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APPAREL BELT.

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NO MODEL.

FIG. 1.

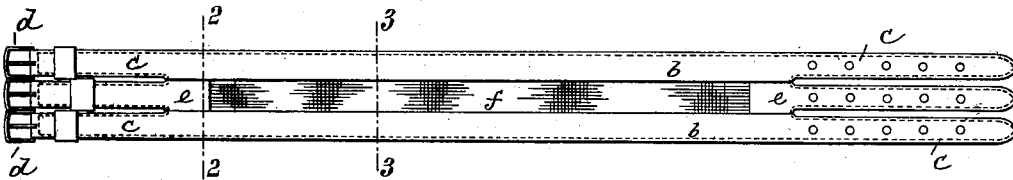


FIG. 2.

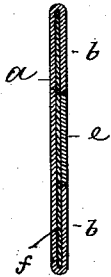


FIG. 4.

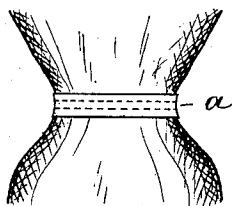


FIG. 3.

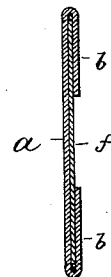
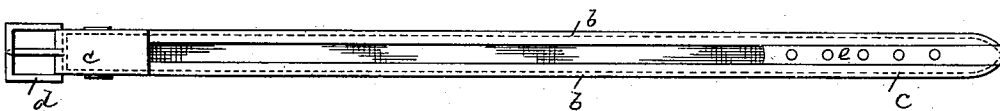


FIG. 5.



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APPAREL-BELT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN FISCHMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, (Manhattan,) county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Apparel-Belts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an apparel-belt which is so constructed that it will snugly and smoothly embrace the waist and will be held immovably to the figure.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an inner face view of my improved apparel-belt. Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross-section on line 2 2, Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a similar cross-section on line 3 3, Fig. 1; Fig. 4, an outer back view of the belt, showing it in use; and Fig. 5, an inner face view of a modification of the belt.

The body *a* of a belt made of leather or other material is provided at its inner face with two flaps *b*. These flaps project from the top and bottom edges of the belt toward its center, but their combined width is considerably less than the width of the body *a*. Thus while the belt is formed of a double thickness along the top and bottom it is formed of but a single thickness at the center.

The ends of the body *a* are provided with a suitable number of tongues *c*, carrying fastening devices *d*. The tongues are made of two thicknesses of material, the same as the top and bottom of the belt. In Fig. 1 a backing *e* is shown to be secured to the central tongue between the doubled upper and lower tongues. In Fig. 5 the backing *e* is secured

between the doubled edges of a single tongue. The single thickness is thus confined to an oblong panel, bound at the top and bottom by the flaps *b* and at the ends by the doubled tongues *c*. Within this panel may be inserted a thin soft lining *f*, which is overlapped at its edges by the inner edges of the flaps and tongues and serves to impart a neat finish to the belt.

It will be seen that in my belt a central flexible section or "zone" is bound at the top and bottom by a stiff section or zone. The result is that while the belt will yield along the center it will remain rigid at the top and bottom. Thus the belt will accommodate itself to the waist and will be held immovably to the figure by slightly flaring outward at the top and bottom, Fig. 1, without throwing folds. This results in a superior fit, prevents shifting, and avoids objectionable pressure. The number of tongues *c* may be varied, Fig. 1 showing three tongues, while Fig. 5 shows but a single tongue.

What I claim is—

An apparel-belt having an upper flap, a lower flap, doubled tongues, and a lining which is overlapped by the flaps and the doubled tongues, substantially as specified.

Signed by me at New York city, (Manhattan,) New York, this 16th day of April, 1903.

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