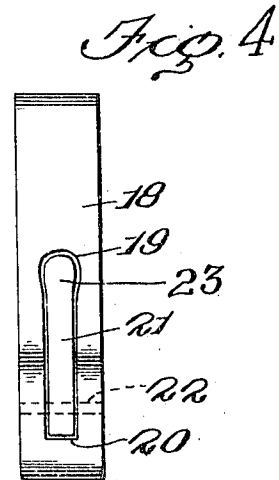
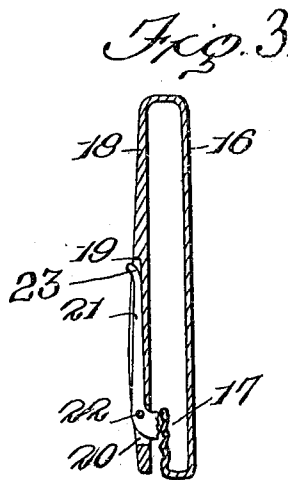
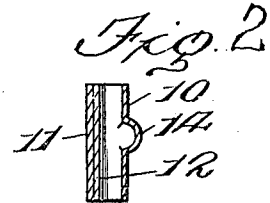
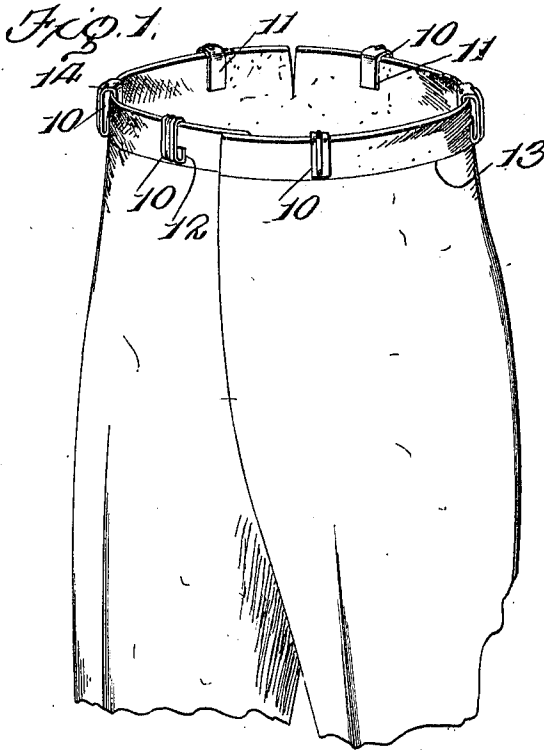


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK O. REICHARDT, citizen of the United States, residing at Marietta, in the county of Washington and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belt-Loops, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to wearing apparel and refers particularly to a clasp or loop to receive and to retain belts about waist bands and the like.

An object of this invention is to provide a loop of this character which may be secured to the waist band without the employment of threads or the like and one which is of simple construction so that it may be applied readily thereto.

The invention further contemplates an article of this character which may be formed from sheet metal and which thereby produces a device which may be economically manufactured and adapted for general use owing to the simplicity and durability of the same.

For a full understanding of the invention reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a waist band having a plurality of clasps applied to the same. Fig. 2 is a cross sectional view of the lower end of the clasp. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view through the clasp, and Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the same.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawing by the same reference characters.

Referring to the drawing, the device is formed of a strip of sheet metal which is provided with an outer face 16 having an inwardly and upwardly turned lip 17 which is adapted for normal engagement against the inner face of the flap 18. The flap 18 is provided in its outer face with an elongated recess 19 which terminates at its lower extremity into an aperture 20 into which is fulcrumed a bell crank lever 21 mounted upon a pin 22 which is transversely disposed through the flap 18 at the lower

end thereof adjacent the aperture 20. The bell crank lever is provided with a curved portion 23 which extends outwardly and is terminated at the plane of the outer face of the flap 18 for the reception of the finger of the operator when it is desired to withdraw the upper end of the bell crank lever 21 to release the clasp from the waist band. The short arm of the bell crank lever 21 is serrated at its outer end to frictionally engage with the waist band and to impinge the same against the outer face of the lip 17 to thereby clamp the same rigidly in position.

In the employment of this device the short arm of the bell crank lever 21 must be raised out of engagement with the lip 17 to admit of the passage of the waist band upwardly therebetween. When the waist band is disposed between the lip 17 and the flap 18 the long arm of the lever 21 is swung upwardly into the recess 19 whereby the short arm is engaged against the waist band and binds the same against the lip 17, the serrated portion of the lever 21 firmly gripping in the inner side of the waist band to prevent the removal therefrom from the clasp. It is readily observed that from this construction should a tension be exerted upon the clasp to withdraw the same from the waist band the short arm of the lever will act as a cam and bind tightly upon the waist band owing to the engagement of the long arm of the lever against the flap 18 within the recess 19.

In the contemplated use of the device the number of the loops or clasps are engaged over the waist-band and are arranged in predetermined spaced relation throughout the length of the same. The loops are adapted to receive and to retain a belt in position about the waist-band. The device is particularly adaptable to the waist-bands of trousers in order to hold the belt in position thereon.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new is:—

A clasp as specified comprising a strip of sheet metal bent into U-formation to form an outer face and a flap, a lip formed upon the lower end of said outer face and curved

inwardly and upwardly, a bell crank lever having a serrated edge formed upon the short arm of the same and fulcrumed in the lower end of the flap, the short arm adapted
5 for engagement against the outer face of said lip, said flap having a recess and an aperture formed in the same for the reception of the lever and a pin engaged through

said flap and said lever for pivotally supporting the same.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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