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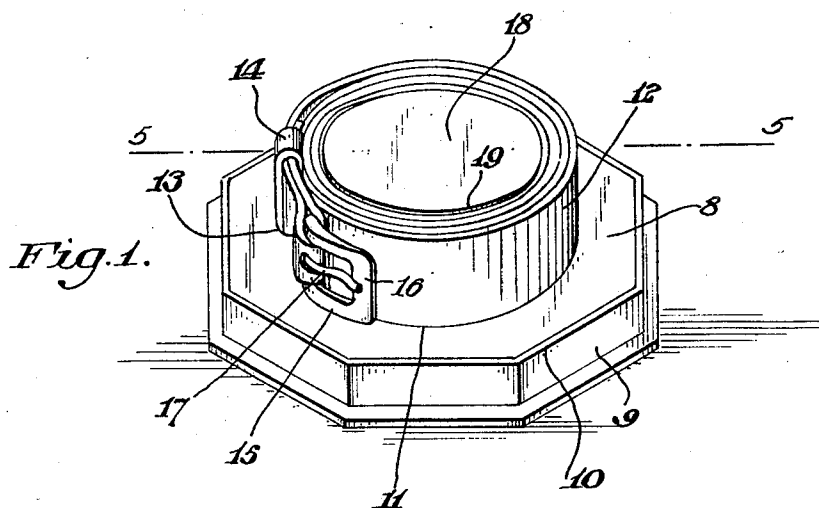
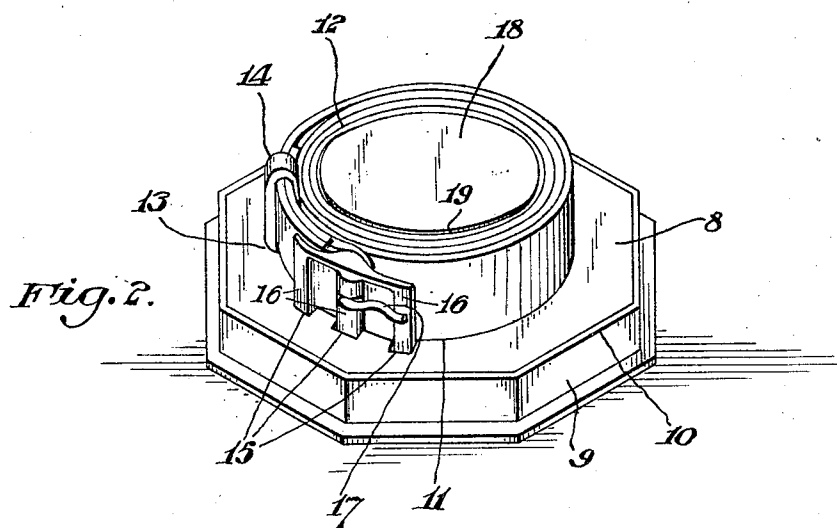
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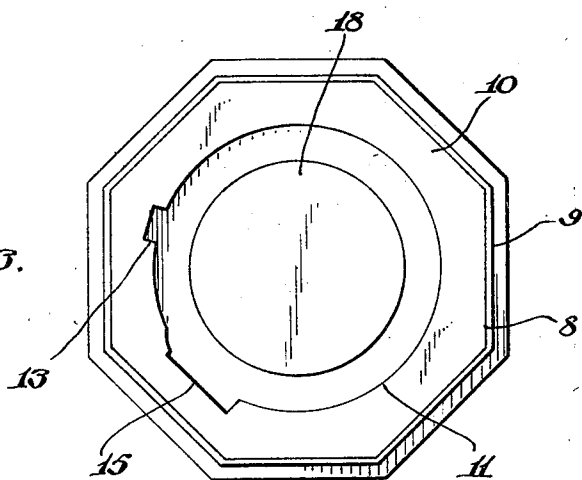


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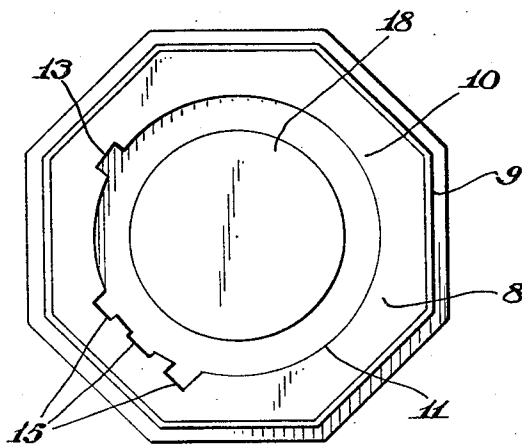
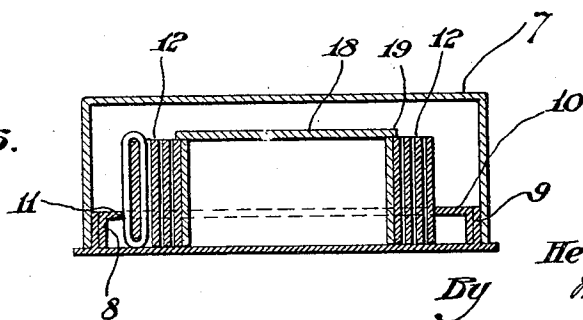


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The invention relates to belt boxes. The object is to provide improved means for securing the belt and buckle in desired relative positions in a suitable box or container both for transportation and display. The invention is especially applicable to leather belts for men's wear having tongue buckles secured thereto.

It has been found that the belts should be packed for transportation and display in a symmetrical coil and should not be sharply bent in any part of its extension, as such sharp bending is likely to give the belt a crease or distortion which detracts from its appearance and thus interferes with its saleability.

It is also desirable that the belt and buckle should be secured in such position in the box or container for attractive display and so that they are not liable to displacement in transportation.

Referring to the drawings which illustrate merely by way of example suitable embodiments of the invention;

Fig. 1 is a perspective of the lower box or container element with the belt and end tongue bar buckle in fixed position.

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a middle tongue bar buckle.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the lower element shown in Fig. 1 with belt and buckle removed.

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the lower element shown in Fig. 2 with belt and buckle removed.

Fig. 5 is a section on line 5, 5 of Fig. 1 showing also the cover.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The box or container comprises an upper element 7 and a lower element 8 adapted to have telescopic relationship. The element 8 is relatively shallow and is provided with a flange 9 substantially flush with its upper or top margin 10. This flange extends inwardly from said margin, and surrounds a central substantially circular opening 11 for accommodating the lower part of the belt 12 in coil formation. In the margin of the flange 9, surrounding the central opening 11, are provided recesses 13 for the loop or loops 14 of the belt, and other recesses 15 for the cross-bars 16 of the buckle. In Fig. 1 the buckle is shown with two cross-bars to one of which is secured the end of the belt

and also the tongue 17. In Fig. 2 the buckle is shown with three cross-bars, to the middle bar of which is secured the end of the belt and also the tongue 17. It will be understood that the inner margin of the flange 9 is recessed to suit the form of buckle used. It will also be understood that the buckle end of the belt forms the outside layer of the coil so that when the belt in coil formation is seated in the central opening 11 the outer layer of the coil will fit snugly against margin of said opening 11, and the loop or loops and the cross-bars of the buckle will project into the recesses provided therefor. In such position the major portion of the outer layer of the coil and of the loop or loops and buckle will be exposed for display.

A central preferably cylindrical formation 18 is provided to fit tightly within the coil of the belt after the belt has been inserted in the central opening 11 with sufficient pressure to hold all the parts in position. This central formation is preferably provided with a peripheral flange 19 at the top for convenient manipulation in inserting and removing the same into and from the coil of belt.

By the means above described the belt with its buckle is firmly secured in desired position in said lower element 8 both for transportation and display.

The upper element or cover 7 is deep enough to receive the greater portion of the belt and buckle which project well above the flange 11 of said shallow element 8 for display. This cover 7 has a telescopic fit with element 8.

These containers or boxes are made in various shapes and attractively covered.

What I claim is:—

1. A belt box for containing a belt with its buckle attached in fixed position for transportation and display including a relatively shallow container element provided with a flange extending from near the top margin of its sides to a central circular opening for receiving the lower edge of the belt in coiled formation, said flange having recesses in its inner margin for receiving the loop of the belt and the cross-bars of the buckle, and means for maintaining the outer layer of the coil in tight engagement with the inner margin of the flange.

2. A belt box for containing a belt with

its buckle attached in fixed position for transportation and display including a relatively shallow container element provided with a flange extending from near the top margin of its sides to a central circular opening for receiving the lower edge of the belt in coiled formation, said flange having recesses in its inner margin for receiving the loop of the belt and the cross-bars of the buckle, and a formation fitting tightly within the coil of the belt for maintaining the outer layer of the coil in tight engagement with the inner margin of the flange.

3. A belt box for containing a belt with its buckle attached in fixed position for transportation and display including a relatively shallow container element provided with a flange extending from near the top margin of its sides to a central circular opening for receiving the lower edge of the belt in coiled formation, said flange having recesses in its inner margin for receiving the loop of the belt and the cross-bars of the buckle, and a flanged cylindrical formation fitting tightly within the coil of the belt for maintaining the outer layer of the coil in tight engagement with the inner margin of the flange.

4. A belt box for containing a belt with its buckle attached in fixed position for

transportation and display including a relatively shallow container element provided with a flange extending from near the top margin of its sides to a central circular opening for receiving the lower edge of the belt in coiled formation leaving the major portion of the belt and buckle exposed to view, said flange having recesses in its inner margin for receiving the loop of the belt and the cross-bars of the buckle, and means for maintaining the outer layer of the coil in tight engagement with the inner margin of the flange.

5. A belt box for containing a belt with its buckle attached in fixed position for transportation and display including a relatively shallow container element provided with a flange extending from near the top margin of its sides to a central circular opening for receiving the lower edge of the belt in coiled formation, said flange having recesses in its inner margin for receiving the loop of the belt and the cross-bars of the buckle, means for maintaining the outer layer of the coil in tight engagement with the inner margin of the flange, and a cover element having telescopic relationship with said shallow element.

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