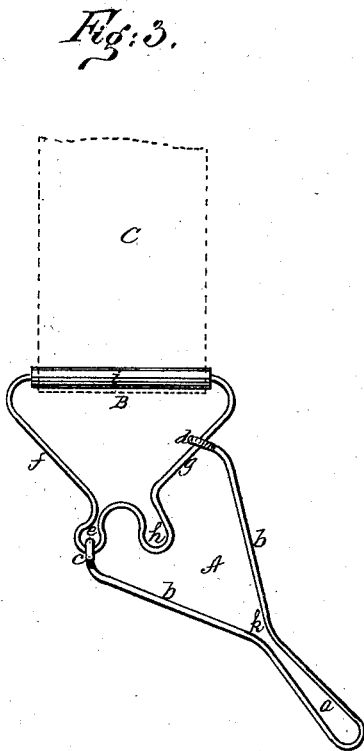
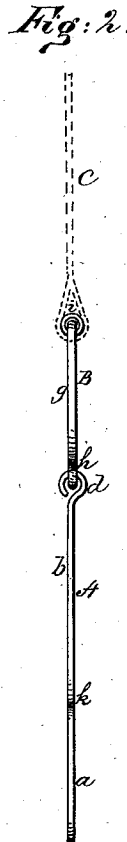
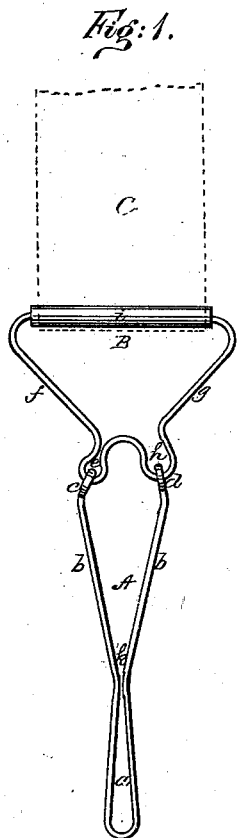


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IMPROVEMENT IN STOCKING-SUPPORTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOEL JENKINS, of the city of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Stocking-Supporter; and that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making part of this specification.

This invention is in the nature of an improvement in stocking-supporters; and the invention consists in a stocking-supporter composed of a V-shaped spring-clamp, in combination with a metallic fastening-loop having two inclined sides and two eyes or loops, into one of which eyes or loops is secured permanently one of the upper ends of the V-shaped clamp, the other eye or loop of the metallic fastening device acting as a lock for the clamp when the sides of the clamp are closed by an upward strain.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my invention, showing the clamp in the closed or locked position; Fig. 2, a side view of same, and Fig. 3 a front view with clamp in unlocked position.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the several figures.

A represents the clamp proper of my supporter. This clamp is of V shape, with the lower part *a* of the V constructed with its sides nearly parallel; the sides *b* then diverge, and on their upper ends are formed eyes *c* and *d*. One of these eyes *c* is received within an eye, *e*, made at the lower part of an inclined side, *f*, of a metallic fastening-loop, B, where it is permanently retained. The other eye, *d*, encircles an inclined side, *g*, of the metallic fastening-loop B, as shown in Fig. 3. At the lower part of this inclined side *g* is formed an

eye or bend, *h*, corresponding substantially in size with the other eye, *e*. The inclined sides *f* and *g* terminate in a horizontal bar, which bar is surrounded by a roller, *i*. (See Figs. 1, 2, and 3.) To this roller is attached the supporting-strap C.

Now, my stocking-supporter being constructed substantially as I have described it, it is operated by inserting a fold of the stocking into the clamp A, between its divergent sides *b*, and when an upward pull or strain is brought on the metallic loop B, as when in use, through the supporting-strap C, the eye *d* of the clamp proper is forced down the inclined side *g* and into the eye or bend *h*, which draws the diverging sides *b* of the clamp together, substantially closing their apex *k*, and locks them in such closed position, as shown in Fig. 1, tightly clamping the stocking within the lower part of the clamping device, and preventing its escape therefrom until it is released by the wearer by simply pushing the eye *d* out of the eye or bend *h*, when it will slide up on the inclined side *g* and open the clamp, as shown in Fig. 3.

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

A stocking-supporter consisting of a V-shaped spring-clamp, in combination with a metallic fastening-loop, constructed with two inclined sides terminating in two eyes or bends, forming locks for retaining the clamping device in a closed position, one of such eyes being left open for unlocking the clamp, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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