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Supporter for Stocking.

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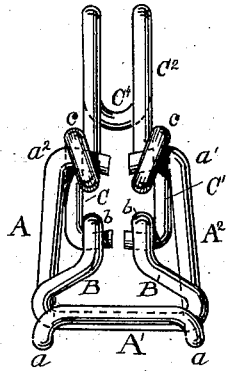


FIG. 1.

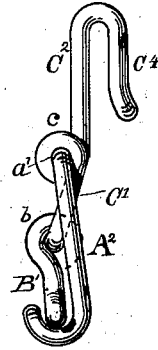


FIG. 2.

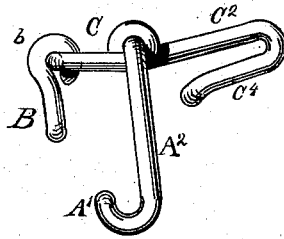


FIG. 3.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN SUPPORTERS FOR STOCKINGS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GILMAN B. BOLTON, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Supporters for Stockings, &c., of which the following is a specification:

The nature of my invention consists in the peculiar shape and combination of wires which, together, form the supporter.

The locking part of said supporter consists of a toggle device, one lever of which extends beyond its fulcrum and forms the attaching device, and also serves as a handle for locking and unlocking.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of my supporter; Fig. 2, a side elevation of the same closed or locked, and Fig. 3 a side elevation of the same open.

My supporter consists of three pieces of wire, bent as shown, all of the angles being rounded off, so that the supporter presents no corners to catch in the clothing. The first or base piece is bent as shown at  $A A^1 A^2$ , having rounded corners at  $a a^1 a^2$ . The lever toggle-pin  $C^1 C^2 c c C^1$  is bent as shown, and held to the base-piece  $A A^2$  by the coils  $e e$ ,

which surround the bent ends  $a^1 a^2$  of the base-piece. The locking-toggle  $B B'$  is united to the lever-toggle  $C C^1$ , &c., by the coils  $b b$ .

In Fig. 2, I show the toggle-action. Thus the parts  $C$  and  $B$  form a toggle, the resultant action of which will cause the lever end of  $B$  to firmly press upon and hold any article placed in the hook  $A^1$ .

If the toggle-lever  $C C^1$ , &c., is thrown back, as shown in Fig. 3, then the locking-toggle  $B$  is drawn away and the article is released.

The end  $C^2 C^4$  of the toggle-lever may terminate in a hook, as shown in the drawings, or in a loop or button, if desirable.

Having now described the construction and operation of my invention, what I desire to secure by Letters Patent is the following:

The combination of the hooked base-piece  $A A^1$  with the toggle  $B$  and toggle-lever and hook  $C C^1 C^2 C^4$ , all operating together substantially as described.

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