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Fig. 1.

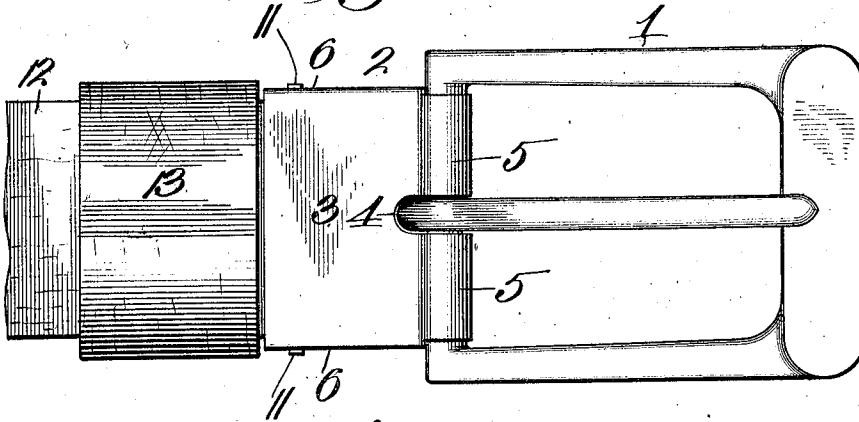


Fig. 2.

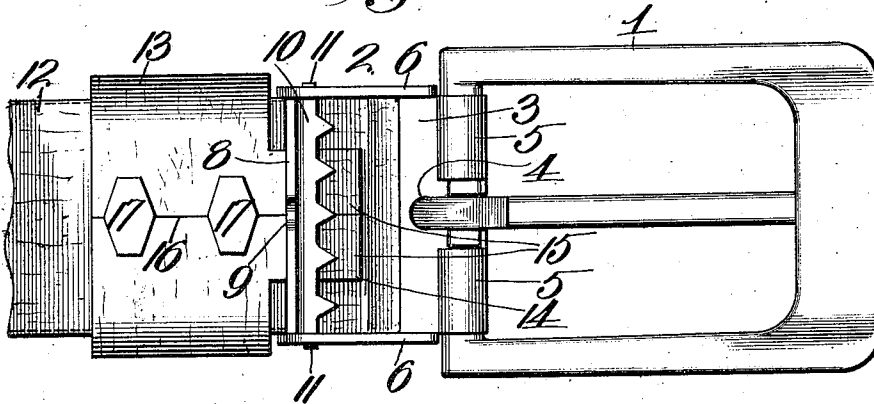


Fig. 3.

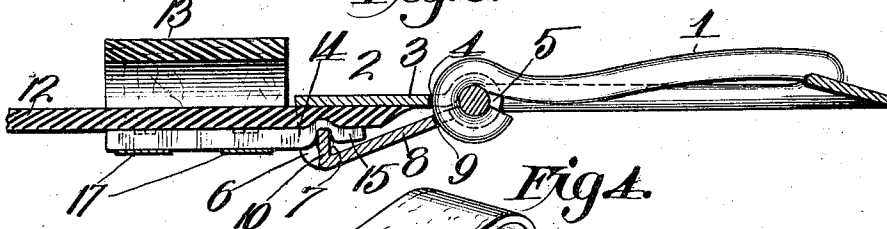
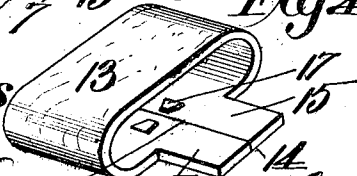


Fig. 4.

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To whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTIS R. RUST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belt-Fastening Means, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to belt fastening means, and more especially to fastening means for men's belts, and my object is to produce means of the character indicated by which what is usually the permanently attached end of the belt, may be instantly reliably connected to or disconnected from the buckle.

A further object is to produce a fastening means for securing a loop reliably to the belt adjacent to the buckle for the reception of the free end of the belt when in engagement with the buckle.

To these ends the invention consists in certain novel and peculiar features of construction and organization as hereinafter described and claimed; and in order that it may be fully understood reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1, is a top plan view of a part of a strap or belt equipped with fastening means embodying my invention. Fig. 2, is an inverted plan view of the same with the clamping member of the fastener in opened or unclamped position. Fig. 3, is a central longitudinal section. Fig. 4, is detail perspective view of my preferred construction of loop.

In the said drawings, 1 indicates a buckle of the type shown or any suitable or preferred type. 2 is a clamp consisting of two members bearing a pivotal or hinged relation, one member consisting of a plate 3 bifurcated at its front end at 4 to accommodate the tongue of the buckle and formed at opposite sides of the bifurcation with loops 5 pivotally encircling the rear cross bar of the buckle, and said member is provided rearward of the buckle and at its side margins with parallel ears 6 provided near their rear ends with openings 7. The other member of the clamp consists of a plate 8 provided in its front edge with a notch 9 so that when closed said front edge shall accommodate the tongue of the buckle and yet fit snugly and neatly against the rear

portions of the loops 5. At its rear end plate 8 is provided with a toothed flange or jaw 10, projecting toward plate 3, and said jaw is provided at its opposite ends with trunnions 11, pivotally engaging openings 7.

12 indicates a belt of any suitable type adapted when the pivoted or hinged clamp plate 8 is swung to the position shown in Fig. 2, to be slipped into the clamp between plate 3 and jaw 10; so that when said jaw is closed as indicated in Fig. 3, the teeth of the jaw will embed themselves in the strap or belt and clamp the same rigidly against plate 3.

13 is a loop to receive the strap or belt and is adapted to be placed thereon adjacent to the clamp and said loop is provided with a forwardly projecting tongue 14 to be slipped into the clamp between the end of the strap or belt and the pivoted or hinged clamping member so that when the latter is closed the loop shall also be rigidly secured with the strap by the clamping member. In the preferred construction of the loop, it consists of a single piece of leather provided with forwardly projecting tongues 15 at its opposite ends so that when the strip is bent to loop form its ends and originally outer edges of the tongues 15 shall abut together edgewise as shown most clearly in Fig. 4, at 16, rivets 17 or equivalent means being employed to secure such abutting portions together.

With fastening means of the character described, it will be apparent that the belt can be readily shortened to any desired length because, if too long it can be detached and a piece of the desired length severed from the end for engagement with the fastening device. It is then resecured with the loop as before. If the belt is too short it can be readily replaced by a longer one.

In a construction wherein a belt of customary length can be quickly shortened to accommodate the purchaser by severing a piece from its end, it is of extreme importance, in fact an absolute necessity, that the loop or keeper shall be adjustable on the belt so that when the latter is shortened by cutting a piece from the end to be attached to the clamp carried by the buckle, the loop or keeper must be adjusted toward the free end of the belt a distance corresponding to the piece cut from the belt, and to resecure the loop or keeper quickly and easily in its new

position without the use of tools and other appliances, the tongue projecting from the loop is indispensable. Should the wearer at any time desire to shorten the belt, he releases it from the clamp, cuts a piece from the end released, slides the loop or keeper the proper distance from such end and then reclamps such end of the belt and the tongue of the loop or keeper in position.

From the above description it will be apparent that I have produced belt-fastening means possessing the features enumerated as desirable and I wish it to be understood that I do not desire to be restricted to the exact details of construction shown and described as required by the scope of the appended claim as obvious modifications will suggest themselves to one skilled in the art.

I claim:—

A belt, comprising a buckle, a clamp secured to the buckle, consisting of two members, one hinged to the other and provided with a gripping jaw, a strap, and a loop adjustably arranged on the strap and provided with a tongue adapted to fit flatly against the strap at one end of the same; said end of the strap and the tongue of the loop fitting and adapted to be clamped between one of the members of the clamp and the jaw of the other member.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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