

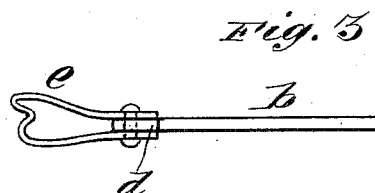
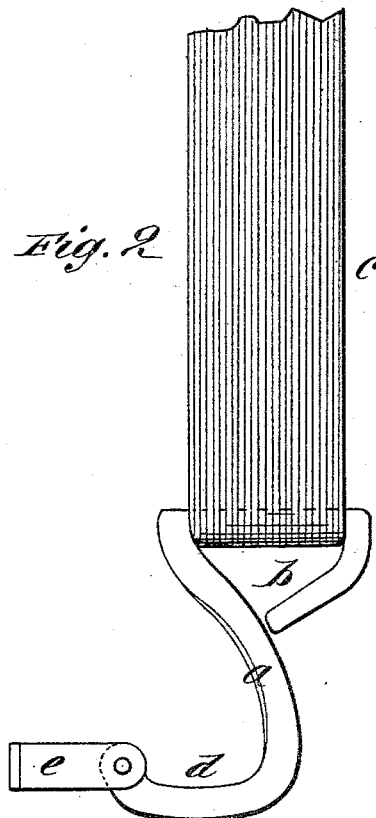
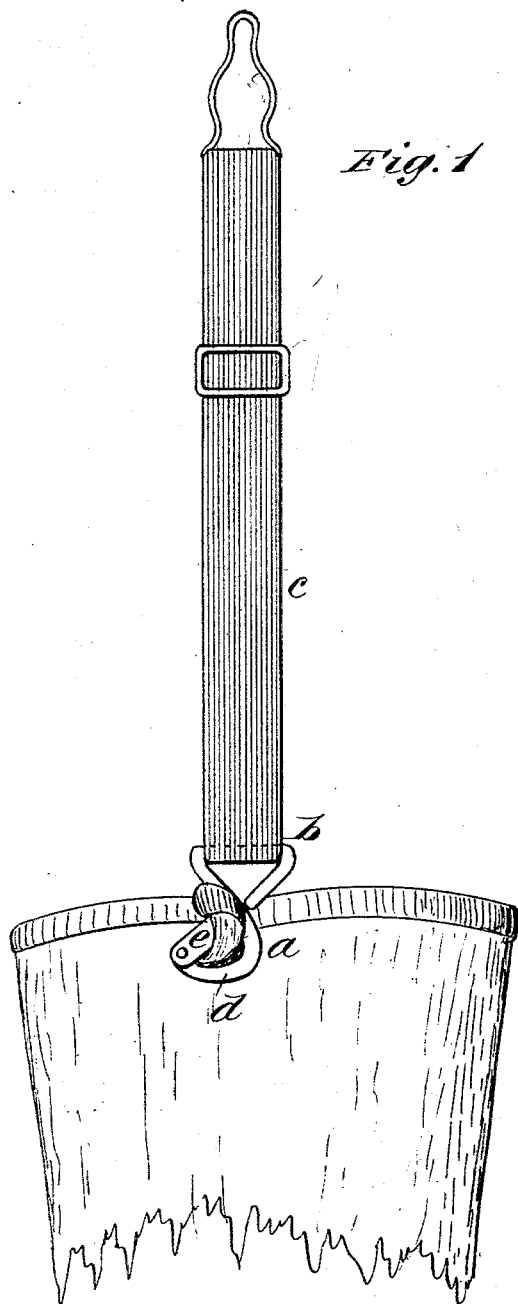
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY BINLEY, of Albany, in the county of Albany and State of New York, have invented a new and useful

Improvement in Clasps, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My improvements relate to clasps used with stocking-supporters, skirt and sleeve adjusters, &c., the object being to furnish a clasp that can be readily applied and removed and used without injury to the article to which it is attached.

To these ends my invention consists in the combined hook and wedge acting tongue hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is an elevation of a stocking-supporter provided with the improved clasp. Fig. 2 is a side view representing the clasp open and in larger size, and Fig. 3 is a plan view of the same.

The clasp is to be formed of wire bent to shape, or it may be struck out of sheet metal. The body *a* is formed with an eye or loop, *b*, at one end for attachment of the holding-strap *c*, and with a hook, *d*, at the other end, preferably in reverse of the loop-bend *b*, so that the body is of **S** form approximately.

On the end of hook *d* a tongue, *e*, is pivoted, the length of which is such as to allow it to close within the hook, and the tongue is preferably made in the doubled form shown in Fig. 3, and with the outer end grooved or shouldered to pass at one or both sides of the

body. This tongue may, however, be solid, and instead of being pivoted to the hook may be hung on the body *a*, and the hook made relatively longer.

In attaching the clasp the fabric or article is placed in the hook in a doubled condition, and the tongue then closed down upon it, so that the material is caught and wedged between the end of the tongue and the body *a*, and any pull or strain on the article held causes the tongue to wedge more tightly. The fabric being held at the doubled portion, there is little or no liability of tearing. This clasp, when made of small size, is adapted for use with stocking-supporters, skirt-adjusters, and sleeve-holders, and by the readiness of its connection and attachment is specially fitted for those purposes. Made in large size, it can be used as a hammock-holder and for other purposes of a like character.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The clasp comprising the hook, having a tongue, *e*, pivoted at one end of said hook, and having a bifurcated or forked end, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a clasp, the hook consisting of the body portion *a*, having an upper bent or looped end, *b*, and a lower reversely-bent end, *d*, said hook having a tongue, *e*, pivoted to the end *d* of said hook, and having a forked or bifurcated free end, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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