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Fig. 1

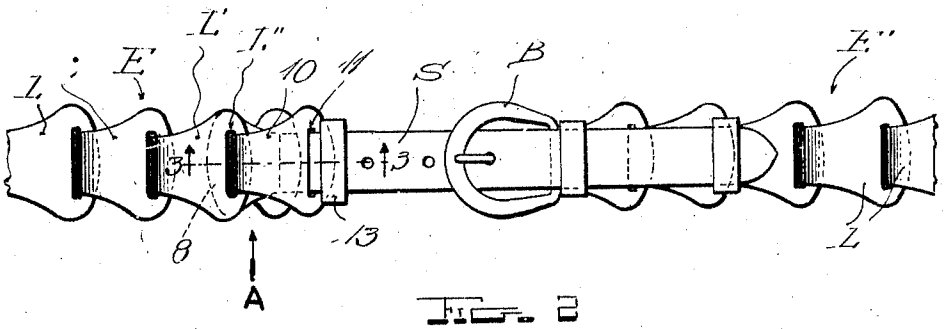


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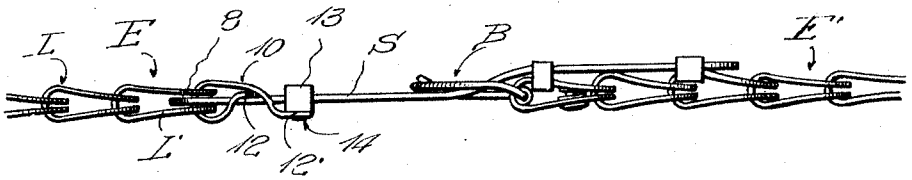


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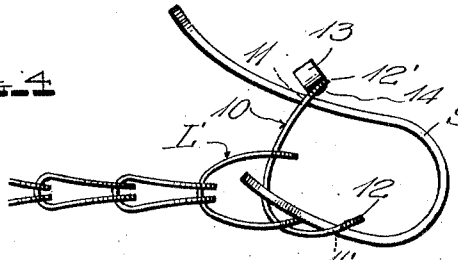


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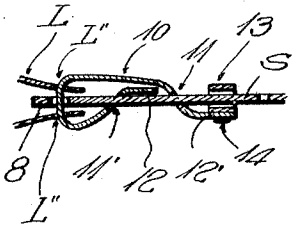


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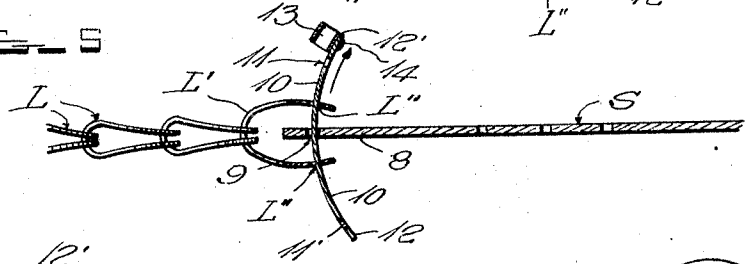


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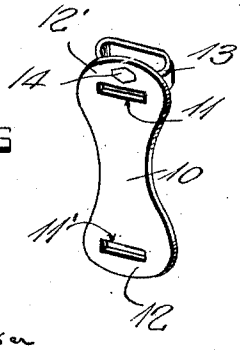
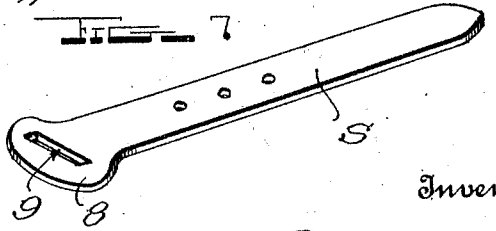


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BELT.

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The invention relates to belts for apparel and has reference more particularly to those embodying a plurality of separate links of leather or other flexible material, and a buckle-engaging strap or billet.

It is the principal object of the invention to provide a new and improved means for detachably connecting the billet with one of the endmost links of the belt, in such a manner that it may be readily removed, permitting the length of the belt to be varied as occasion may demand, by removing links or by adding them.

With the foregoing in view, the invention resides in the novel subject matter hereinafter described and claimed, description being accomplished by reference to the accompanying drawing.

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a portion of a belt embodying the invention.

Fig. 2 is an edge view looking in the direction of the arrow A of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view on an enlarged scale, on the plane of line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Figs. 4 and 5 are respectively a fragmentary edge view and a similar view partly in section, showing the manner of detaching the billet when links are to be added to or removed from the belt.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the anchoring link for the billet or buckle-engaging strap.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of this strap.

In the drawings above briefly described, E and E′ denote the end portions of a belt formed primarily of a plurality of flexible links L, the end E being provided with an appropriate buckle B, while the end E′ is equipped with a buckle-engaging strap or billet S, detachably connected therewith in a unique manner. The links L are slotted at their ends, and the intermediate portion of each link passes through the slots of the next adjacent link in a known manner. For purposes of future reference herein, one of the endmost links of the belt end E is distinctly designated L′, and its slots are denoted at L″.

Positioned between the slotted ends of the link L′, is an enlarged end 8 of the strap S, said end being formed with a slot 9 alined with the slots L″. Passing through all of these slots is a strap-anchoring link 10 whose end portions are formed with slots 11—11′, respectively, through which the strap S passes. One end portion of the link 10 passes across and beyond the terminal 12 of the other end portion and has its terminal 12′ provided with a sleeve or collar 13 of leather or the like, which surrounds the strap S, said collar 13 and terminal 12′ being secured together by rivet 14 or other desired means. Like the other links of the belt, the link 10 is of course flexible, and relation of its end portions with the strap S, insures that both terminals 12—12′ shall lie flatly against said strap as shown most clearly in Fig. 3.

When the strap S is to be detached from the remainder of the belt, it is withdrawn from the collar 13 and then from the slots 11—11′, as will be clear from Figs. 4 and 5 of the drawings. Then, the link 10 is free to be withdrawn from the slots L″, by pulling it in the direction of the arrow of Fig. 5. Hence, the strap S is disconnected from the link L′ and the latter and others if desired, may be disconnected from the remainder of the belt, or other similar links may be connected with said link L′. Thus, the length of the belt may be varied as occasion may demand, and then to the endmost link, the billet or strap S may again be connected by use of the strap-anchoring link 10. It will thus be seen that I have provided a very simple, yet advantageous means for connecting the strap or billet S with the adjacent portion of the belt, and it is the construction and relation of parts forming this connection, which constitutes the present invention. While excellent results have been obtained from the exact details disclosed, it will be obvious that minor variations may be made within the scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim:—

1. In a belt embodying inter-engaged links, each terminating in two tabs having slots, a buckle-engaging strap having one end disposed between the two tabs of one of the endmost of said links, said strap end having a slot alined with those of said two tabs, and a strap-anchoring link passing through said alined slots, the ends of said strap-anchoring link having slots through which said strap passes.

2. In a belt embodying inter-engaged links, each terminating in two tabs having slots, a buckle-engaging strap having one end disposed between the two tabs of one of the endmost of said links, said strap end having a slot alined with those of said two tabs, a

strap-anchoring link passing through said alined slots and having slots in its ends through which said strap passes, one of said ends of said strap-anchoring link extending over and beyond the terminal of the other end, and a collar secured to the terminal of said one end and surrounding said strap, whereby both terminals of said strap-anchoring link are held flatly against the strap.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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