

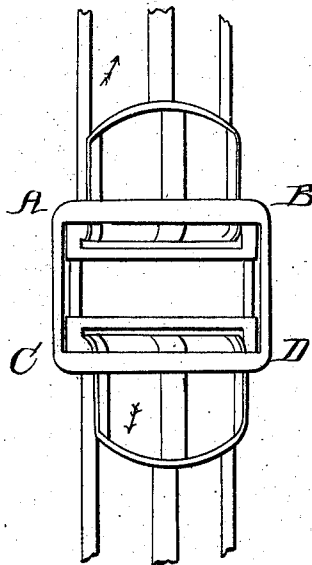
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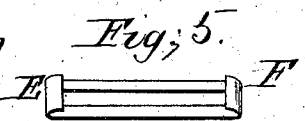
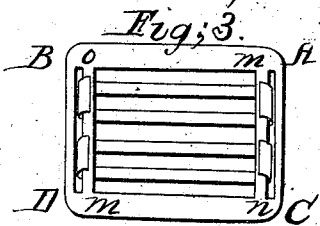
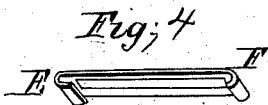
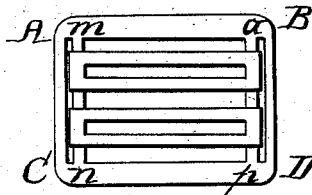
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Fig; 1.



Fig; 2.



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## IMPROVED BUCKLE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### Know all men by these presents:

That I, HENRY HERBERT, of Jersey City, Hudson county, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and improved Buckle; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of my said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawings, forming a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing a buckle, which will lock the ribbon or any other material intended to be used, on both ends of the buckle-frame, without the application of any spike or pin, or any other fastening.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the same.

Figure 1 is a view of the buckle, with the ribbon securely locked on both sides of the frame.

Figure 2 is a front view of the buckle.

Figure 3 is a rear view of the buckle.

Figure 4 is a detail drawing, showing the slides E F, as seen from the back view of the buckle.

Figure 5 is also a detail drawing, showing the slides E' F', as seen from the back view of the buckle.

A B C D is a small metal frame, stamped out of a sheet. The four sides of the frame are A B, C D, A C, and B D. On the sides A C and B D are longitudinal apertures (slots) formed (for the insertion of the "bents" of the slides E F) by the inside frame-pieces *m n* and *o p*.

E F and E' F' are the slides. They are alike to each other in every respect, and the description of one applies also to the other.

It consists of a piece of metal, with a longitudinal aperture (slot) extending through its entire length. It is first bent on both ends, and then inserted in the slots of the buckle-frame, above described, and then both ends are again bent, so as to clasp the bars *m n* and *o p*, leaving, however, sufficient room to slide freely on the said bars.

To operate my said invention, I insert the ends of a ribbon or other material in the apertures of the slides E F, then passing the said ends underneath, between the bottom of the slide and the inside edge of the frame, as shown in fig. 1. When the ribbon is to be used to tighten any article, either one or the other end of the ribbon, or both ends, are drawn in the direction indicated by the arrows in fig. 1. The effect of this is to press one slide toward the side A B, and the other toward the other side of the frame, and holding between the said slides and the frame-pieces the ends of the ribbon or other material.

To loosen the ribbon or other material, it is only necessary to move either of the slides by the upper bar of the slide.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The self-fastening buckle, consisting of a frame and two slotted slides, for the purpose substantially as described.

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