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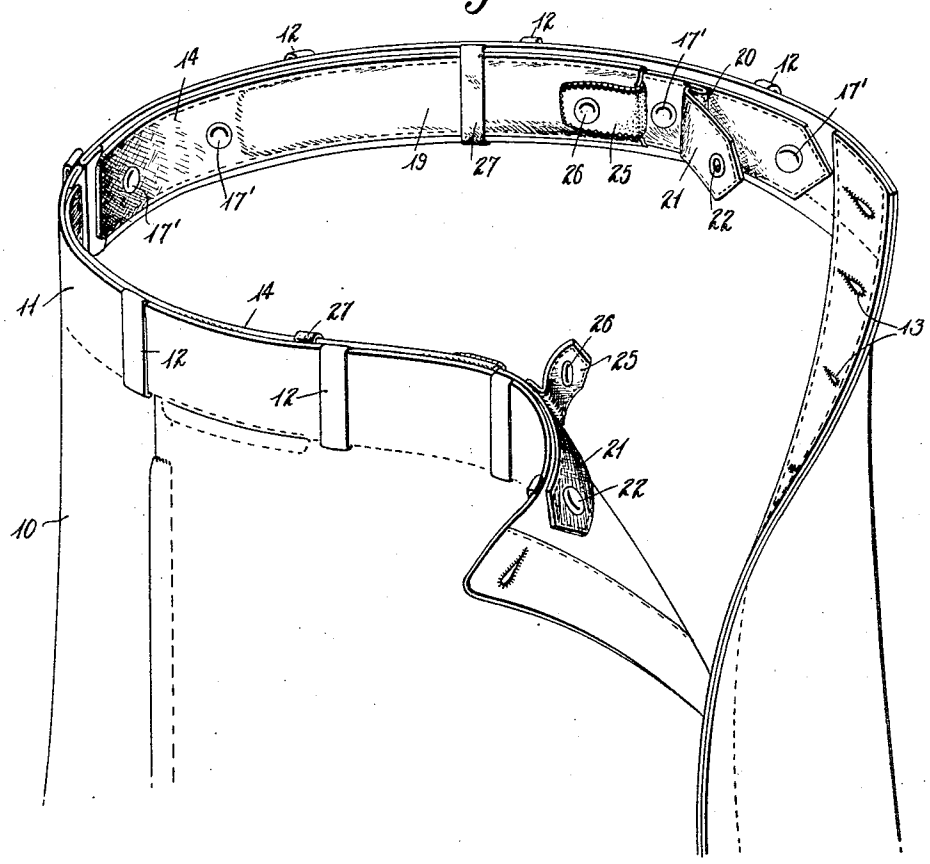
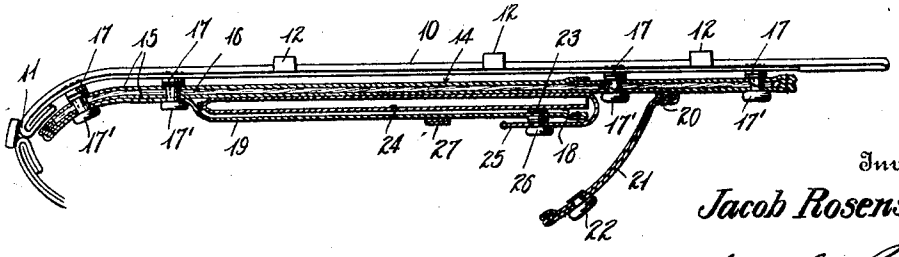


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.

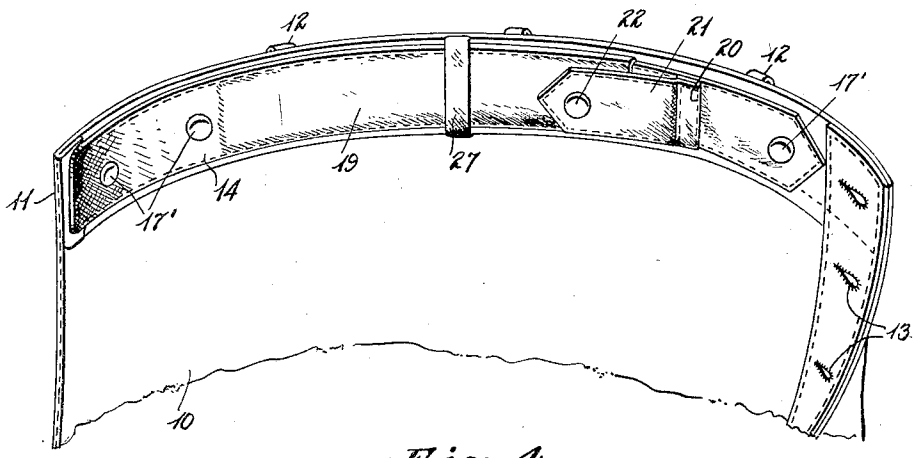


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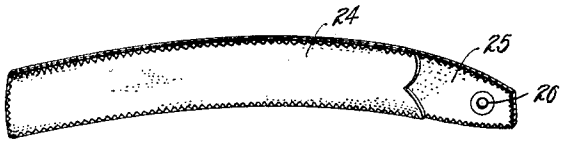
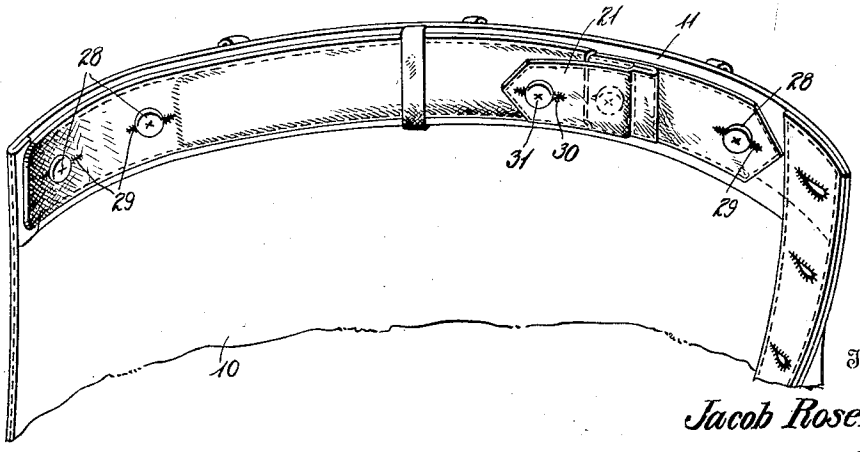


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that JACOB ROSENSTEIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Frankfort, Kentucky, has invented certain new and useful Improvements in Secret Safety Belts and Pants-Girth Reducers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a secret safety belt and pants girth reducer. The invention is adapted for use in connection with men's and boys' trousers and women's skirts.

Structurally the invention consists of a belt-like arrangement capable of association by detachable fastening means with the waist-line or belt portion of, for instance, men's trousers, offering the possibility first of affording secret compartments wherein money or other valuables may be concealed and secondly, of reducing the girth of the trousers.

Several constructional examples of the invention will be described in detail and the advantageous possibilities of the invention made more apparent in the accompanying specification, when considered in connection with the drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of a pair of trousers with my improved invention associated therewith,

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary longitudinal sectional view through the attachment forming the subject matter of this invention,

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary perspective view of a pair of trousers with the invention applied thereto illustrating another manner of using the same,

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the separate receptacles forming a part of the device, and

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary perspective view of a pair of trousers showing a modified form of the invention.

Referring now particularly to the drawings wherein like reference characters indicate like parts, it will be noted that there is illustrated a pair of trousers 10 to which the device forming the subject matter of my invention may be detachably connected. However, at the outset it should be understood that the invention is capable of association either with men's or boys' trousers or with women's skirts and that the disclosure in the drawings is for illustrative purposes only. The trousers 10 are provided with the usual waist-line or girth portion 11 to which there is connected the belt-loops 12, the trousers opening at the front in the customary manner and being adapted to be secured in closed position by the usual row of fastening means 13.

The invention consists of a belt-like arrangement capable of being detachably secured to the waist-line of the trousers on the inside thereof. While I have sometimes found it desirable to form the device in one continuous belt-like section, nevertheless in the drawings I have illustrated the device as formed in two sections, each section consisting of a main portion or back 14 preferably, although not necessarily produced by providing a double thickness of cloth 15 within which there is inserted a layer of reinforcing or stiffening fabric 16. Arranged at spaced intervals along the inside of the waist-line 11 of the trousers is a plurality of snap fastener parts 17 adapted to be engaged by companion snap fastener parts 17′ carried by the belt-like portion 14. Thus the device is readily attachable to the trousers as will be evident.

Arranged on the outer face of the member 14 is a pocket 18 formed by stitching thereto a layer of cloth 19 as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2, the pocket thus formed being elongated in the direction of the longitudinal length of the device and open at one end thereof which is preferably the end arranged towards the front of the trousers. Stitched as at 20 to the member 14 is a flap 21 corresponding in width to the width of the member 14 and carrying at its free end a part 22 of a snap fastener adapted to engage with a companion part 23 secured to the pocket 18 adjacent the pocket opening. In Fig. 3 the flap 21 is shown in its closed position, that is, with the snap fastener part 22 engaging the companion snap fastener part 23 on the pocket.

However, this invention also contemplates the provision of a supplemental pocket or container 24 of such dimensions as to enable the same to be inserted into the pocket 18. This supplemental pocket is provided with a flap 25 carrying a snap fastener part 26 which is also a companion part of the snap fastener part 23 whereby when this

supplemental pocket is inserted into the pocket 18 it may be secured in place and the pocket securely closed by fastening the snap fastener part with the companion snap fastener part 23 as clearly illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. In this arrangement of the parts the flap 21 will be idle as will be obvious.

The auxiliary pocket 24 which as mentioned is separate and removable is preferably made of some relatively heavy material such as leather, kid or the like, whereby its insertion into the pocket 18 will increase to some extent the overall thickness of the device, even when nothing is contained within the auxiliary pocket. In this manner it is possible to decrease the girth or waistline of the trousers whereby the same may be caused to fit the wearer with sufficient snugness to eliminate the necessity for a belt or other trouser supporting means.

For assisting in maintaining the device in proper relation with reference to the trousers, I preferably, although not necessarily, secure at spaced points a plurality of loops 27 similar to the belt retaining loops 12 under which the members 14 may be slipped as clearly illustrated in the several figures. Obviously the number and disposition of these retaining loops may be altered as the occasion demands or in fact they may be eliminated entirely as the plurality of detachable fasteners in most instances provide ample means for properly securing these belt members in place.

By referring to Fig. 5 it will be noted that I have illustrated a slightly modified form of the device, the essential difference residing in the provision of a plurality of buttons 28 secured preferably to the waist 11 of the trousers on the inside thereof which cooperate with button-holes 29 formed in the member 14. Obviously the flap 21 may also be provided with a button-hole 30 adapted to engage the button 31 secured to the pocket 18. The substitution of buttons or any other type of fastening means may be found desirable under various conditions.

As mentioned hereinbefore, I have illustrated the belt-like member as formed in two sections each detachably connected to the trousers but without in any wise altering the invention, I may form the device in one piece and still realize all of the advantages hereinbefore mentioned. In a like manner, I may find it desirable to eliminate entirely the flaps 21 and to utilize at all times the auxiliary pockets 24 when it is desired to secrete valuables of any sort within the pockets 18. Furthermore, those skilled in this art will at once realize that while the device has been described as constructed mainly of cloth that it may with equal facility be formed of any other suitable material.

It has been found that a device of this character offers the possibility of providing one or more secret pockets whereby valuables may be concealed without danger of detection and offers the further possibility of padding the waist-line of the trousers for reducing the girth measurement whereby the trousers may be supported upon the body of the wearer without the aid of a belt or the like even if they have been found too large for a proper fit. Furthermore, the safety belt may be attached to men's and boys' suits by, for instance, securing the same to the coat or vest thereof, whereby provision is made for concealing articles of value.

Reservation is made to make such changes in the details of construction herein described and illustrated as may come within the purview of the accompanying claims.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. The combination with the waist-band of a pair of trousers or the like of a belt member, means for detachably connecting said belt member to said waist-band, a pocket formed in said belt member and a girth reducing auxiliary pocket insertable in said first mentioned pocket.

2. The combination with a pair of trousers or the like of a belt member, fastening means secured respectively to said waist-band and said belt member for detachably securing said belt member to said waist-band, said belt member being provided with an elongated pocket and an auxiliary girth reducing pocket insertable in said first mentioned pocket and means for closing said auxiliary pocket.

3. The combination with the waist-band of a pair of trousers or the like of a belt member detachably connected thereto, a pocket formed in said belt member, an auxiliary pocket insertable in said first mentioned pocket, a flap formed on said belt member, fastening means carried by said flap and a fastening member companion to said aforementioned fastening means on the pocket for engagement with said flap fastening means.

4. The combination with the waist-band of a pair of trousers or the like of a secret safety belt and waist line reducer comprising a belt member, means secured respectively to said waist-band and belt member for detachably connecting the same, elongated longitudinally arranged pockets formed in said belt member, fastening members on the pockets and girth reducing auxiliary pockets insertable in said first mentioned pockets, flaps on said auxiliary pockets and fastening members on said flaps companion to the fastening members on said pockets whereby

said auxiliary pocket flaps may be secured in closed position and said auxiliary pockets retained within said first mentioned pockets.

5. The combination with the waist-line of a pair of trousers of a secret safety belt and waist line reducer comprising a pair of belt members, fastening means carried respectively by said belt members and trousers for detachably securing said belt members thereto, loops secured to said trousers under which said belt members pass, each belt member being formed with a main pocket, a separate auxiliary pocket insertable therein and flaps carried by said auxiliary pockets for closing said auxiliary pockets and securing the same in said main pockets.

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