

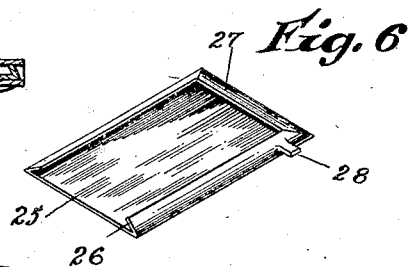
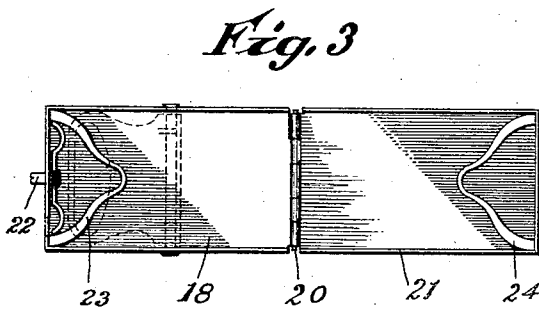
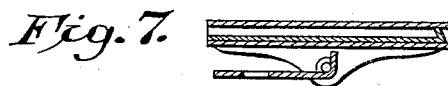
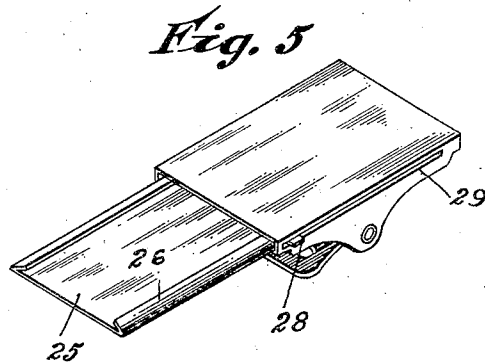
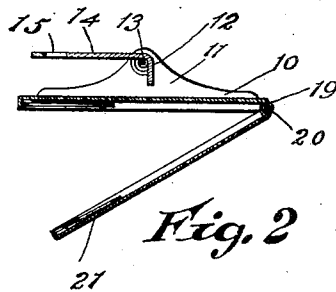
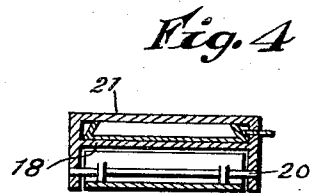
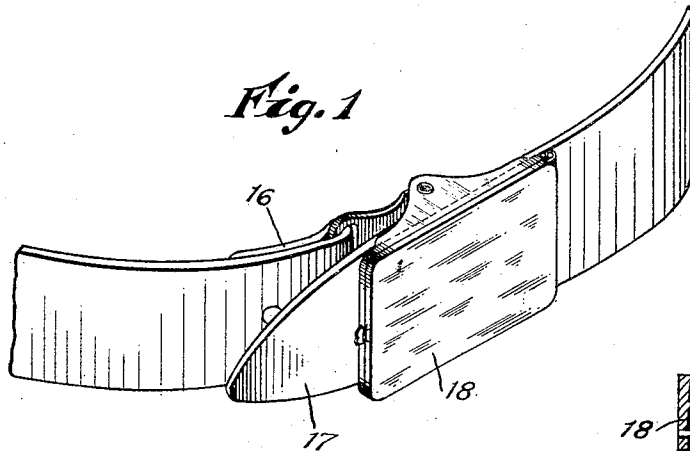
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COMBINED RECEPTACLE AND BELT BUCKLE.

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This invention relates to a combined receptacle and belt buckle; and has for its object to provide a receptacle having belt-engaging means mounted on its rear face for retaining the belt in adjusted position about the body of the wearer.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating my improved combined locket and belt buckle as mounted on a belt.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional edge view of a combined belt buckle and receptacle with the lid of the receptacle swung to open position.

Figure 3 is a plan view showing the lid of the receptacle swung back to wide open position.

Figure 4 is a sectional end elevation showing the construction shown in Figure 5.

Figure 5 is a modification illustrating a slide member adapted to be housed in the receptacle, the slide member being in withdrawn position.

Fig. 6 is a detail of the slide member removed from the body of the receptacle.

Figure 7 is a sectional side elevation of the construction as shown in Figure 5.

It is found in practice of advantage to provide a combined receptacle and belt buckle in which the receptacle is mounted on or forms a portion of the front plate of the buckle and is of a width substantially that of the belt and of a size to cover or conceal the belt-engaging member and yet be large enough to conveniently house an important paper such as for instance an auto driver's license which should always be with the operator of a car; and the following is a detailed description of the present embodiment of my invention and showing one construction by which these advantageous results may be accomplished:—

With reference to the drawings, 10 designates the front plate of a buckle body, having inwardly turned side flanges 11 in which a clamping member 12 is pivotally mounted on a pivot pin 13, the clamp bar being provided with a bail member 14 having an eye 15 through which one end 16 of the belt is passed and secured, the free end 17 of the belt being adapted to pass beneath

the clamp bar 12 by which it is bound against the back plate of the receptacle to releasably retain this free end in adjusted position. In order to provide a suitable receptacle for retaining such small articles as an auto license or other small document or device which it is important or desired to be continually carried about on the person, I have preferably formed the front plate of the belt buckle to serve as the rear plate of the receptacle 18 and to one edge 19 of this receptacle, I have hinged as at 20 a lid member 21 which is held in closed position by a catch 22 on the body member, whereby when closed it will be snapped shut. In both the body portion and the lid of this receptacle, I preferably form an inwardly-extending resilient lip member 23 and 24 under which the end of the document or article may be tucked to hold it firmly therein. In some instances instead of hinging the lid 21 to the body of the receptacle, I space the back and front plates of the body apart and in this space I mount a sliding member 25 which is provided with inturned opposite edges or flanges 26 and an inturned flange or end 27 under which flanges the document or device to be mounted in the receptacle, may be retained in position in the slide member. This slide is provided with a laterally-extending operating finger 28 adapted to extend through a slot 29 in the edge wall of the receptacle, which operating finger may be engaged by the thumb of the operator to move the slide either to or from its housed position in the receptacle.

My improved combined receptacle and belt buckle is very practical in its construction and operation, is very useful in that it can carry articles which should be constantly with the wearer and also may be formed very handsome and attractive in appearance and takes but little room.

I have shown and described a clamp form of buckle mounted on the back of a receptacle but I do not desire to be restricted to that particular form of buckle as any suitable construction of belt engaging device may be employed and mounted without departing from the scope of my invention.

The foregoing description is directed solely towards the construction illustrated, but I desire it to be understood that I reserve the privilege of resorting to all the mechanical changes to which the device is

susceptible, the invention being defined and limited only by the terms of the appended claims.

I claim:

- 5 1. A belt buckle comprising a front plate with rearwardly-bent side flanges having a slot in one of said flanges, belt engaging means attached to the rear face of said plate for releasably retaining a belt in different
10 adjusted positions, said plate being substantially the width of the belt and positioned to conceal said engaging means, a member slidably mounted between said flanges and having a portion projecting out-
15 wardly through said slot to move therein and be guided thereby whereby said member may be moved to expose its contents.
2. A belt buckle comprising a front plate

with rearwardly-bent side flanges having a slot in one of said flanges, belt engaging 20 means attached to the rear face of said plate for releasably retaining a belt in different adjusted positions, said plate being substantially the width of the belt and positioned to conceal said engaging means, a 25 member slidably mounted between said flanges and having a portion projecting outwardly through said slot to move therein and be guided thereby, whereby said member may be moved to expose its contents, 30 said member having its edges folded over to form a pocket for retaining a card or the like therein.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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