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BELT BUCKLE

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Fig. 1.

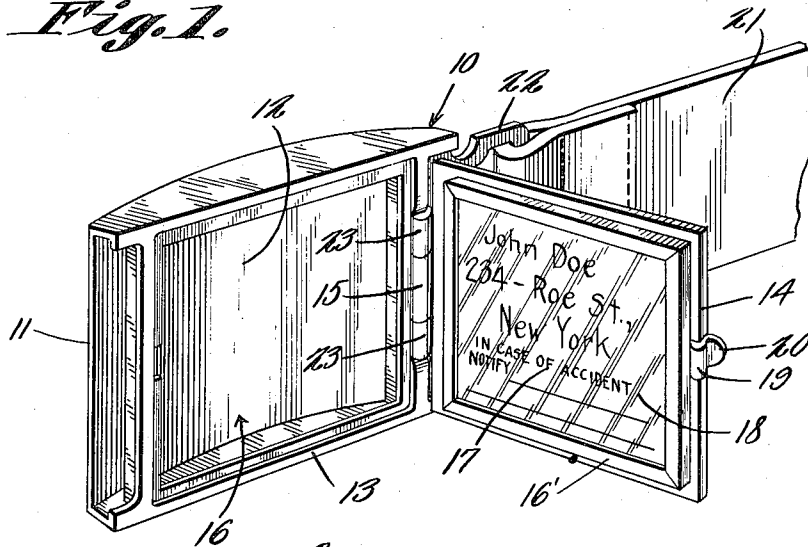


Fig. 2.

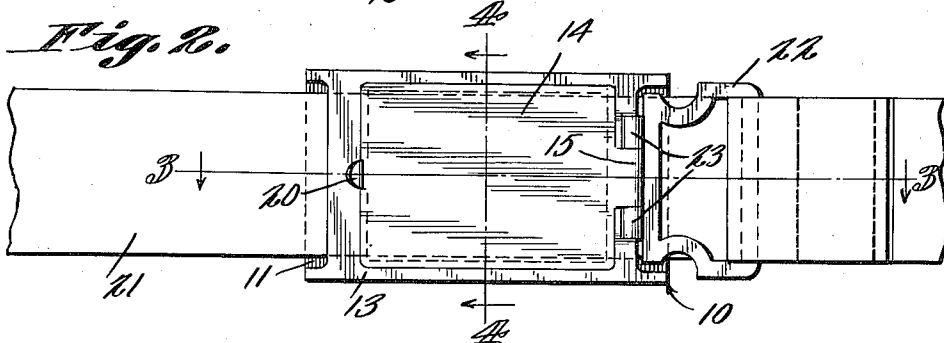


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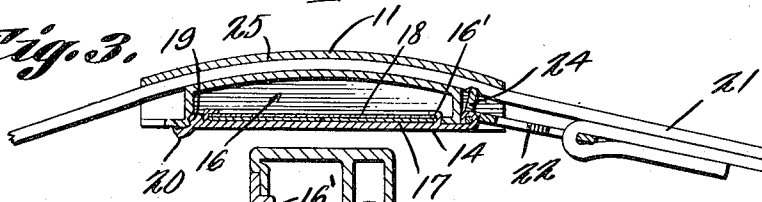
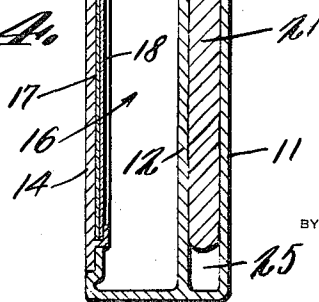


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN DORF, a subject of the King of Norway, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Belt Buckles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to belt buckles.

The principal object of the invention is the provision of a belt buckle having a vanity compartment wherein articles of jewelry, money or the like may be carried with comparative safety to the wearer.

Another object of the invention resides in the provision of an ornamental belt buckle having a compartment in its back wall and a hinged door for closing the compartment, said door adapted to have mounted therein a suitable identification card, or if desired a photograph.

A further object of the invention is to provide a belt buckle of the class mentioned together with a clamping means for co-action with the free end of the belt when the same has been applied to the waist of the wearer.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a vanity belt buckle which is simple in construction, cheap of manufacture and highly ornamental in appearance.

With these and other objects in view, the invention resides in certain novel construction and combination and arrangement of parts, the essential features of which are hereinafter fully described, are particularly pointed out in the appended claims, and are illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention looking from the rear and showing the door in open position.

Figure 2 is a rear elevation showing the door in closed position.

Figure 3 is a horizontal sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view on the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the reference numeral 10 designates my improved belt buckle in its entirety, and which may be made of any suitable well-known material. The buckle 10 includes a front wall 11 which may be provided with any suitable ornamentation, such as the

monogram of the wearer, an intermediate wall 12, and a rear wall 13. A door 14 is hingedly mounted to the rear wall 13, as at 15, and serves with the intermediate wall 12, to define a vanity compartment 16 for the reception of money, jewelry or the like small articles. The door 14 is formed with a frame 16' on its inner side for the reception of an identification card 17, and a piece of isinglass 18 may be placed thereover to prevent marring of the card by the articles which may be carried in the compartment. Although I have shown an identification card as mounted on the door, I wish it to be understood that a photograph might be substituted therefor without departing from the spirit of the invention. The door 14 is provided with a lug 19 for co-action with the rear wall for locking the same in closed position, and a finger piece 20 is formed adjacent the lug for permitting the door to be opened.

In order to lock the buckle about the waist of the wearer, use is made of a belt 21, one end of which is secured to a bail 22. The bail 22 is pivoted to the rear wall 13 as at 23, and is in axial alignment with the hinge of the door 14. The bail is formed with a vertically disposed finger 24 which projects into a passage way 25 defined by the front wall 11 and intermediate wall 12. This finger 24 is adapted to co-act with the front wall for locking the free end of the belt after the same has been passed through the passage way 25 as clearly shown in Figure 3 of the drawing.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that when the buckle is secured to the waist of the wearer in the manner just described, the compartment cannot be entered into without releasing the free end of the belt from its engagement with the bail, or by twisting the belt to bring the back of the buckle away from the body of the wearer. This affords a safe and convenient compartment for the carrying of valuables and presents a neat and highly attractive article. Although belt buckles of this type are mostly worn by men, the same may be employed by ladies for the reception of cosmetics.

While I have described what I deem to be the most desirable embodiment of my invention, it is obvious that many of the details may be varied without in any way de-

parting from the spirit of my invention, and I therefore do not limit myself to the exact details of construction herein set forth nor to anything less than the whole of my invention limited only by the appended claims.

What is claimed as new is:—

1. A belt buckle comprising a front wall, a rear wall spaced from said front wall to provide a passage way for the free end of a belt, a compartment formed in said rear wall, and a door hingedly connected to said rear wall for permitting access to said compartment.
2. A belt buckle comprising a front wall, a rear wall spaced from said front wall to provide a passage way for the free end of a belt, a compartment formed in said rear wall, and a door hingedly connected to said rear wall for permitting access to said compartment, and an identification card car-

ried by the inside of said door for exposure upon the opening of the same.

3. A belt buckle comprising a front wall, a rear wall spaced from said front wall to provide a passage way for the free end of a belt, a compartment formed in said rear wall, and a door hingedly connected to said rear wall for permitting access to said compartment, and means for locking said door in a closed position.

4. A belt buckle comprising spaced front and rear walls, a bail hingedly connected to said rear wall, a belt having one end connected to said bail, and a finger formed on said bail for co-action with the front wall for locking the free end of the belt upon its insertion in the space between said front and rear walls.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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