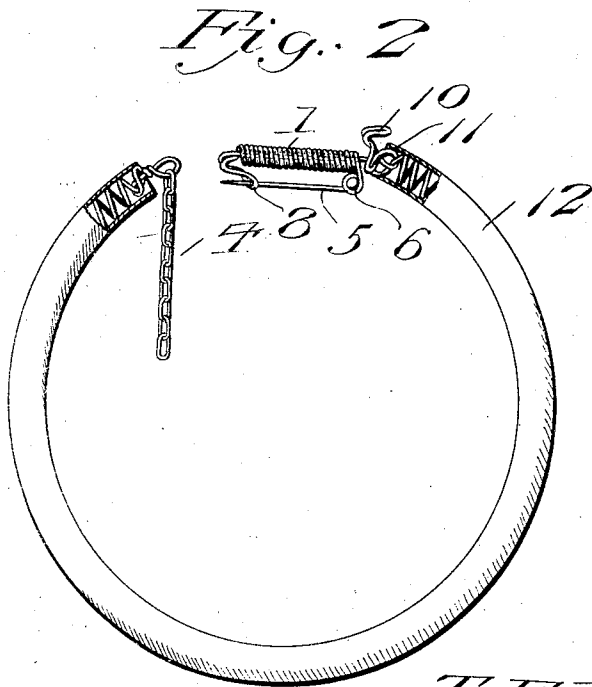
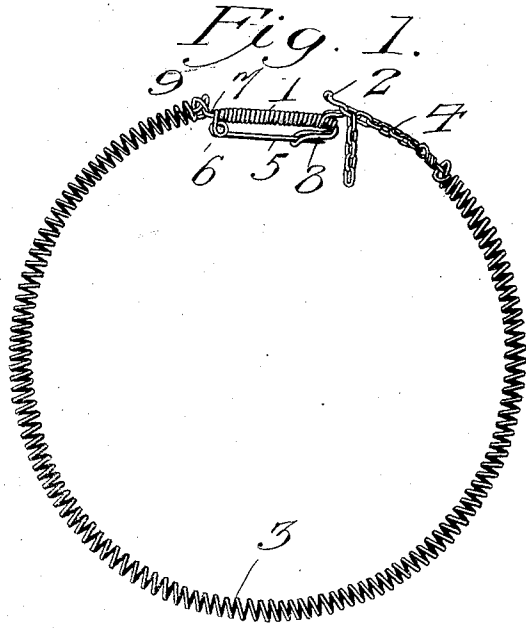


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS E. WHITE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Okisko, in the county of Pasquotank and State of North Carolina, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to supporting devices such as are designed primarily for supporting hosiery or other similar articles of apparel.

The objects of the invention are to improve and simplify the construction of such devices; furthermore, to increase their efficiency in use and to decrease the expense attending their manufacture.

With the foregoing and other minor objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the details of construction and in the novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed as a practical embodiment thereof.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a view in elevation of the preferred form of the invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view, partly in section, illustrating a modification.

As shown in Fig. 1, the improved supporting device or garter comprises a safety-pin 1, having a hook 2, an encircling element 3, preferably in the form of a resilient wire coil, and a chain 4, adapted to be engaged with the hook 2 of the safety-pin or fastening device 1. The fastening device 1, hook 2, and encircling element 3 are formed, preferably, of a single piece of wire in the manner hereinafter more particularly described.

In using the improved garter the safety-pin or fastening device 1 is engaged with the lower portion of the drawers, and the wire coil 3 is caused to encircle the upper portion of the stocking, after which the chain 4 is engaged with the hook 2. The links of the chain 4 constitute means for securing different adjustments of the garter.

In forming the improved device the penetrating portion 5 of the safety-pin is first bent to form the resilient coils 6 and is then wrapped or coiled around the body portion 7

in the manner shown, after which the hook 2 and the loop 8, with which the penetrating portion 5 is adapted to be engaged, are formed. The resilient coil 3 adjacent to the safety-pin or fastening device 1 is formed with a knot 9. It is found in practice that the formation of this knot 9 serves to preserve the shape of the garter as a whole, and consequently to prolong the life thereof. In other words, it is found in practice that the knot 9 serves to increase the efficiency of the wire coil and to prevent the safety-pin from being easily bent or twisted out of alignment therewith.

The form of invention illustrated in Fig. 2 is substantially similar to that shown in Fig. 1, except that the hook 10 is formed at the rear end of the safety-pin or fastening device 1 instead of at the forward end thereof, as shown in Fig. 1. Furthermore, the knot 11 and the hook 10 are formed adjacent to each other. The garter illustrated in Fig. 2 is provided with a suitable casing or covering 12 of cloth or other soft material in order to prevent any discomfort to the wearer of the garter. If desired, the casing 12 may be dispensed with or a similar casing may be applied to the form of device illustrated in Fig. 1.

The improved garter of this invention is strong, simple, durable, and inexpensive in construction, as well as thoroughly efficient in use.

Changes in the precise embodiment of invention illustrated and described may be made within the scope of the following claims without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. A garter comprising a safety-pin having a hook, and a resilient encircling coil connected with said safety-pin and adapted to be detachably engaged at its free end with said hook, said safety-pin, hook and wire coil being formed of a single piece of wire.

2. A garter comprising a safety-pin having a body portion and a penetrating portion, the penetrating portion being bent to form resilient coils and then wrapped or coiled around the body portion, a hook upon said body portion, a resilient wire coil connected with said

body portion and formed with a knot adjacent thereto, and a chain connected with the free end of the last-mentioned resilient wire coil and being adapted to be detachably connected with said hook, the safety-pin, hook, penetrating device, wire coil and knot being formed of a single piece of wire.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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