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SWIVEL ATTACHMENT FOR REVERSIBLE BELT

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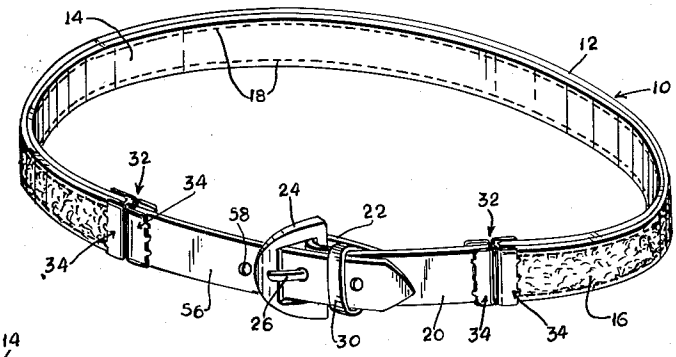


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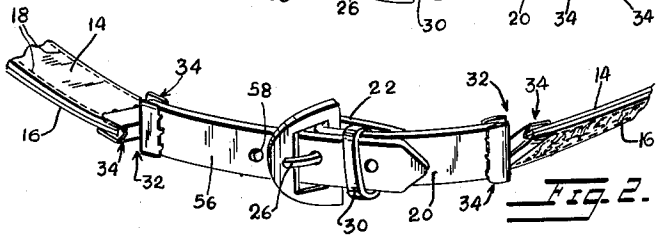


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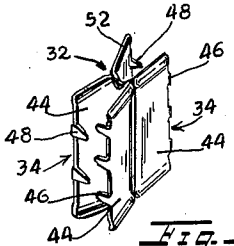


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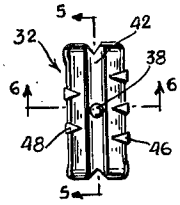


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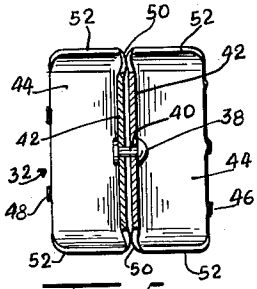


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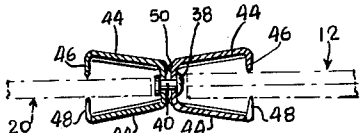


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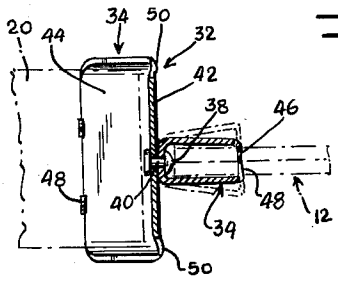


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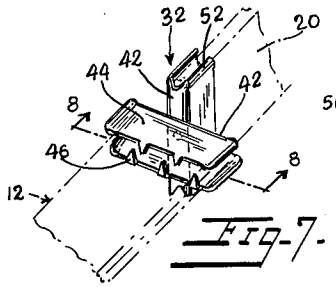


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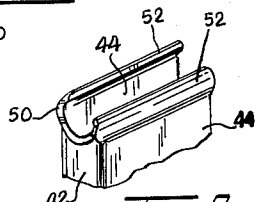


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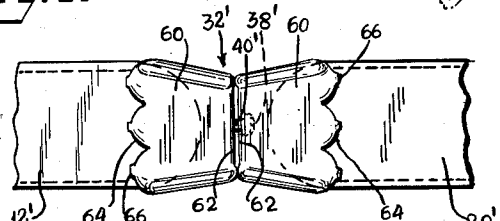


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This invention relates generally to the art of wearing apparel and more particularly to a reversible belt.

It is desirable to have a belt of appropriate appearance for various articles of clothing. With this in mind I have devised a belt having a strap body and buckle with means for reversing the body relative to the buckle, the strap body having surfaces of contrasting textures and colors.

A principal object of the invention therefore is to provide a belt with a reversible body having surfaces of contrasting textures and colors.

Another object of the invention is to provide a reversible belt of this kind that is simple in construction and economical to manufacture.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the appended claim in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a reversible belt embodying my invention, the belt being shown in circular condition with its ends fastened to each other.

FIG. 2 is a fragment of the front portion of the belt with the ends of the body partially turned.

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of the swivel joint between the end of the belt body and one end of the buckle support.

FIG. 4 is an end view of the joint shown in FIG. 3.

FIG. 5 is an enlarged sectional view on the line 5—5 of FIG. 4.

FIG. 6 is an enlarged cross-sectional view on the line 6—6 of FIG. 4, with ends of the belt body shown in dot-dash lines.

FIG. 7 is a perspective view of the swivel joint shown in FIG. 5 with the members of the joint shown partially turned relative to each other, and with the ends of the belt body shown in dot-dash lines.

FIG. 8 is a sectional view taken on the line 8—8 of FIG. 7.

FIG. 9 is an enlarged perspective view of one end of a swivel joint member.

FIG. 10 is a top plan view of a modified form of swivel joint with the belt body reversed from the position of FIG. 1.

Referring in detail to the drawings, in FIG. 1 a reversible belt made in accordance with the invention is shown and designated generally by the reference numeral **10**. The belt **10** comprises a body **12** formed of a narrow strap of leather **14** and a juxtaposed similar strap **16** of fabric material fastened to the leather strap **12** by lines of stitching **18** along the edges of the body. The exposed surface of the leather strap is finished off in a tan or brownish color, and the fabric strap **16** is woven with various colored threads.

A short strap portion **20** is turned upon itself at one end forming a loop **22** for loosely and pivotally supporting a buckle **24** having a pivoted pin or prong **26**. A separate endless leather loop **30** is sleeved around and extends across the loop **22**. The other end of the strap portion is pivotally connected to the adjacent end of the body **12** by means of a swivel joint assembly **32**.

The swivel joint assembly is best shown in FIG. 3 and includes a pair of sheet metal socket members **34**, **34**, each rectangular in configuration and U-shaped in cross section, placed back to back and pivotally connected by a double-headed pivot pin **38** extending through openings **40** midway the ends of the bight portions **42**. The side portions **44** of the socket member taper outwardly from the bight portions thereof and one of said side portions is provided with three prongs **46** along its long edge and the other side portion is provided with two prongs **48** along its long edge, the prongs on the side portions being in offset opposed relationship. It will be understood that any desired number of prongs may be used. Each end of the bight portion **42** is notched with the edge of the notch curled slightly outwardly as indicated at **50** and each end of the side portion **44** is curled inwardly as indicated at **52**.

One end of the belt body **12**, the right-hand end as viewed in FIG. 1, is inserted into one of the socket members **34** of one of the joint assemblies and the side portions **44** of the socket member are pressed together forcing the prongs **46** and **48** into the material of the body thereby fastening the end of the belt body to the joint assembly. The other end of the strap portion **20** is inserted into the other socket member **34** of the joint assembly and the side portions **44** thereof are pressed together forcing its prongs **46** and **48** into the material of the strap portion and fastening said end of the strap portion **20** to the joint assembly.

The other end of the belt body **12** is fastened to a short strap portion **56** by a joint assembly **32**, the end of the belt body being inserted into and secured to a socket member **34** of the joint assembly by the prongs **46** and **48**. One end of the short strap portion **56** is inserted into and fastened to the other socket member **34** by the prongs **46** and **48** thereof. The other end of the strap portion **56** is formed with spaced openings **58** for receiving the pivoted prong **26** of the buckle when the strap portion **56** is inserted through the body of the buckle, as shown in FIG. 1.

In FIG. 1, the belt **10** is shown in circular condition with its ends fastened to each other, and with the fabric strap or layer **16** outwardly in position for exposure when the belt is worn. In order to reverse the belt and turn the leather strap **14** outwardly, it is merely necessary to hold the strap portions **20** and **56**, for example, in one hand and with the other hand twist and turn the belt body **12** around the pivot pins **38** of the swivel joint assemblies **32**, whereby the leather strap **14** is brought to outward exposed position as shown in FIG. 10.

In FIG. 10, a modified form of swivel joint assembly **32'** is also shown. This joint assembly comprises a pair of flattened tapered tubular members **60**, **60**, with the narrower ends **62** of the members closed, and with the end edges of the wider opened ends corrugated as indicated at **64**. Prongs **66** are formed on the extreme outer points of the corrugations with the prongs in opposed relationship to grip the end of the belt body **12'** and the end of the buckle-mounting strap portion **20'**. A pivot pin **38'** connects the closed ends **62** of the tubular members **60**, **60**.

The socket members of the swivel joint assembly may assume any desired shape so long as it receives the ends of the body and the ends of the narrow straps.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and that various changes and modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

A belt for wearing, comprising an elongated narrow laminated body composed of layers of different material, narrow straps of leather forming extensions of the

body, a buckle on the free end of one of the narrow straps, the other narrow strap having spaced openings in the free end thereof and swivel means of connection between the ends of the body and the adjacent ends of the narrow straps, said means of connection including a swivel joint assembly consisting of a pair of socket members, each socket member being rectangular in configuration and U-shaped in cross section, prongs on the long edges of the side portions of the socket members, the socket members being disposed with their bight portions back to back, a pivot pin extending through the bight portions midway their ends, each bight portion having a notch at each end with the edges thereof forming an outwardly protruding portion, said outwardly protruding portions serving to yieldingly hold the bight portions in back to back relationship against displacement, one socket clamping the adjacent end of the body between the side portions thereof, the other socket member clamping the adjacent end of the strap between the side portions thereof, said bight portion movable into and out of operative position with a snap action.

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