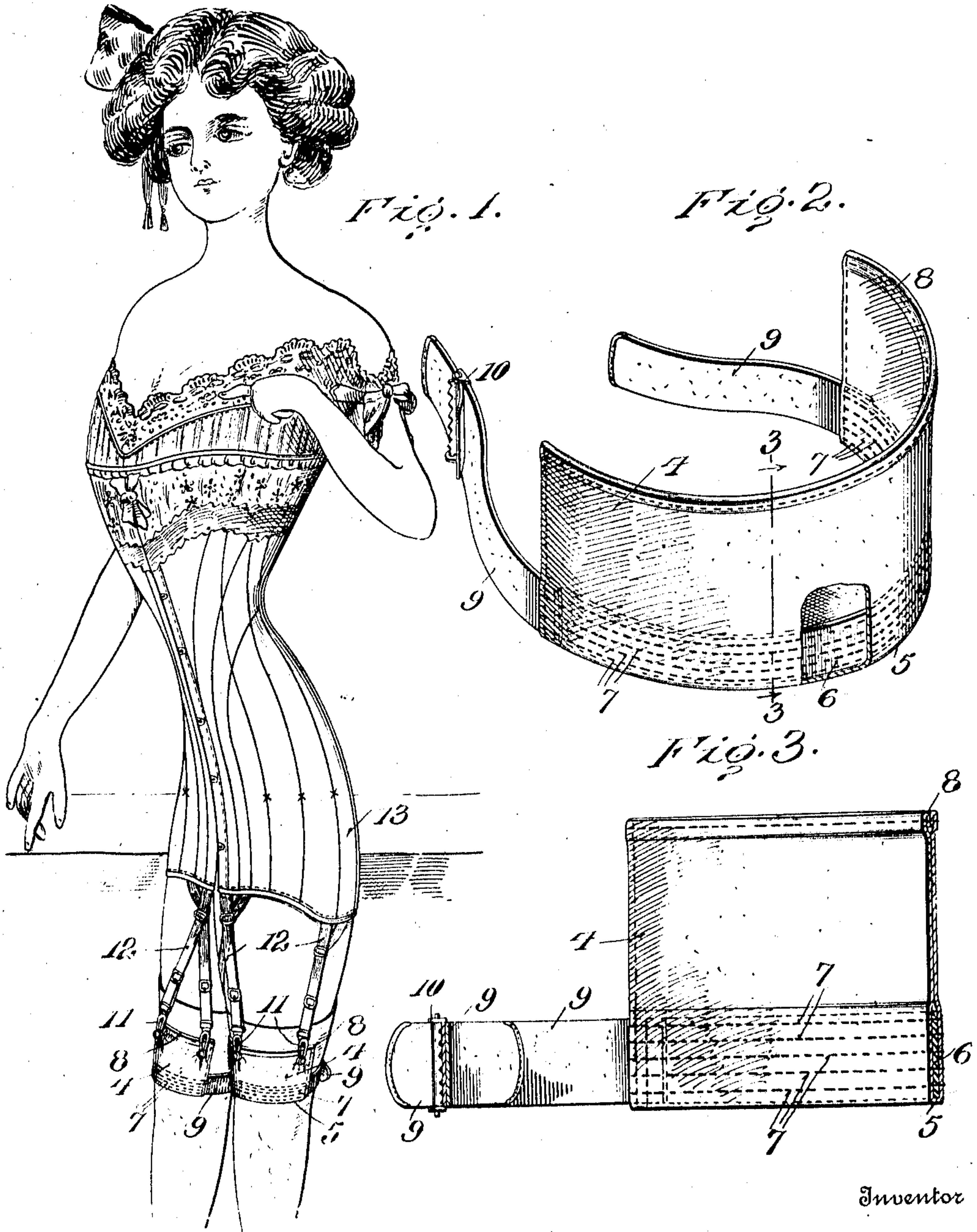


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES H. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hose-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in hose supporters, and the object of my invention is to provide a device of this character which will support women's hose, and at the same time furnish a part to which the ordinary corset-hose-supporters commonly used, may be secured, so that the corset will be firmly held down as is desired.

It is the present practice to secure to the lower edge of the corset hose supporters in the form of straps carrying at their lower ends clasps which engage the stocking. In order to hold the corset down in the desired position it is necessary that these straps be adjusted so that they will draw with considerable force between the stocking and the corset. The result is that the stockings are torn because of the strain put on them by the supporters. As a result it is common for women who use this form of supporters to have to throw away the stockings while the greater part thereof is in good condition.

A further object of my invention is to provide a hose supporter which will support the hose and to which the ordinary supporters now attached to corsets can be secured, instead of securing the same to the hose as at present, whereby the tearing of the hose is entirely avoided.

With these and other objects in view my invention consists in certain constructions, combinations and arrangements of parts the preferred form of which will be first described in connection with the accompanying drawing and then the invention particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

Referring to the drawings wherein I show one form of my invention and wherein the same part is designated by the same reference numeral wherever it occurs Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my device in position; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of my device detached; Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3, 3 of Fig. 2.

4 designates a piece of material, preferably of a silk which has the peculiarity of being elastic longitudinally of its body but

of having practically no elasticity transversely thereof. This piece is doubled longitudinally and in the central fold 5, thus formed is placed a strip of elastic webbing 6. Through the folded portion of the webbing 60 and silk are placed rows of stitching 6 to hold the webbing and silk firmly together. By this construction the silk 4 will stretch with the webbing and add to the latter's elasticity. The free edges of the silk are preferably doubled over and stitched together at 8 to form a finished edge, the portion of the doubled silk above the webbing forming a flap for a purpose to be hereinafter described. Preferably, and as shown, 70 the elastic webbing 6 is of substantially the length of the silk 4. In each end of the folded portion and forming extensions of the elastic webbing 6 is a strip of inelastic webbing 9, one of these strips being provided with means whereby they may be secured together, such for instance as the buckle 10 shown, which buckle is of any ordinary or desired construction.

As illustrated in Fig. 1 it is preferable 80 that this supporter be placed around the leg of the wearer just below the knee with the flap portion of the part 4 extending up over the knee and the length of the portion 4 is preferably such that it will extend about half way around the leg of the wearer. 85 When the device has been placed in position as shown in Fig. 1 it will be seen that the elastic portion will operate, when the device has been adjusted to proper size, to hold the 90 stocking supported in the manner of the ordinary round garter. To the flap portion which extends upwardly can now be secured the clasps 11 of the supporter straps 12 secured to the corset 13. The clasps however 95 and corset garter form no part of my invention and may be of any ordinary or desired form.

To the flap of my supporter may be secured as many clasps from the supporter 100 straps as desired.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that the clasps of the supporters on the corset do not engage the stocking at all but merely the flap of my hose supporter, and 105 when this flap is formed of strong material, such as that described, there is no danger of the clasps pulling out. The thinnest stocking can consequently be worn without danger of being torn and at the same time the 110

corset can be held down more firmly than is possible where the supporters on the corset are connected to the stocking.

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 required by the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

In a hose supporter the combination with a doubled piece of pliable fabric, of a webbing formed of an elastic section and two in-

elastic ends, said ends being provided with means for securing them together to form an encircling garter, the elastic portion of said webbing being inserted between the folds of the fabric, and stitchings securing the webbing and fabric together, the fabric extending from one side of the webbing to form a flap and being of a length substantially the same as the elastic section.

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

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