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## APPAREL BELT.

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Fig. 1.

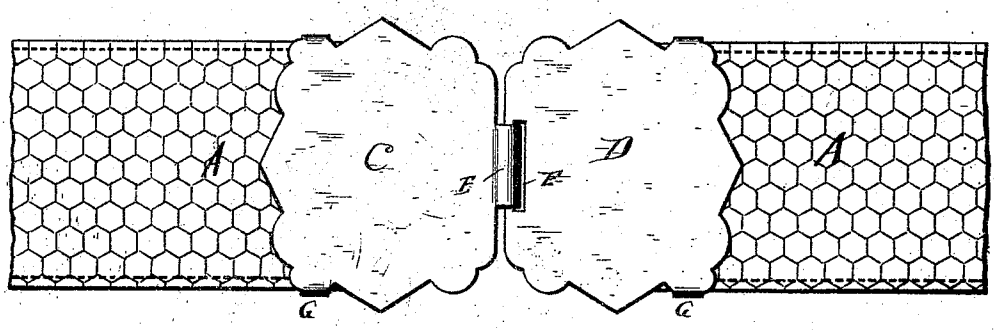


Fig. 2.

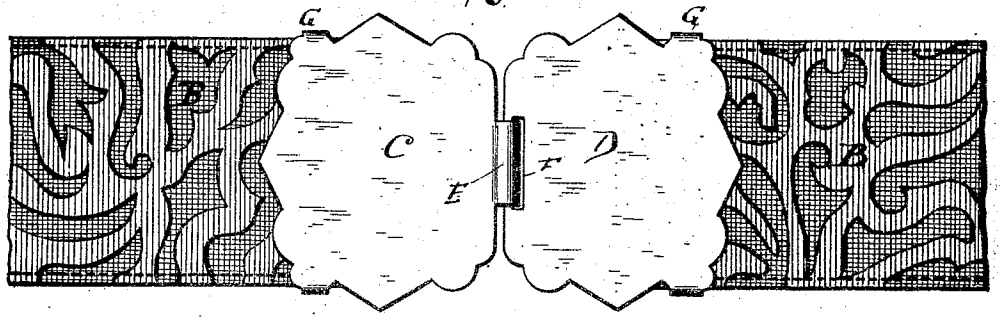


Fig. 3.

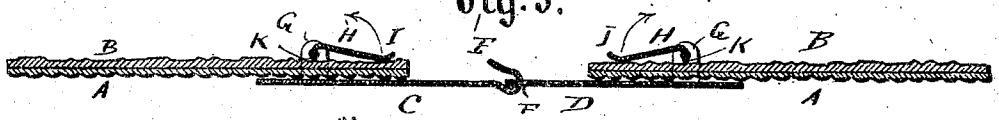


Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.

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## APPAREL-BELT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL BRETZFIELD, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Belts, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved lady's belt which is so constructed and ornamented that either face can be worn on the outside, both faces being embossed or ornamented.

The invention consists of a belt made of one or two thicknesses of leather, and having both faces highly finished and embossed, and combined with reversible buckles held on the ends of the belt, all as will be fully described and set forth hereinafter, and finally pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of part of my improved belt, showing one face on the outside. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the other face on the outside. Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view of the belt shown in Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view of the belt. Fig. 5 is a cross-sectional view of a modification.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The belt is made of two layers of leather, A and B, which are stitched together at or adjacent to the edges. The outer face of each strip of leather A and B is highly finished and ornamented by means of a design embossed on said face. As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the design on the opposite faces of the belt are different; but, if desired, the same ornaments may be embossed on both faces of the belt; but in all cases both faces must be finished, so that either can be worn on the outside, thus rendering the belt capable of being reversed and at all times presenting a handsome appearance. Both faces may have the same color, or may be of different colors. For instance, the face shown in Fig. 2 may be colored the same as alligator leather and the face shown in Fig. 1 may be made black, or vice versa.

If desired, the belt may be made of a single thickness of leather, as shown in Fig. 5. In this case, also, both faces are finished and both faces are embossed, and also have the same or a different design.

As the buckles must be reversed at the same time as the belt is, said buckles must be capable of being detached very readily, and for that reason cannot be sewed on the belt.

The buckle-plates C and D, of which the former has a hook, E, and the latter a slot, F, are both provided at the ends with jaws G, between which a clamping-lever, H, is pivoted, said clamping-lever having a handle piece, I, and a toothed ridge, K. By swinging the handle-piece I toward the surface of the belt and passing the belt under the clamping-lever the toothed ridge K is pressed into the belt, and the buckle-plate is thus held securely on the same. When the belt is to be reversed, the buckle-plates have to be turned, which is accomplished by moving the handle-piece I of the clamping-lever away from the belt. The end of the belt is withdrawn and reversed, and then the handle-lever is pressed down again on the inner surface of the buckle-plate.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The combination, with a lady's belt having both faces highly finished and provided with different embossed ornaments or designs, of a detachable buckle-plate clamped on each end of the belt, which buckle-plates are provided with pivoted clamping-levers, with toothed ridges for holding the plates on the ends of the belt, thus permitting of detaching said buckle-plates and reversing them, whereby the same buckle-plates can be used on the ends of the belt with either face of the belt on the outside, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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