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GARMENT-HOLDING DEVICE.

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Fig. 1.

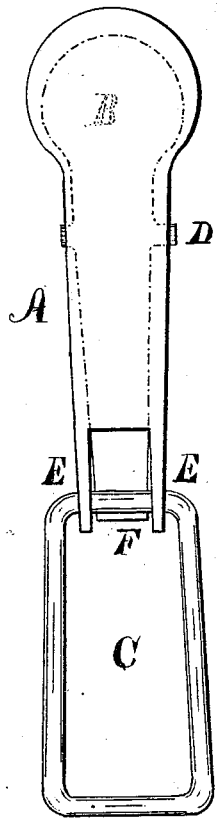
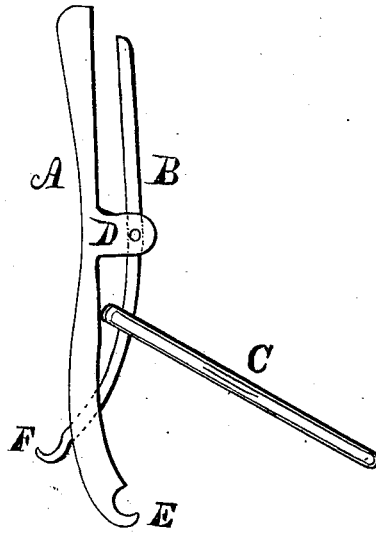


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN GARMENT-HOLDING DEVICES.

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*To all whom it may concern.*

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. JOHNSON, of the city of Indianapolis, county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Holding Devices, of which the following is a specification:

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part hereof, and on which similar letters of reference on the different figures indicate similar parts.

Figure 1 is a front view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same.

The object of my invention is to provide a suitable clasp or holder which may be used as a substitute for buttons, hooks, and other fastenings, and which is specially applicable as a pantaloon, stocking, or skirt supporter, as it may be readily attached and detached to wearing apparel generally. This is accomplished by a clasp made for that purpose, and which is constructed substantially of the parts and in the manner herein specified.

I do not confine myself to the form shown, as it may be made the subject of various changes, among the most obvious of which would be the roughening or serrating of the clasping ends of the jaws. This will usually be found to be undesirable, however, as it would render the device more likely to tear or injure the goods.

In the drawings, A is the main jaw of the clasp. B is a stiff spring, which is jointed to A at D. C is a link or ring, which slides be-

tween A and B, and which, when forced up into the hooked recess E, and under the hook F, clasps the lower ends of the parts A and B firmly together, and thus securely holds whatever fabric is placed between them.

The usual mode adopted by me for applying my invention is to sew the link or ring C to the suspender, or wherever it is to be attached. This connection may be made at a point some distance up on the under side of the suspender, so that it may wholly or partially conceal the clasp, if desired; or it may be left entirely exposed, according to the taste of the user.

This clasp is a perfectly-secure fastening in the places for which it is designed, and entirely obviates the inconveniences arising from the loss of buttons.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a clasping device for holding garments, the jaws A and B, pivoted at D, in combination with the ring or link C, adapted to operate the jaws so as to clasp or unclasp the fabric, as herein shown and described, and substantially as herein set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 26th day of April, A. D. 1877.

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In presence of—

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