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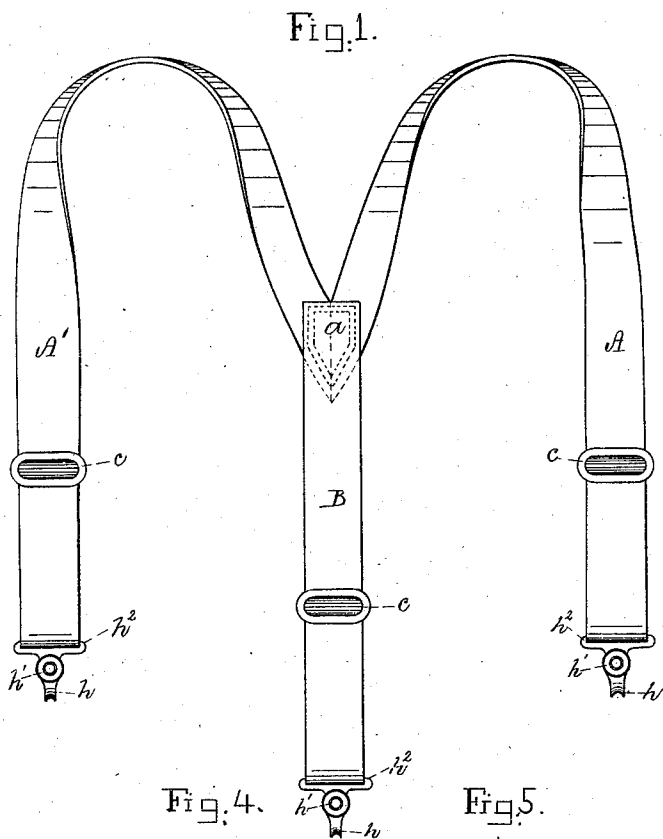


Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

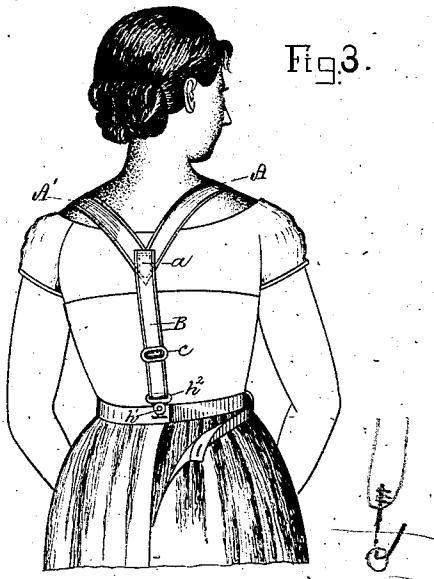
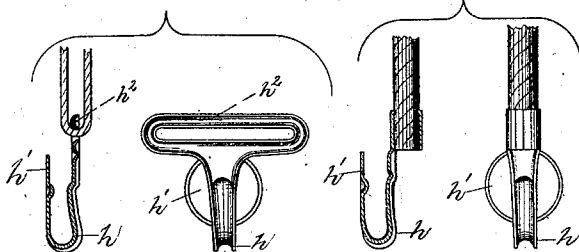


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN J. GREELY, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Garment-Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

My new supporter is more especially intended for ladies' skirts, but is equally applicable for men's pantaloons and drawers.

My invention consists, first, in connecting a rear attaching-hook or the like to two front attaching-hooks or other suitable attaching devices by means of any of the well-known suspender-webbings, the webbing being adjustable as to its length as hereinafter described; secondly, in the novel attaching device shown.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate the preferred form of my new supporter as applied to ladies' skirts, Figure 1 is an elevation of one of my supporters. Figs. 2 and 3 show the manner of securing the skirts to the supporter. Figs. 4 and 5 are views of the attaching device, which is the second feature of my invention.

The two front webs, *A A'*, may be the ends of a single piece of webbing properly folded at its middle *a*, or may be two pieces joined together at *a*. (See Figs. 1 and 3.) The rear web, *B*, is secured to the front webs, *A A'*, at the middle fold of the single web or at the point of junction *a* of the two front webs, as the case may be. Each of the three webs is provided with a hook, *h*, having its point enlarged to a button shape, to more securely retain the garments. Each web should be provided with the usual slide, *c*, by means of which its length may be varied, so as to bring the junction *a* of the three webs midway between the shoulder-blades. This location is not only the most comfortable for the wearer, but also brings the rear part of the supporter in a position where it is least liable to be noticed through the outer garments.

The rear portions of ladies' skirts are al-

ways the heaviest, one-third of the back part of a skirt balancing two-thirds of the front part; hence by providing these suspending-points, as shown, the skirts are evenly balanced, thus obviating any drag or sagging.

The only change required to adapt ladies' skirts to my new supporter is to provide loops or button-holes for the attaching-hooks. For drawers, three button-holes or three loops to receive the attaching-hooks should be provided, as also for pantaloons as usually made, in which the three button-holes will take the place of the six suspender-buttons heretofore required. It is obvious, however, that other well-known devices may be used instead of the hooks; but I consider the device shown the best, especially when thick skirts or more than one are to be supported; and this part of my invention consists in the hook *h*, constructed, as shown, with the enlarged end *h'*, and formed at *h''* to receive the web, or in one class of suspenders the cord, as in Fig. 5.

The advantages arising from the use of that form of my new supporter shown in the drawings are that the hips are relieved from all weight, which is transferred to the shoulders, where it should be, as they are much better adapted to support it, the weight is evenly distributed, buttons are dispensed with, and the garments are more comfortably and securely arranged about the person.

I claim as my invention—

1. The improved garment-supporter hereinbefore described, consisting of the rear central web and the two branching front webs, each provided with an end detaching device, all substantially as shown and described.

2. The hook-shaped device *h*, enlarged at *h'*, and adapted at *h''* to receive a web or cord, as set forth.

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