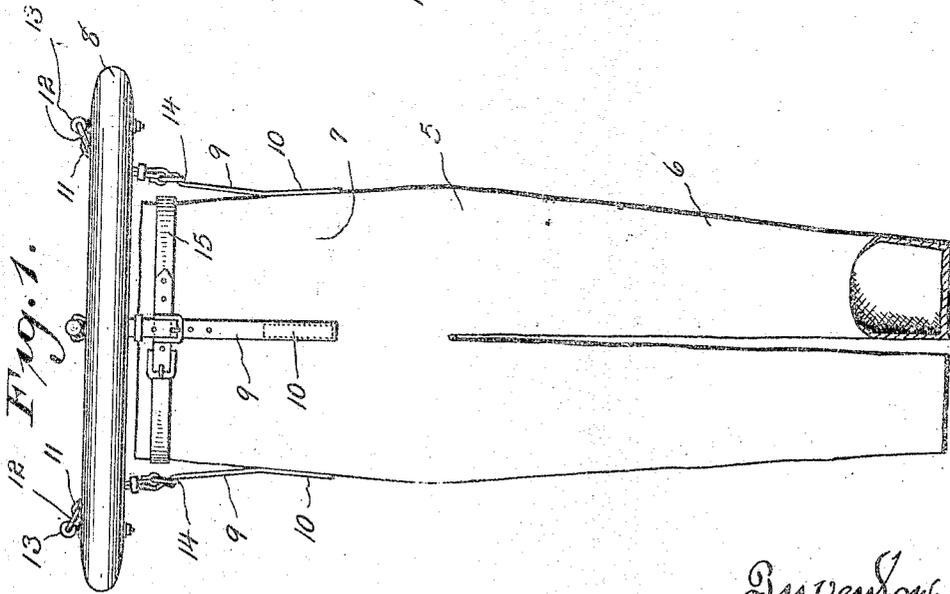
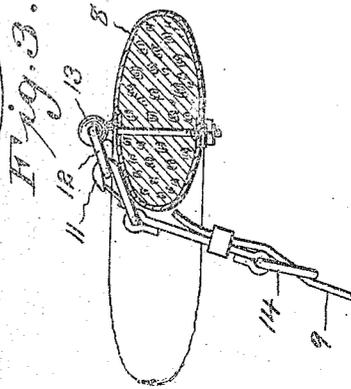
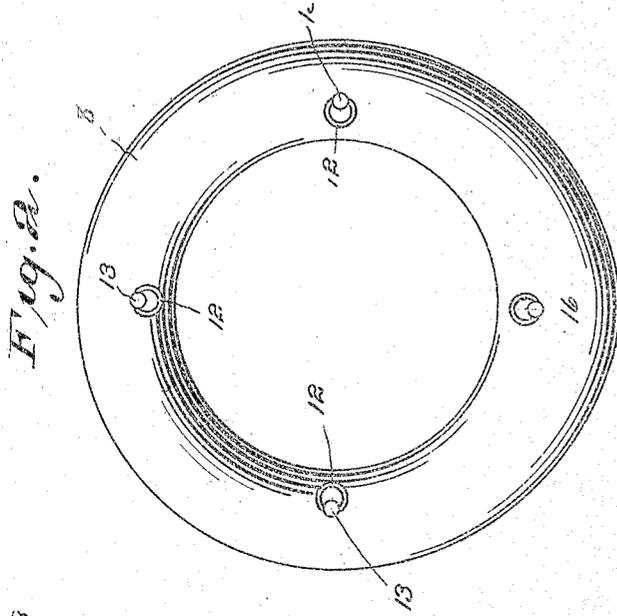


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT STEFANOWSKI, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, but having declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States, and resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Life-Preservers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in life preservers, and refers particularly to that type in which a body receiving member is employed having buoyant means detachably carried thereby.

The primary object of my invention is the provision of a life preserver which will support a person in water for an indefinite period of time; which will to a certain extent protect the body of a person when in the water; and which will be of extremely simple construction and occupy but a small amount of space when not in use, thereby making it desirable from every standpoint.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, my invention resides in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts, substantially as described and claimed herein, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed can be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated one complete example of the physical embodiment of my invention constructed according to the best mode I have so far devised for the practical application of the principles of my invention.

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of my invention, the lower portion of one of the leg receiving members being in section to more clearly illustrate its construction.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the buoyant ring member detached from the body receiving member, and

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view through the buoyant ring member showing a portion of one of the supporting straps and the manner of securing the same with said ring member.

My invention consists essentially in the body receiving member 5 having the leg receiving portions 6 and the upper portion

7 which fits around the waist of a person, and the buoyant ring member 8 adapted to loosely encircle the waist and to be detachably secured to the member 5, by means of the straps 9 secured to the body receiving member at 10, and having on their free ends the clasps 11 adapted to engage the rings 12 secured at intervals around the member 8 by means of the binding bolts 13. To make the straps 9 adjustable, a buckle 14 is employed intermediate the ends of each strap.

Thus it will be seen that to use my device, a person first sees that the straps are all secured to the buoyant member, then steps in the body receiving member, and then tightens the belt 15 of the body receiving member in order to prevent the water from entering the same. This invention as will be readily seen gives a person free use of their limbs and when it is desired to rest the arms, it can be safely done without danger from tilting as the ring member has at its front the enlargement 16 to accommodate any additional weight thrown forward.

It will of course be understood that the member 5 can be made of any desired material such as rubber, canvas or the like, and that the buoyant ring may be made of any material such as cork and the like.

What is claimed is:

1. A life preserver comprising, in combination, a buoyant member, adapted to encircle the body of a person, a waterproof body receiving member, said body receiving member comprising two leg receiving portions and a waist portion, and means for detachably securing said body receiving member to said buoyant member, said means consisting of a series of straps secured to the waist portion of said body receiving member, a series of rings carried by said buoyant member, and clasps on the free ends of said straps and engaging said rings, substantially as described.

2. A life preserver comprising, in combination, a buoyant member adapted to encircle the body of a person, an enlargement on the forward part therefor for accommodating any additional weight caused by the leaning forward of the occupant, a body receiving member, detachably secured to said buoyant member, and means for tightening said body receiving member around the body of the occupant to prevent the entrance of water thereto, substantially as described.

3. A device of the character described comprising, in combination, a buoyant member, a body receiving member, a series of binding bolts secured at intervals around
5 the buoyant member, rings carried by said bolts, a series of adjustable straps carried by said body receiving member, means carried by the free ends of said straps for detachably engaging said rings, and an enlarge-

ment formed on said buoyant member for ac- 10
commodating any additional weight thrown thereon substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wis- 15
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