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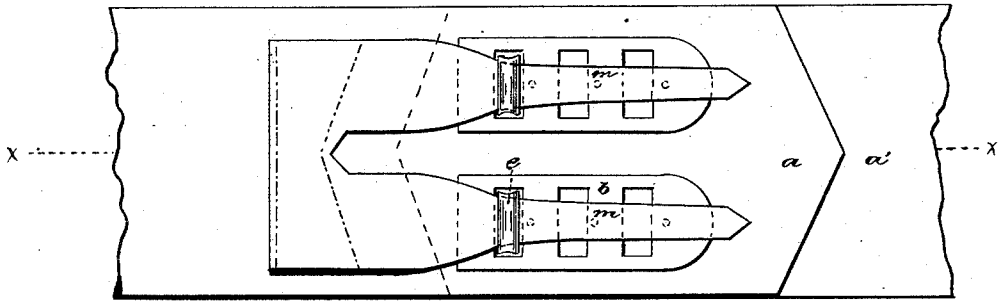


Fig. 1

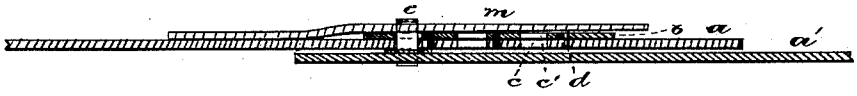


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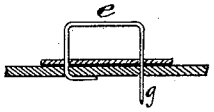


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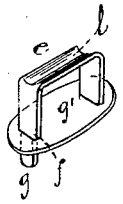


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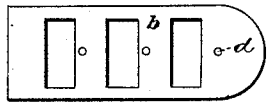


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS OSWALD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Catches for Belts, Bags, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a belt-fastening of reduced cost of construction, and yet adapted to be readily applied to the belt, of adequate strength, and one adapted to be easily manipulated.

It consists in the arrangements and combinations of parts, substantially as will be hereinafter embodied in the clauses of the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each of the figures, Figure 1 is a plan of my improved fastening. Fig. 2 is a section of the same taken through line *x*, and Figs. 3, 4, and 5 are detail views of certain parts of the device.

In said drawings, *a a'* indicate the overlapping ends of a belt, to one of which is affixed a slotted plate, *b*, the belt being slotted, as at *c*, in correspondence with the slots *c'* in the said plate. Said plate *b* is preferably secured to the end *a* of the belt by means of rivets or pins *d*.

To the opposite end, *a'*, of the belt is fastened a loop or staple, *e*, preferably by having shoulders or stops *f* formed near the ends thereof, from which tongues *g* extend, passing through the belt, said tongues being bent down on the under side of the belt to hold the staple or loop in place.

To prevent the shoulders *f* from working through the belt material, I provide a stay-plate, *g'*, which is provided with openings to allow the passage of the tongues *g*, said openings being narrower than the wider portions of the staple ends to prevent the same from passing through.

The upper portion of the staple is concaved or longitudinally curved, as at *l*, to give stiffness to the staple and provide or present a rounded surface to the tongue *m*.

The parts *a a'* are held together by inserting the staple in the slotted plate *b*, and then, substantially as in the manner shown in the first figure, passing a suitable tongue, *m*, through said staple, said tongue being preferably of the same material as the belt, and sewed or otherwise secured thereto at a little distance from the slot or slots in the plate *b*.

The staple may be of wire and be fastened to the belt in any other manner than that described.

Other changes may be made in the construction of the belt without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is—

1. In combination, a slotted belt, a stay-plate laid on the outside thereof, a loop having tongues provided with shoulders which engage said stay-plate, said tongues passing through said belt and being fastened on the under side to hold the parts together, and a tongue to enter the loop, substantially as set forth.

2. A belt having at one end a series of slots, and a plate fastened thereon with a corresponding series of slots, and having fastened at the other end a loop to enter either of the said slots, and a tongue of the same material as the belt, sewed on the outside thereof, and adapted to be thrust through said loop to secure the ends of the belt together, substantially as set forth.

3. In combination, the belt having ends *a a'*, one of which is provided with a tongue, *m*, and the other is slotted, a plate, *b*, correspondingly slotted, a stay-plate, *g'*, and a loop having tongues *g*, which pass through said stay-plate, and are bent down on the

under side of said belt, and hold said stay-plate and loop on said belt, substantially as set forth.

4. A belt for ladies' waists, having at one end a stay-plate and loop, and at the other end an opening through which the loop may pass, and a tongue secured on the face of the belt back from the opening, so as to be passed through the loop to hold the ends of the belt together around the said waist, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of March, 1885.

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