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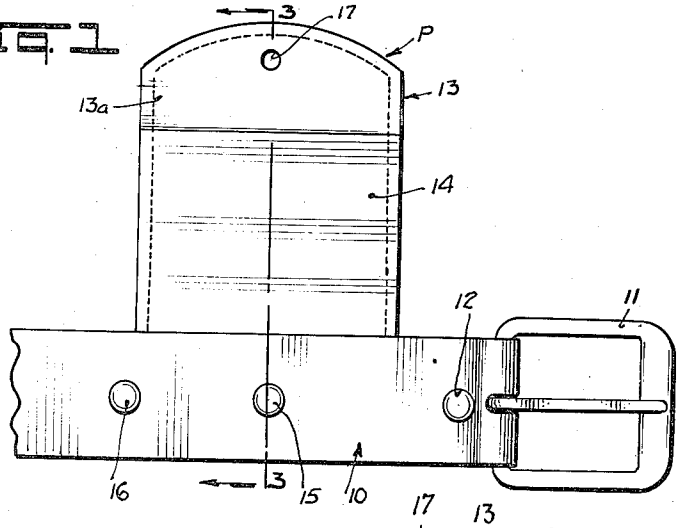


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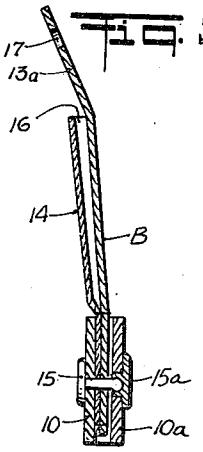


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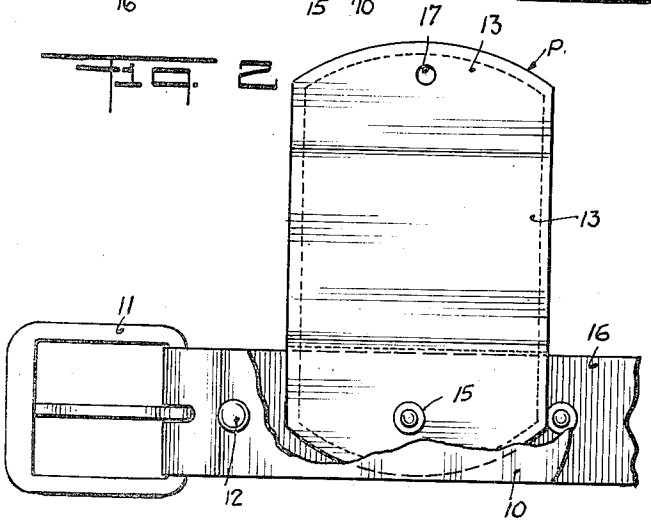


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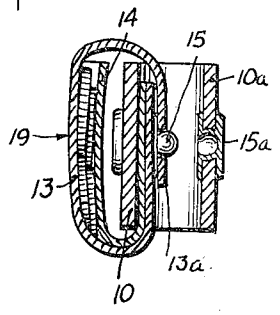


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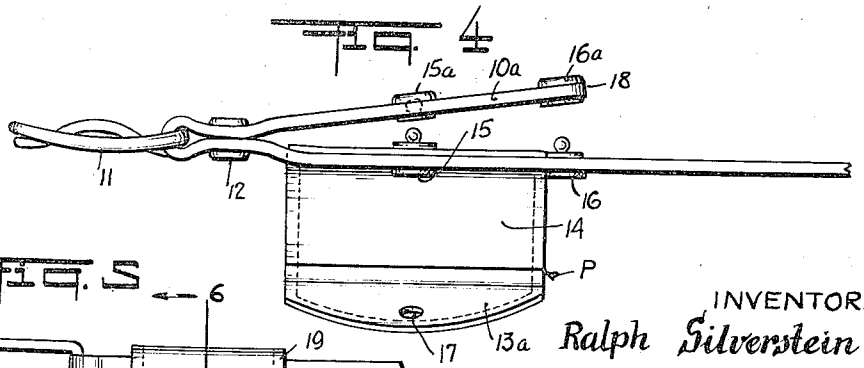
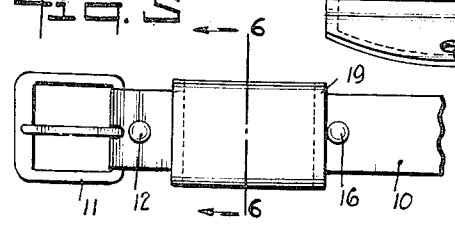


Fig. 5



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This invention relates to improvements in apparel belts, and more particularly to belts having a concealable pocket or compartment for retaining paper money, coins and the like.

It is an object of the invention to provide a belt having a concealable pocket adjacent the belt buckle and secured to the body of the belt in such a manner as to give a neat, unobtrusive appearance.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a belt having a pocket foldable transversely about the body thereof and securable in closed position by fastener members affixed to the bent over buckle-retaining loop of the belt to be disposed externally of the body of the belt as a retaining loop for the opposite free end of the belt.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a belt having a pocket fixed at one end to the inside of the belt by a fastener member and foldable transversely about the body of the belt, the free end of the pocket having an aperture permitting said free end to be disposed in contiguous, overlapping relationship with the fixed end of the pocket and the fastening member being operatively exposed for cooperation with a complementary fastener member secured to the bent over buckle-retaining loop of the belt.

The foregoing objects as well as additional objects and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent in the course of the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, which illustrates a preferred embodiment of the invention, and wherein:

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary plan view of a belt embodying the features of the invention as seen from its outer side with the pocket in open, extended position;

Fig. 2 is a similar view of the belt as seen from its inner side;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary edge elevation of the belt, the pocket being partially folded therearound in the operation of securing the pocket in closed position;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary plan view of the belt as seen from its outer side, the pocket being shown in its closed position folded transversely about the body of the belt to serve as a retaining loop for the free end of the belt;

Fig. 6 is an enlarged sectional view taken along line 6—6 of Fig. 5 showing coins disposed within the concealed pocket and further illustrating the manner in which the pocket serves as a retaining loop.

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Referring now to the drawing in detail, reference numeral 10 designates an apparel belt which is preferably made of leather, fabric or any other suitable material. Belt 10 has one end 10a folded over upon itself to form a retaining loop for a buckle 11 which is held in place by a rivet 12 or other suitable means. End portion 10a of belt 10 extends for a substantial distance beyond rivet 12, as indicated clearly in Figs. 2 and 4, for a purpose to be fully disclosed hereinafter.

A pocket P, comprising an outer panel 13 and an inner panel 14 secured thereto in any desired manner as by means of stitching, is fixed to the inner surface of belt 10 adjacent buckle 11 by means of a suitable fastener member 15. Outer panel 13 is preferably longer than inner panel 14 in order to form an end flap 13a consisting of a single thickness of material and to create an easily accessible mouth 16 for pocket P.

Pocket P may be folded transversely about the body of belt 10 from the extended position to the closed, operative position clearly illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6. End flap 13a of pocket P is preferably provided with a centrally disposed aperture 17 engageable over fastener member 15 so that said end flap will overlap the fixed end of pocket P in the closed position of said pocket, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 6. A cooperative fastener member 15a is suitably disposed on end 10a for removably securing end flap 13a in closed position. If desired, an additional pair of cooperating fastener members 16; 16a may be disposed on the belt body and adjacent the free edge 18 of end portion 10a respectively to hold said free edge removably against the belt body in the closed position of pocket P. Fastener members 15; 15a and 16; 16a may be of the snap-button type or any other separable construction.

In actual use, folded paper money, coins or the like may be placed within pocket P between outer panel 13 and inner panel 14, as shown in Fig. 6. Pocket P is then folded transversely about the body of belt 10, the end flap 13a overlapping the fixed end of said pocket by the engagement of aperture 17 over the fastener member 15. Said end flap 13a may then be removably secured in closed position by the cooperating fastener members 15a and 16a secured to the end portion 10a of belt 10 to obviate the accidental dislodgment of the paper money or coins from pocket P. In the closed position of pocket P illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6, only the central portion of outer panel 13 is exposed to view when the belt is worn and the existence of a concealed pocket P is not detectable.

An important feature of the invention resides in the use of folded pocket P as a retaining loop 19 for removably securing the free end of the belt (not shown) which passes through the buckle 11, said free end being easily disposable between the inner panel 14 of pocket P and the body of the belt 10.

Access may be had to pocket P by unfastening fastener members 15*a* and 16*a* and folding back end portion 13*a* to expose end flap 13*a* of said pocket, after which aperture 17 may be disengaged from fastener member 15 and said pocket extended.

It is thus seen that a belt has been provided having a concealable pocket which is easily accessible for retaining paper money, coins and the like and which is foldable about the body of the belt to serve additionally as a retaining loop for the free end of the belt.

Since certain modifications may be made in the improved belt of the invention without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the foregoing description and shown in the accompanying drawing be interpreted merely as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

What is claimed is:

1. A belt having a pocket secured thereto at one end thereof, said pocket being defined by an inner panel and an outer panel of greater length than said inner panel, a fastener member interconnecting said belt and one end of said pocket, said pocket being foldable transversely about said belt into concealed, closed position, said outer panel having an aperture engageable over said fastener member, said belt having a looped over end portion carrying a fastener member cooperable with said first-mentioned fastener member for removably securing said end portion over said pocket in closed position, said pocket in closed position serving as a retaining loop for the free end of said belt.

2. A belt having a pocket secured thereto at one end thereof, said pocket being defined by an inner panel and an outer panel of greater length than said inner panel, a fastener member interconnecting said belt and one end of said pocket, said pocket being foldable transversely about said belt into concealed, closed position, said outer panel having an aperture engageable over said fastener member, said belt having a looped over end portion carrying a fastener member cooperable with said first-mentioned fastener member for removably securing said end portion over said pocket in closed position, additional cooperating fastening means secured adjacent the free edge of the looped over end portion of said belt and to a respective portion of said belt, said pocket in closed position serving as a retaining loop for the free end of said belt.

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