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 COLLAR SUPPORTER.
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FIG. 1.

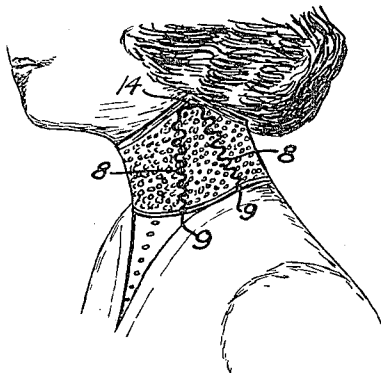


FIG. 2.

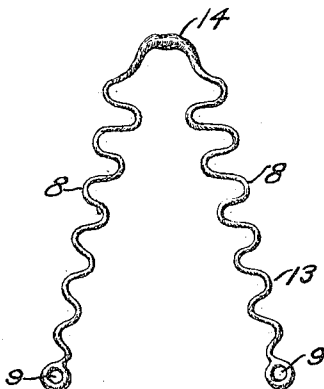


FIG. 5.

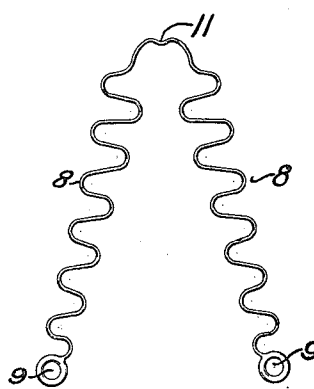


FIG. 3.



FIG. 6.

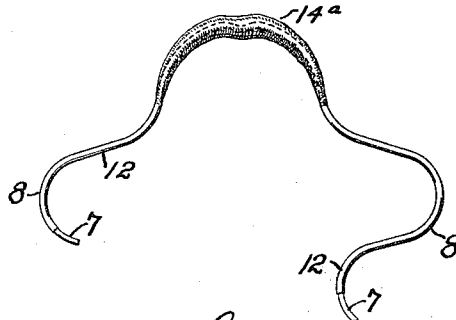


FIG. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDRE M. GREAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Collar-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to supporters for collars and similar articles of apparel, and the primary object is to provide a device, which will constitute an effective, yet very resilient support, and which is so constructed that it will not injure or aggravate the wearer, and can be effectively sewed or fastened in place against accidental dislocation, due to laundering the article and to the movements of the wearer, which tend to displace articles of this character.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in elevation of the article, illustrating its manner of application and use. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of one embodiment of the invention detached. Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view through the upper end of the same. Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view. Fig. 5 is a view in elevation of the structure with the padding removed. Fig. 6 is a detail view in elevation of a slightly modified form of structure.

Similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 1-4 inclusive, the supporter comprises a resilient member or cord, designated generally by the reference numeral 7, and consisting of a spring wire or other similar article that is sinuous and is doubled to provide a pair of divergent arms 8. The bends, curves or loops of these arms are made consecutively shorter from their joined to their free ends, so that the two arms taper toward their free ends, as will be evident. Said free ends are provided with suitable terminal eyes 9. The portion 10 which joins the two arms, is generally bowed outwardly, but is provided with a central indentation or inwardly extending notch 11.

The wire is preferably coated with some moisture-proof substance 12, and in the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 2-4, is provided with a wrapping of silk thread or other material, designated 13, forming a fabric covering which covering also incloses

the structures forming the eyes 9. This covering is thickened materially over the portion 10, which joins the two arms, and over the notch 11, producing a pad 14.

The preferred manner of using the device will be evident by reference to Fig. 1. The supporter is applied to a collar with the eyes 9 at the lower end thereof, these eyes being suitably sewed. The upper portion is sewed at the top of the collar, and the stitches are located on opposite sides of the notch 11. Thus sliding movement is effectively prevented, and it will be evident that the pad 14 obviates any danger of the rather stiff portion which joins the two arms injuring or annoying the wearer.

In the structure illustrated in Fig. 5, the fabric covering is removed. The parts, however, are substantially the same, the waterproof coating, preferably in the form of celluloid, being employed. The structure illustrated in Fig. 6 is substantially the same as that shown in Fig. 5, except that a pad 14^a is placed upon the portion joining the two arms, and the fabric covering does not extend over the entire body of the supporter.

From the foregoing, it is thought that the construction, operation and many advantages of the herein described invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art, without further description, and it will be understood that various changes in the size, shape, proportion and minor details of construction, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

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

1. A supporter of the character set forth, comprising a sinuous resilient member doubled to form a pair of arms, each of which is laterally bendable and longitudinally compressible and expansible, and a fabric covering for the member, said covering being thickened at the juncture of the arms, forming a pad.

2. A supporter of the character set forth, comprising a sinuous resilient member doubled to form a pair of arms, each of which is laterally bendable and longitudinally compressible and expansible, the portion of said member joining the arms having an indented notch formed therein, and a

relatively heavy pad covering the portion of the member that joins the arms and also covering the notch.

3. A supporter of the character set forth, comprising a sinuous resilient member doubled to form a pair of divergent arms, each of which is laterally bendable and longitudinally compressible and tapers toward its free end, the portion of said member joining the arms having an indented notch formed therein, terminal eyes formed on the

free ends of the arms, and a relatively heavy pad covering the portion of the member that joins the arms and also covering the notch.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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