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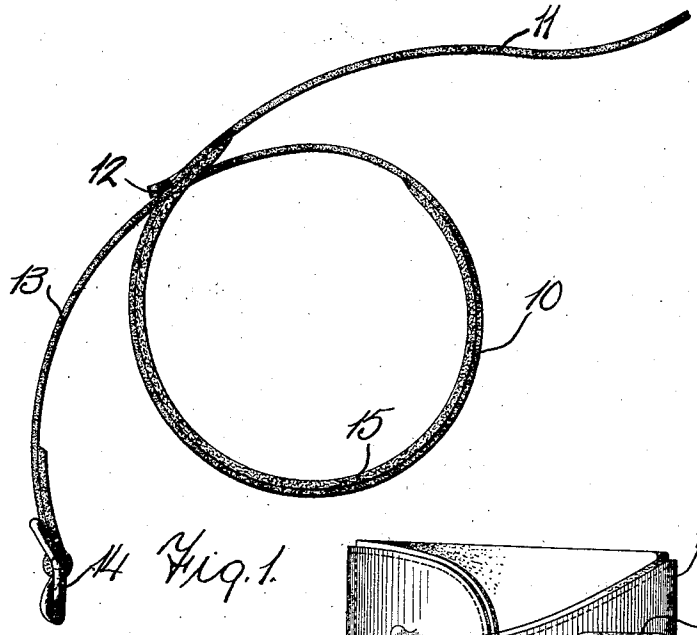


Fig. 1.

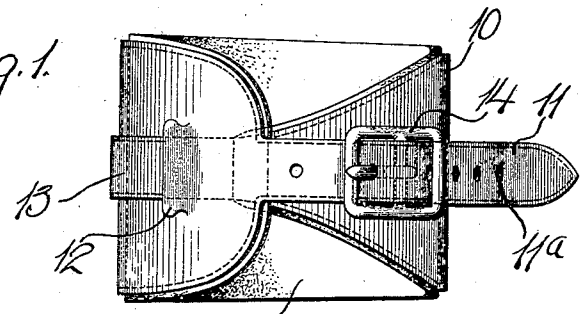


Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTON J. PAROUBEK, of Jersey City, county of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Wristbands, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in wristbands, such as are fastened snugly around the wrist to strengthen the latter.

The band heretofore most generally used comprises a strip having at one end a buckle and tongue receiving slits, and at the other a tongue which is first thrust through the slits and then passed around the wrist and buckled. The difficulty with this arrangement is that a person unfamiliar with the band would always pull the tongue the wrong way after inserting it into the slit, thus tearing the strap, and moreover, the strap is not easily applied and is apt to hurt the wrist.

The object of my invention is to produce a wrist band which will overcome the above mentioned difficulties, which can be easily and immediately applied to the wrist, which is adapted to be securely fastened, which cannot possibly be put on wrong, and which is easy to the wearer.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar reference characters refer to corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the wrist band, embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan or front view of the wrist band as applied, that is, as in fastened position.

The wrist band has a body portion or strap 10 which is adapted to extend around the wrist and terminates at one end in a tongue 11, which has perforations 11^a to receive the buckle tongue. Near this end of the strap 10 is a slit 12 to receive a second tongue or extension 13 formed on one end of the strap. This tongue 13 carries a buckle 14, which is adapted to engage a tongue 11. I have shown the ordinary buckle having a tongue to enter the perforations 11^a, but obviously any suitable buckle can be used, and if the buckle is of the tongueless variety, the tongue 11 will of course be unperforated.

The strap 10 has on its inner side a soft lining 15, and this lining is, as shown, a little wider than the strap 10, consequently, as the hand is moved backward and forward the lining 15 will overlap the edges of the strap and prevent the latter from cutting the wrist. This is a difficulty common with the old style strap. It will be seen that the strap 13 can not become displaced by reason of the buckle 14 catching against the walls of the slit 12, and consequently one simply thrusts his hand through the loop of the strap when it is in the open position shown in Fig. 1, and the tongue 11 is then wound upon the strap 10, engaged with the buckle 14 and tightened up and fastened, thus firmly securing the band to the wrist.

It will be noticed that with my wrist band the parts are always partially arranged to apply to the wrist, that is, the strap 13 is always in position extending through the slit 12, and so one can not fail to adjust the strap properly. In this way it is quite different from the straps which open up flatwise and are sold and shipped in this way, as the flat straps are the ones which give the most difficulty in applying.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

A wrist band comprising a single integral strap widening in its middle portion and terminating at one end in a tongue, the strap being also slitted near the base of the tongue, and an extension on the other end of the strap, said extension being passed through the slit and terminating in a buckle which prevents said strap from being withdrawn from the slit whereby the wrist band is held always in loop form.

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