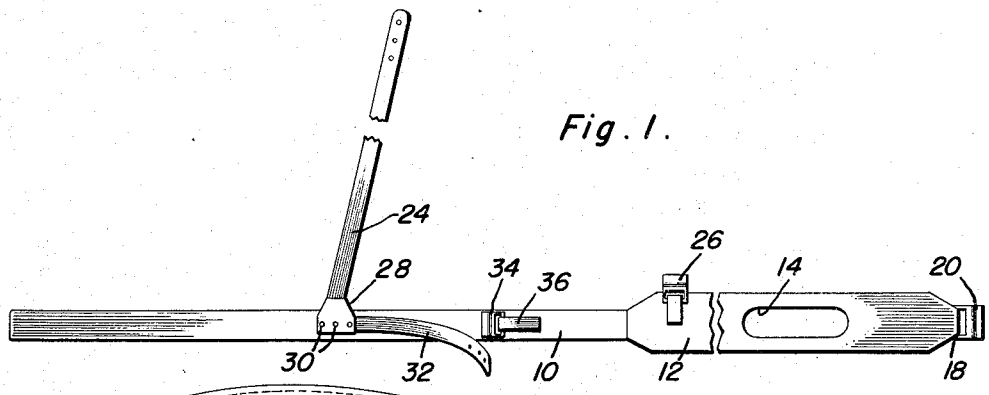
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Fig. 1.



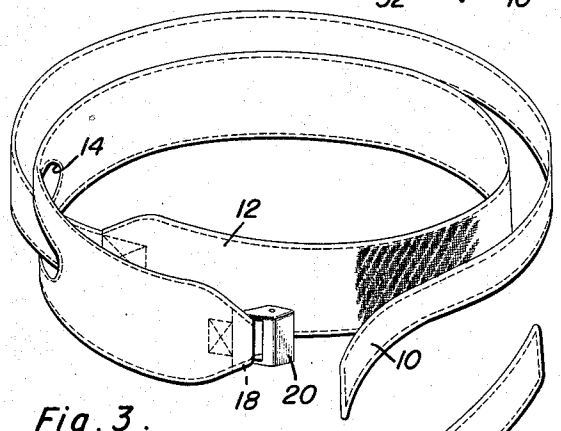


Fig. 3.

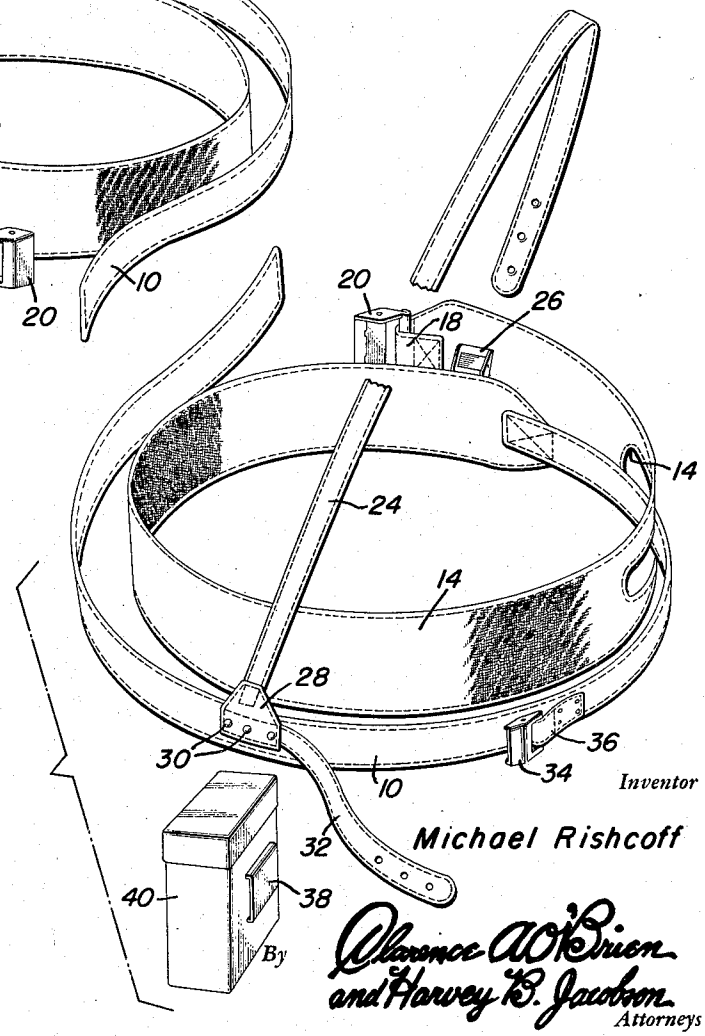


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to novel and useful improvements in devices adapted to be worn by individuals.

An object of this invention is to support the body of an individual adjacent the waist line and also carry a battery box by the same apparatus.

Another object of this invention is to provide a body support belt which is composed of a narrow section and a relatively wide section connected together at a pair of ends thereof, the wide section having an opening therein with the narrow section passed therethrough in order that the belt may be wrapped around an individual at least twice for support purposes, the narrow section accommodating one end of a shoulder strap while the other end is releasably fixed in a buckle carried by the wide section, and the narrow section also having a strap fixed thereto in order to accommodate a battery box as used in mining.

Ancillary objects and features of novelty, such as simplicity, will become apparent to those skilled in the art, in following the description of the preferred form of the invention, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of one form of the invention;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the device shown in Figure 1, illustrating the interrelation of elements and showing the battery box which may be carried thereby; and

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the belt portion which is used for the purpose of supporting the body of an individual about the waist line.

The present invention relates to a device which has a dual function. As a subcombination of the structure of Figure 2, that in Figure 3 is shown. This subcombination has only one function, and that is to support the body of an individual about the waist line. Then, when it is desired to use the device for other purposes, such as required in mining, the shoulder strap as well as the battery box strap may be applied in the finished product.

The belt is composed of an elongated body member having in its composition two sections, 10 and 12, respectively, the section 10 being relatively narrow, while the section 12 is wider with respect to the section 10. The said section 12 has an elongated opening 14 therein and the narrow section 10 is passed therethrough, as shown in Figures 2 and 3. By this medium, the belt may be wrapped around the waist of an individual at least twice. If further wrapping is

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desired, this may be accomplished by simply passing the end of the narrow section again through the opening 14, this operation being repeated as many times as desired or as is practical.

A reduced end 18 is formed on the relatively wide section 12 and the material at the reduced end is folded as seen in Figure 2 for retaining the buckle 20 in place. This buckle may be of conventional description or may be similar to the buckle disclosed in my copending application. The buckle receives the free end of the narrow section 10 therein for clamping purposes.

For additional support and support of other articles, the shoulder strap 24 is provided with openings at one end thereof receivable in the buckle 26 as disclosed in my copending application Serial No. 98,779, filed on June 13, 1949, which is fixed to the outside surface of the wide section 14 adjacent the junction of the wide section and the narrow section. At the opposite end of the shoulder strap 24 there is a reinforcing tab 28 having means fastening it to the relatively narrow section 10. Various means may be used in this connection, such as the snap fasteners 30 shown in Figure 2. It is contemplated by the present invention to fix the shoulder strap permanently to the belt or, if desired, fix it by means of removable fastening media such as the snap fasteners.

Also connected to the reinforcing tab 28 is a battery box strap 32 having apertures adjacent one end thereof for releasable connection with the buckle 34, disclosed in my co-pending application Serial No. 98,779, filed on June 13, 1949. The said buckle 34 is attached to the narrow section 10 by means of a buckle tab 36, as is the buckle 26. Hence, by simply slipping the strap 32 through the appropriate clamping member 38 of the battery box 40, and fixing the end of the battery box strap in the buckle 36, the battery box may be carried easily and conveniently.

Of course, any materials of construction may be used in conjunction with the present invention, this being within the prerogative of the manufacturer of the invention. Also, certain variations may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention. Accordingly, limitation is sought only in accordance with the scope of the following claim.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A body support belt comprising an elongated member composed of a narrow section and a relatively wide section connected together at a pair of ends thereof, a buckle at a reduced end of

said wide section, said wide section having a slot with the longitudinal axis thereof parallel to the longitudinal axis of said wide section and said narrow section passed therethrough and the free end of said narrow section being releasably held by said buckle, a shoulder strap fixed at one end to said narrow section and releasably attached at the other end to said elongated member adjacent the junction of said narrow and said wide section, a battery box strap fixed at one end to said narrow section at the junction of said narrow section with said shoulder strap, and a buckle fixed to said narrow section having the opposite end of said battery box strap releasably retained therein.

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