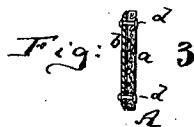
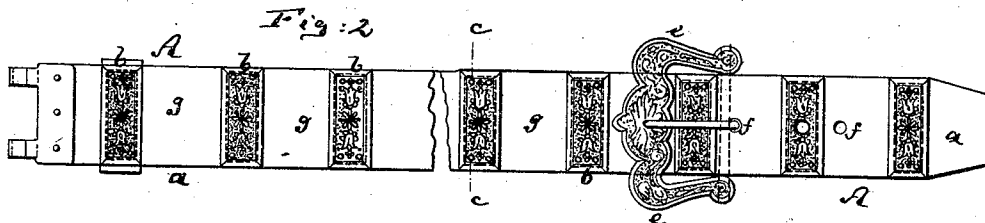
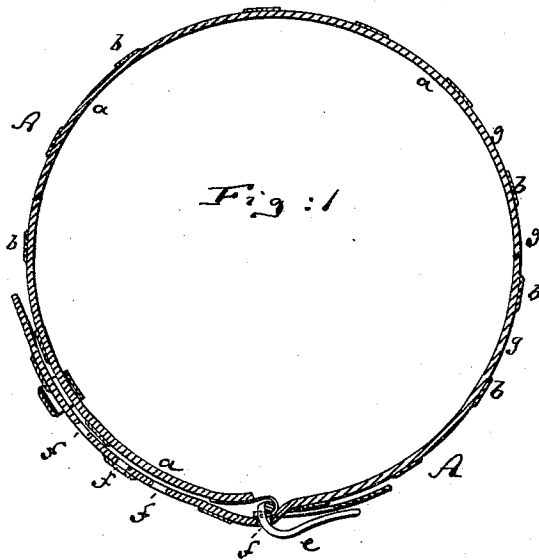


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IMPROVEMENT IN BELTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM ROEMER, of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Belt, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to an improved belt, which contains all the advantages of a flexible belt in adapting itself to the form of the wearer, but which will not wrinkle or fold laterally like the flexible belts heretofore used.

The invention consists in placing upon a flexible belt rigid cross-pieces at certain distances apart, so as to leave the flexible belt partly exposed to view; also in perforating said cross-pieces and flexible body for the use of the buckles, all as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of my improved belt. Fig. 2 is a face view thereof. Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line *c c*, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

The letter *A* represents my improved belt. The same is constructed of a continuous strip or band, *a*, of leather, velvet, or other suitable flexible material of the length and width which the belt is to have. To the outer side or face of this flexible band *a* are firmly attached at certain, preferably equal, intervals a series of bars or strips, *b*, of metal or equivalent stiff material, each strip *b* extending laterally across the width of the belt. These

rigid strips *b* are attached to the flexible band *a* by rivets *d d*, (shown in Fig. 3,) or in other suitable manner. To the end of the belt *A* is or may be fastened a buckle or other fastening device, *e*, of which the tongue engages in eyes *f f* formed on the other side of the belt in the customary manner. These eyes *f f* are, by preference, formed in the rigid portions *b*, and extend thence, of course, also through the flexible body of the belt.

It will be seen that the face of the belt *A* is thus composed of alternate rigid sections *b* and flexible sections *g*. The flexible sections will allow the belt to adjust itself longitudinally around the body of the wearer, while the rigid sections will prevent the belt from wrinkling or folding up laterally.

I claim as my invention—

1. The belt, made of flexible material, and provided with a series of stiff pieces, *b*, which are permanently secured upon said flexible material at such distances apart as to leave the flexible body of the belt exposed between them, substantially as specified.

2. The flexible belt *A*, combined with the cross-bars *b* and with the buckle *e*, and provided with an aperture, *f*, that extends through the cross-bar and the belt proper for the reception of the buckle-tongue, substantially as specified.

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