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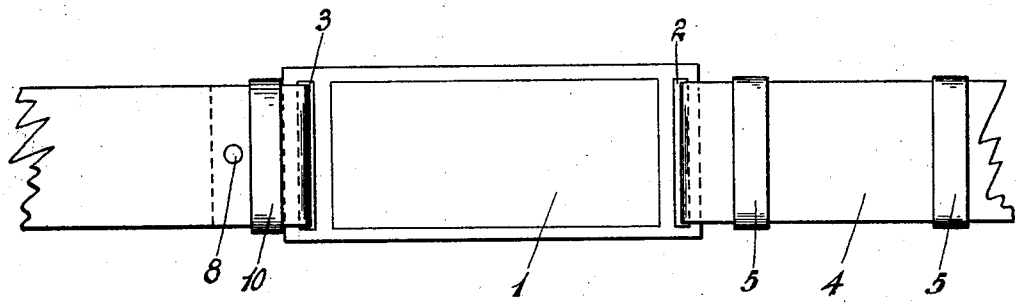
Fig. 1.



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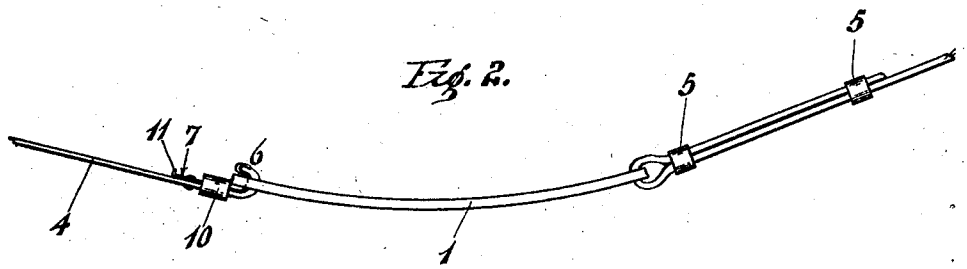

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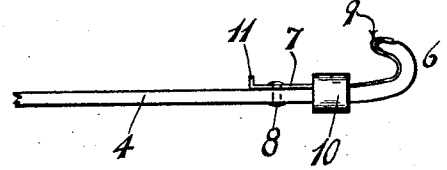

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My invention is an improved belt buckle, the prime object of which is to provide a buckle which is simple in construction and may be readily and quickly secured against opening.

In the annexed drawing in which I have illustrated the preferred form of my invention:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my buckle.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the same.

Figure 3 is an enlarged plan view of the hook.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, one member of my buckle consists of a plate 1, which is preferably formed of metal, and any artistic design may be impressed thereon. Slots 2 and 3 are formed in the plate 1 at each end thereof. One end of the belt 4 is permanently secured to the plate 1 by threading through the slot 2, and lapping back upon itself, with sleeves 5—5 extending thereover.

The other end of the belt 4 has a hook 6 formed thereon. This hook is preferably formed by a metallic plate 7, shaped into a hook and secured to the inner face of the belt 4. The shank portion of the hook plate 7 is secured to the belt by a rivet 8, and the end of the hook is crimped over the end of the belt 4, as shown at 9, thus securing the plate to the belt and forming said belt into the shape of the hook.

A slidable sleeve 10 fits snugly around the hook end of the belt 4, and when the hook 6 extends through the slot 3 this sleeve is moved against the end of the plate 1 and is held in that position by its friction against belt 4 and the clothing of the wearer thus preventing the said hook from coming out of the slot 3. This sleeve is preferably formed of leather although any other desirable material may be used. The end of the plate 7 is turned up to form a stop 11 for the sleeve 10.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A buckle for a belt comprising a plate, said plate having a slot formed at each end thereof, a hook formed at one end of said belt and adapted to enter one slot, a sleeve on said hook, the other end of said belt extending through the other slot and being looped back on itself, and sleeves on said belt surrounding said loop and belt.

2. A buckle for a belt comprising a plate, said plate having a slot formed therein, a hook formed on one end of said belt adapted to enter said slot, said hook comprising a plate bent into a hook, the shank of said hook being secured to the rear face of the belt, the end of said hook being crimped over the end of the belt, and a sleeve slidably mounted on said hook.

3. A buckle for a belt comprising a plate, said plate having a slot formed therein, a hook formed on one end of said belt adapted to enter said slot, said hook comprising a plate bent into a hook, means to secure said plate to the belt, and a sleeve slidably mounted on said hook and adapted to bear against the end of said first plate, said plate having a second slot formed in the end thereof, the other end of said belt extending through the second slot and looped back on itself, and sleeves on said belt surrounding said loop and belt.

4. In combination, a metallic plate having a slot at each end thereof, a belt having one end formed in a hook adapted to engage one of said slots, a sleeve slidably mounted on said belt adjacent said end to prevent accidental disengagement of said hook from said slot, and means to secure the other end of said belt to the other of said slots.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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