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Clasp for Supporting Garments.

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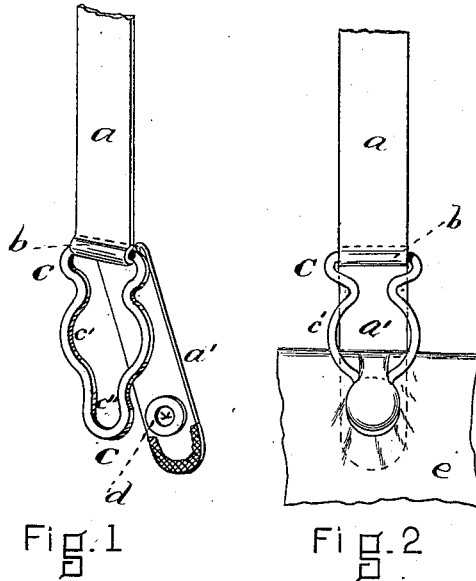


Fig. 1

Fig. 2

WITNESSES

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IMPROVEMENT IN CLASPS FOR SUPPORTING GARMENTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM BIRCHMORE WALKER, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clasps for Supporting Garments, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device when not in use. Fig. 2 is a view of the same when in use supporting a garment.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A great objection to most of the stocking-supporters now in use is, that the brass (of which they are usually made) comes in contact with the flesh of the wearer. This is particularly the case with stocking-supporters having metallic buttons, which slide up and down, rubbing against the flesh and producing soreness, and even worse results if there be humors or other diseases of the skin.

By means of this improvement I provide a stocking-supporter having a button and brass loop, (neither of which are new in themselves,) in which no metallic substance comes in contact with the skin, nothing touching it but ordinary webbing, and which is very simple and practical.

In the drawings, *a* represents a band or tape, or similar article, made usually of webbing, provided with a seam, *b*, which holds the wire loop *c*, made in the shape shown. This loop *c* is not new, in itself considered.

The webbing *a'* extends to a point slightly below the end of the loop *c*, and is provided, near the end, with a button, *d*. It will be seen that the button is attached to the webbing, and is stationary, and does not extend through to the back side of the portion of the supporter, so that there can be no contact with, and abrasion or poisoning of, the skin by the brass, as is now often the case.

To operate the device, take the clasp, when it is in the position shown in Fig. 1, and lay a portion of the stocking or other garment to be supported, *e*, over the button *d*; then place the button *d*, with the fabric *e* upon it, through the portion *e'* of the loop *c*, and press it down into the portion *e''*, as in Fig. 2. The clasp will hold securely in this position.

Of course it is understood that neither the loop nor the button are new; but

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

In a clasp for supporting garments, the combination, with the wire loop *c*, of the piece of webbing or other textile material *a*, provided with the seam *b*, and extending down behind the said loop, and provided with an ordinary button upon the front side thereof, substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

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