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Fig. 1.

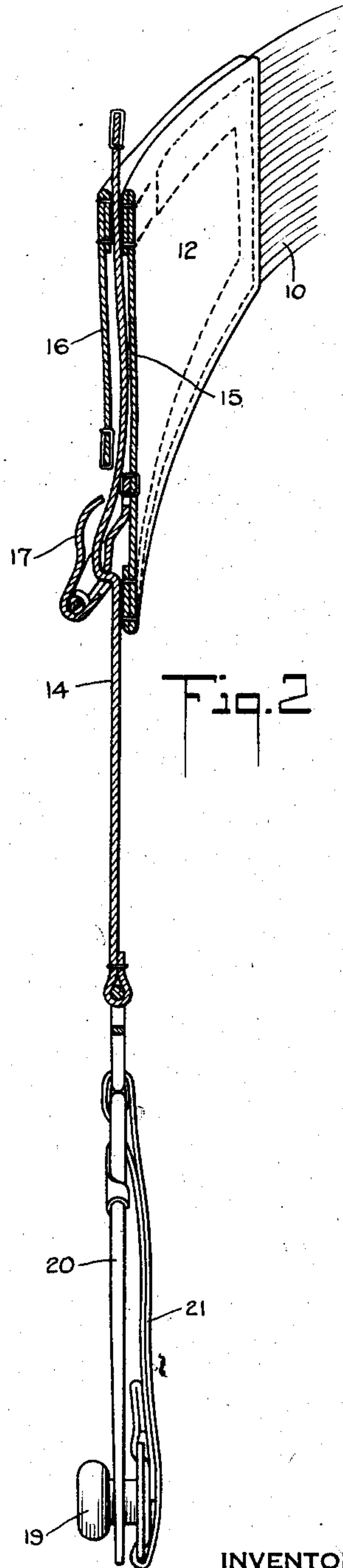
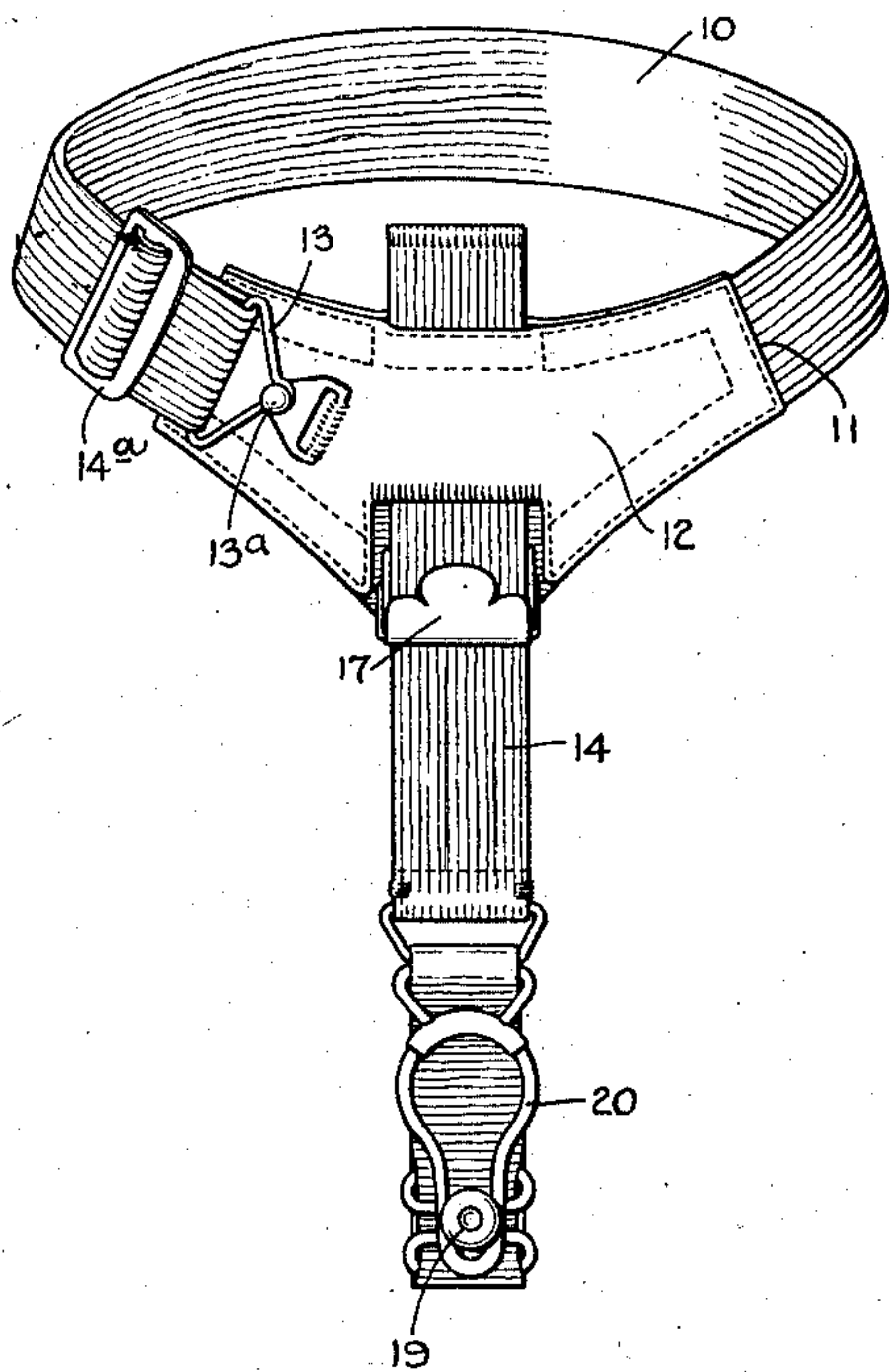


Fig. 2

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This invention relates to garters and is particularly directed to garters for men's wear.

A particular improvement effected by my invention is the means for adjustably suspending the hose clasp to the leg band thereby enabling proper adjustment of the location of securement of the clasp to the hose relative to the leg band and affording the location of the leg band about and above the calf of the wearer's leg providing maximum comfort to the wearer and full suspension of the sock for all positions of the leg in walking, standing and sitting.

I am well aware of the fact that it is not new and novel to mount the hose clasp on an adjustable suspension piece so that it may be moved relative to the leg band but my invention resides in the particular construction which is herein disclosed in accomplishing this desirable result while producing a maximum of reliability and a minimum of expense of manufacture and at the same time, maintaining all the desirable features found in the garters now known to the art.

It is still a further object of this invention to provide an adjustable suspension means for the clasp which will have no loops (except the small one made around the retaining bar of the hose clasp itself), thus decreasing the amount of material required.

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a garter embodying my invention; and

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional elevation through the center of the pad.

A preferred form of my invention illustrated in the drawings comprises the adjustable leg band 10 usually constructed of an elastic fabric. The fixed end 11 of the band 10 is sewed or otherwise secured to the upper part of the pad 12 at one side thereof. Pad 12 may be made of any of the usual materials now used for this purpose and its shape and configuration may be of the usual shape and configuration, but in my invention it is furnished with a channel adapted to receive a suspension member 14 and formed by two layers of fabric which make up the pad 12, that is, layer 15 which is adjacent to the leg of the wearer when the garter is in use and

an outer layer 16, which is secured to layer 15 except at the center of the pad where they are spaced apart a sufficient distance to accommodate the width of suspension member 14 and allow this suspension member to slide freely therebetween as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2. To the lower part of pad 12 is secured a clamping buckle 17 through which suspension member 14 is adapted to slide and by means of which suspension member 14 may be locked to pad 12 in any desired position.

The suspension member 14 is made of a single strip of fabric which may be of elastic material and its width is such relative to the channel formed by layers 15 and 16 and the buckle 17, that when buckle 17 is in its open position, the suspension member 14 will slide freely up and down as viewed in Fig. 1 through the channel and the buckle. The lower end of suspension member 14 is equipped with the usual hose clasp made up of a rubber button 19 and the closed U-shaped eye member 20 co-operating therewith and equipped with the usual fabric backing piece 21 to protect the wearer from contact with the metal portion of the clasp.

A detachable clasp for the leg band 10 is illustrated in Fig. 1 and comprises a link 13 adapted to be attached to a loop made in the end of the leg band 10 and having a substantially triangular shape with an eye portion at the apex of the triangle and a stud 13^a secured to the pad adapted to co-operate with the eye of the link 13 to detachably hold the free end of the band 10 to the pad. At 14^a is illustrated the conventional buckle which is adapted to slide along the band 10 and thus enable an adjustment of the length thereof to be readily made.

While I have herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of my invention, and its application to garters, I wish it to be understood that it is not limited to all the precise details of construction herein set forth by way of illustration, nor to the particular application to garters, as modification and variation may be made in the construction of the garters and may be applied to other purposes without departing from the spirit of the

invention or exceeding the scope of the appended claim.

I claim.

5 In a garter of the class described, a substantially triangular pad made of a plurality of layers of fabric, an adjustable elastic leg band, adapted to encircle the calf of the wearer to support the load imposed by the hose which is attached to the garter, and permanently secured at its one end to an upper corner of said pad and detachably secured at
10 its other end to the other upper corner of said pad, a channel formed in said pad between the layers thereof, hose clasp means, an elastic strap attached to said hose clasp means and adapted to slide up and down through said
15 channel to adjust the distance between said hose clasp means and the pad and a clasp on said pad adapted to lock said strap and pad
20 together.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification this 30th day of August, 1929.

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