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Fig. 1.

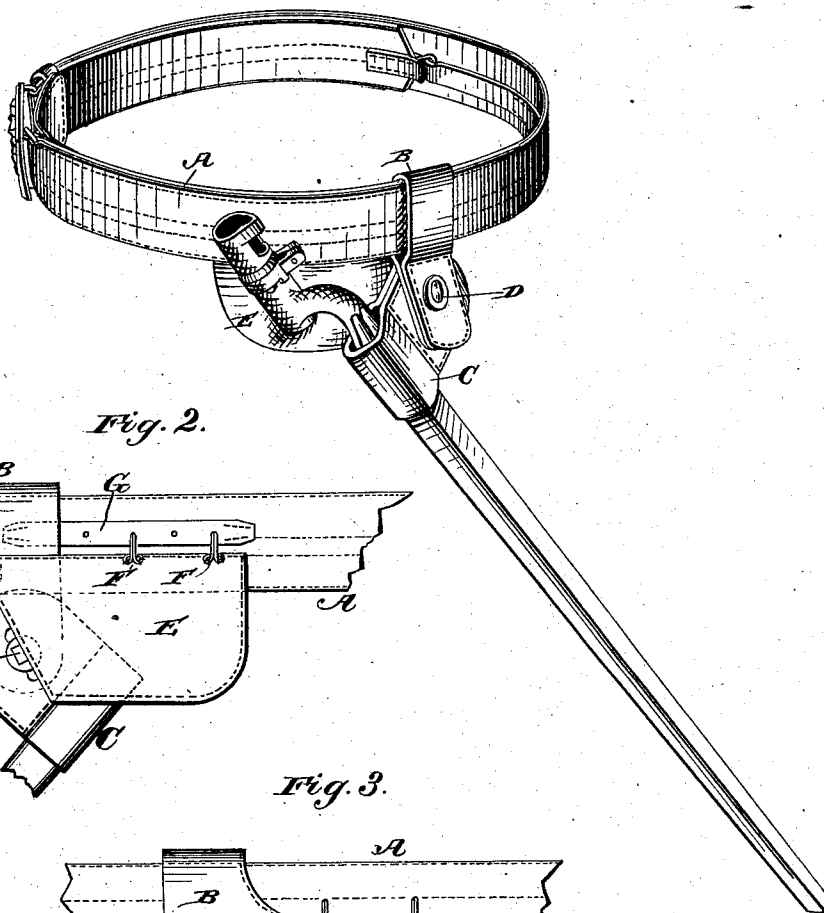


Fig. 2.

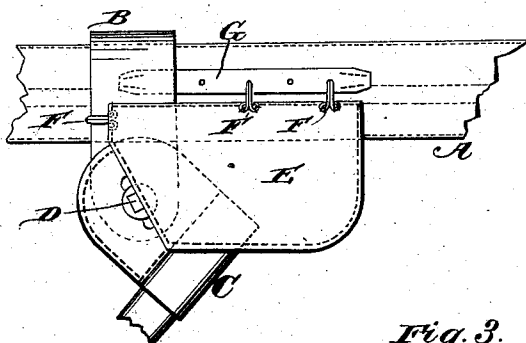
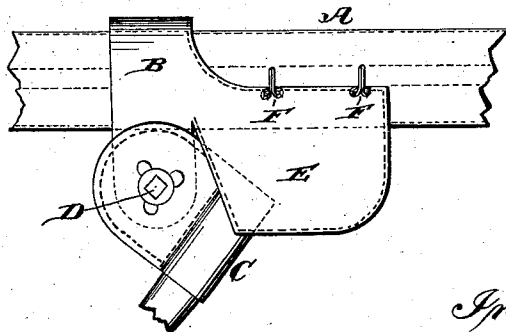


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL W. ZANTZINGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have
5 invented new and useful Improvements in Military-Coat Protectors or Guards for Bayonets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to military-coat protectors or guards for bayonets, the object being to provide a convenient attachment for
10 military belts that will protect the coat of the wearer from injury by frictional contact of the bayonet-stock; and the invention consists, first, in the combination, with a military waist-belt,
15 of a guard-flap adapted to be interposed between the clothing and the upper end of a bayonet-scabbard, whereby the coat is protected from wear by frictional contact with the bayonet-stock; second, in the combination,
20 with a military belt and bayonet-scabbard, of a bayonet-guard or coat-protector and an adjustable attaching strap and loop, whereby the bayonet-scabbard is supported and the stock of the bayonet held from contact with the
25 clothing; and, further, in certain details of construction, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, which fully illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a view of a belt with guard or protector and bayonet-
30 scabbard in position. Fig. 2 is an inner view of the same; and Fig. 3 is a similar view illustrating a modified form of my invention.

Like letters indicate like parts in the several views.

35 The letter A indicates a military belt, which may be made of any suitable material, and is provided with the usual clasp or buckle and necessary attachments.

40 B is a loop for supporting the bayonet-scabbard C, which is attached thereto, by means of a suitable button or clasp, D, in any appropriate manner.

When the bayonet is carried in its scabbard in the usual manner, its stock resting against the clothing is liable at every movement to injuriously bear upon and wear the same, thus causing considerable damage in a short time. In order to overcome this difficulty and effectually protect the clothing from such wear, I
50 employ a guard or protector, E, which consists of a flap of any suitable material, preferably

the same as that of which the belt is composed. This flap is of sufficient size to cover that portion of the coat or other clothing exposed to wear by contact with the bayonet-
55 stock. It may also be of any desired pattern, and suitably ornamented to correspond with the trappings of which it is to form a part.

The guard-flap or protector E is provided with hooks F, by which it may be attached, as
60 shown in Fig. 2, to the loop B, and to a strap, G, provided with suitable eyes or apertures, which is attached to the inner side of the belt; or the strap G may be dispensed with and the flap E attached by passing the ends of the
65 hooks F through suitable apertures in the inner thickness or lining of the belt, as shown in Fig. 3. The strap G, when used, may be attached to the loop B and belt A by stitches or other appropriate means, or may be provided
70 with buckles so arranged as to permit its adjustment with the loop B upon the belt.

If desired, the flap E and loop B may be formed in one piece, as shown in Fig. 3, the loop thus directly assisting in the attachment
75 of the flap to the belt, or the flap may be provided with two or more loops adapted to attach it to the belt, in which case the hooks F, before described, may be entirely dispensed
80 with.

It will be seen that the flap E, when applied to the waist-belt A, projects below the same, and extends front and back sufficiently far to completely cover that portion of the clothing
85 which is ordinarily exposed to wear from contact with the bayonet-stock and the upper end of the scabbard.

This device forms a perfect guard and protector for the purpose designed, and may be readily applied with but little trouble or expense. Its appearance is also ornamental, and gives a finish to the belt and its attachments.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination, with a military waist-belt, of a bayonet-guard or protector, and an adjustable attaching strap and loop, whereby the bayonet-scabbard is supported and the stock of the bayonet held from contact with the clothing, substantially as described. 100

2. The combination, with a military waist-belt and bayonet-scabbard, of a guard or pro-

tector and suitable devices for attaching the same, said guard being adapted to protect the clothing from wear by contact with the bayonet-stock, substantially as described.

- 5 3. The combination of the waist-belt A, strap G, loop B, guard or protector E, and scabbard C, substantially as and for the purpose shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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