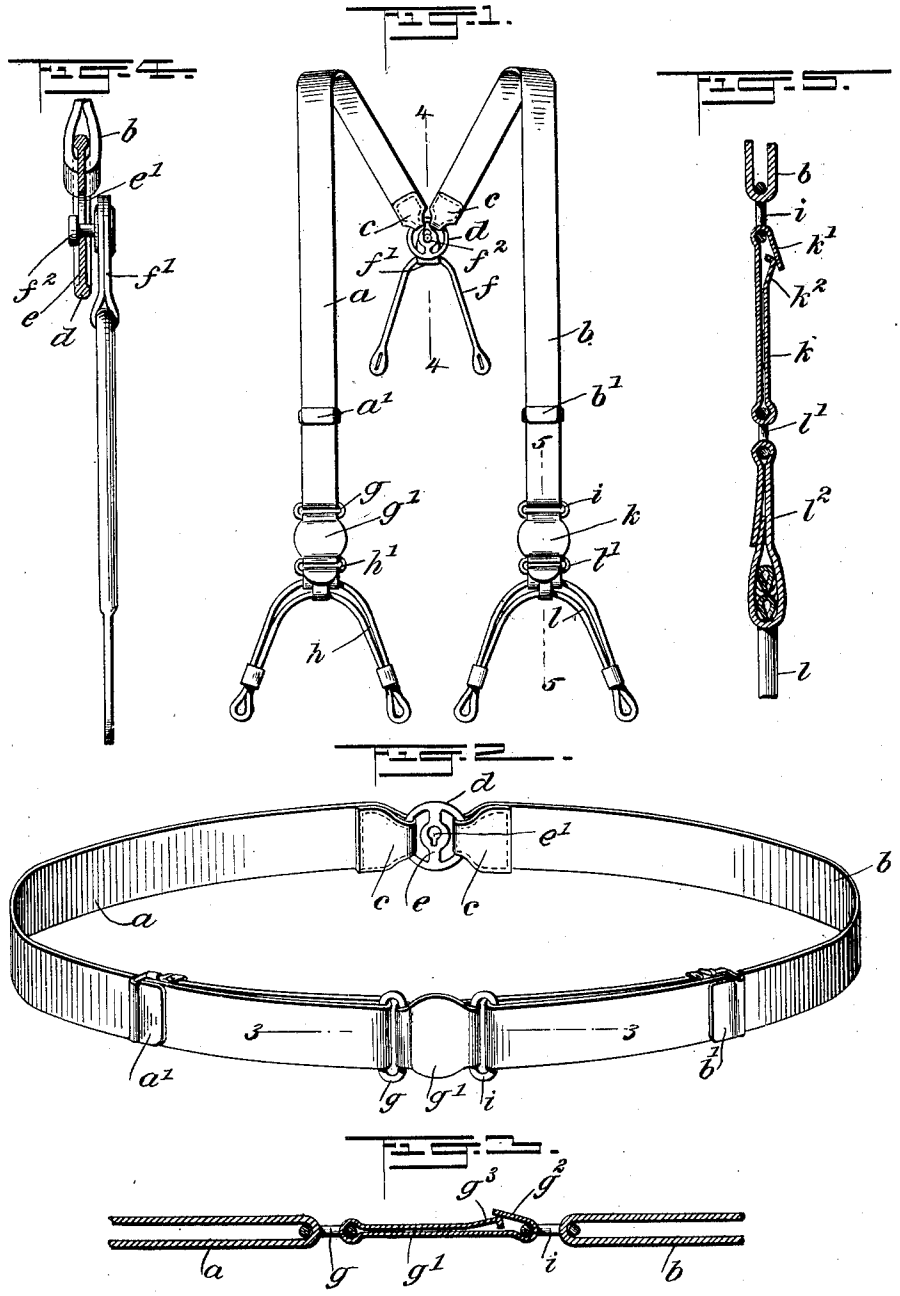
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUES REITER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Suspender-Belt, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to an improvement in those devices which serve as combined suspenders and belts, the devices being readily convertible from one of said articles to the other.

This invention lies in certain novel features of construction improving the general form of the device.

This specification is an exact description of one example of my invention, while the claims define the actual scope thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a view showing the invention adjusted as suspenders. Fig. 2 is a view showing it adjusted as a belt. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 5 is a section on the line 5 5 of Fig. 1.

a and *b* indicate the two straps, forming the shoulder-straps of the suspenders (see Fig. 1) and the two sections of the belt. (See Fig. 2.) Said straps are provided with eyes *c* at their rear ends, and these are engaged with a ring *d*. Said ring has a bar *e* extending diametrically across it, the eyes *c* being located one on each side of the bar, and in said bar is a keyhole-slot *e'*.

f indicates the rear suspender-end, and this is held in a keeper-loop *f'*, which is fitted at its upper end with a headed stud f^2, intended to engage in the keyhole-slot *e'* in the manner shown in Figs. 1 and 4. By this means the suspender-end *f* is connected to the straps *a* and *b* when the device is to be used as suspenders. When the device is to be used as a belt, the stud f^2 is disengaged from the walls of the opening *e'* and the straps *a* and *b* extended out oppositely from each other, as shown in Fig. 2, the ring *d* then serving to connect the straps together.

The straps *a* and *b* have their front ends looped and connected with adjustable buckles *a'* and *b'*, as shown, so that the length of the straps may be regulated at will. The strap *a*, as shown best in Fig. 3, has a flattened eye *g* connected therewith, and this eye *g* carries a clasp or snap-hook *g'*, which hook is permanently connected with the eye and has its bill g^2 and keeper g^3 located at the free end. *h* indicates the suspender-end for the strap *a*, and this is provided with a flattened eye *h'*, adapted to removably engage with the snap-hook *g'* in the manner indicated in Fig. 1, thus assembling the parts as suspenders. The strap *b* carries at its front end a flattened eye *i*, which is adapted removably to engage the bill *k'* of a clasp or snap-hook *k*. This hook *k* has a keeper k^2 coacting with the bill *k'*, and said hook is carried permanently by the keeper l^2 of the suspender-end *l* through the medium of a flattened eye *l'*, the same as the eye *h'*, before described. In Figs. 1 and 5 the parts are shown adjusted for use as suspenders.

In adjusting the device for use as a belt the bill g^2 of the hook *g'* is disengaged from the eye *h'* of the suspender-end *h*. The bill *k'* of the hook *k* is disengaged from the eye *i* of the strap *b*, and the bill of the said hook *g'* is then engaged with the eye *i*, so as to place the parts in the position shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The stud f^2 is disengaged from the bar *e* by moving said stud out of the keyhole-slot *e'*. The suspender-ends being thus removed from the straps should be placed aside during the time that the device is employed as a belt.

It will be seen that with the improved construction which I have provided the device may be transformed either into a belt or suspenders without the least inconvenience and that this construction provides for neat and effective suspenders or a belt. This is particularly so in the case of the belt, since it will be seen by reference to Fig. 2 that when adjusted as a belt the article does not appear to be anything more than such.

Various changes in the form, proportions, and minor details of my invention may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope thereof. Hence I consider myself entitled to all such variations as may lie within the intent of my claims.

Having thus described my invention, I

claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. In a new article of manufacture, the combination with the straps and the means for connecting the rear ends thereof, of a clasp permanently attached to one strap, a suspender-end removably engaged therewith, a second suspender-end, and a clasp permanently connected to the second suspender-end and removably connected to the second strap.

2. In a new article of manufacture, the combination with the straps and the means for connecting the rear ends thereof, of a hook permanently attached to one strap, a suspender-end removably engaged therewith, a second suspender-end, and a hook permanently connected to the second suspender-end and removably connected to the second strap.

3. In a new article of manufacture, the combination with the two straps and the means for connecting the rear ends thereof, of a hook permanently connected to the first strap, a suspender-end, an eye carried thereby and removably engaged with the said hook, an eye connected to the second strap, a second suspender-end, and a hook connected with the suspender-end and removably connected with the eye of the second-named strap.

4. The combination of two straps, front suspender-ends, means for removably carrying said ends at the front ends of the straps, means for removably joining the front ends of the straps together, a ring connecting the rear ends of the straps, a rear suspender-end, having a headed stud, and a bar extending across the ring and having a slot to receive the said headed stud.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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