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BELT-BUCKLE.

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Fig: 1

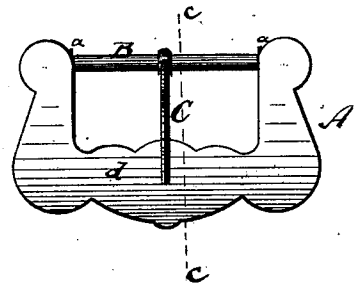
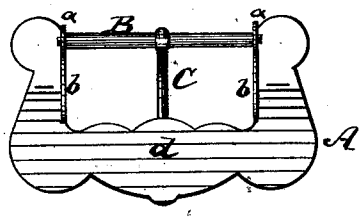


Fig: 2



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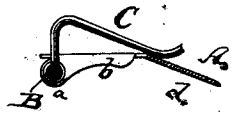

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IMPROVEMENT IN BELT-BUCKLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM ROEMER, of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Belt-Buckle, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a face view, Fig. 2 a back view, and Fig. 3 a cross-section, of my improved buckle, the line *c c*, Fig. 1, indicating the plane of section.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

This invention has for its object to strengthen a belt-buckle, and to prevent the same from cutting the strap; and consists in bridging the buckle plate at the back by braces, that extend from the tongue-pivot to the cross-bar of the plate, as hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawing, the letter A represents the buckle-plate, made of sheet metal or other suitable material of suitable shape and size. B is the pivot of the buckle-tongue C. This pivot is hung in ears *a a*, that project from the back of the plate A. *b b* are metallic braces, made in continuation of the ears *a*, and extending to the cross-bar *d* of the buckle-plate. They give great strength to a buckle made of light material, and line the inner edges of the buckle, so as to prevent them from cutting the strap, which is drawn through the buckle.

The invention is applicable to single as well as double buckles.

The braces may be formed by turning them down from the sheet-metal body of the buckle, and may then be left flat, as in Fig. 2, or rolled or bent outward. They may also be formed on cast metal buckles.

I claim as my invention—

A belt-buckle consisting of the frame A, having the rear cross-bar B, with the tongue C pivoted thereto, said frame being provided on its under side with braces *b b*, which extend from the rear to the front cross-bar, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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