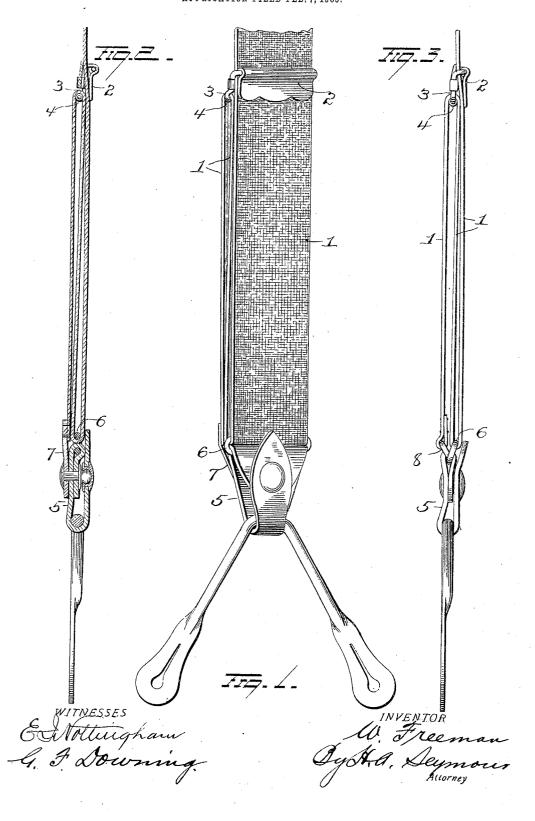
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## SUSPENDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM FREEMAN, a resident of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented 5 certain new and useful Improvements in Suspenders, Braces, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it ap-10 pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in suspenders, braces, and the like, and more particularly to an improved arrangement or disposition of the webbing or tape in sus-15 penders, braces, &c., which will permit of a wide range of adjustment and always present a neat and finished appearance to the article at all adjustments, the object of the invention being to improve upon the construction dis-20 closed in Patent No. 775,749, granted to me November 22, 1904; and the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter described, and 25 pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating one form of my invention. Fig. 2 is a view in longitudinal section thereof; and Fig. 3 is a view in longi-30 tudinal section, illustrating another form of

the device.

1 represents the suspender webs or straps; 2, the adjusting slides or buckles thereon having loops 3 and rollers 4 on said loop portion 35 to reduce friction and consequent wear of the webbing.

5 represents a suspender-end cast-off having a metal loop 6 at its upper end; but I do not restrict myself to the use of this particu-40 lar form of suspender-end, as any other fastening or attaching device may be em-

The webbing passes down between the clamping-jaws of the slide or buckle 2, thence 45 through the loop 6, thence up and through the loop 3 of the buckle or slide, and thence down the outside or rear of the body portion of the webbing, as clearly shown, and has a tab 7 at its lower end secured to the cast-off 50 or other fastening device in any approved manner—such, for instance, as the eyelet

With the form shown in Fig. 3 instead of securing the end of the webbing or tab di-55 rectly to the fastening or attaching device the

latter has a second loop 8 at its upper end, to which the web is secured.

The buckle or slide 2 is not secured to the webbing except by its clamping-jaws and by the webbing passed through its loop 3 and 60 can be freely adjusted longitudinally of the webbing to lengthen or shorten the suspender.

By forming the end of each body portion or shoulder-strap into a series of web-sections connected with the cast-off or other fastening or 65 attaching device and passing through and folded through the buckles or adjusting-loops, as above explained, a wide range of adjustment is afforded with a comparatively slight movement of the slide or buckle. In this way a suffi- 70 cient adjustment can be secured without the necessity of moving the buckles or slides over the shoulders of the wearer, as is often found necessary with suspenders in common use.

Slight changes might be made in the general 75 form and arrangement of the parts described without departing from my invention, and hence I do not restrict myself to the precise details set forth, but consider myself at liberty to make such slight changes and altera- 80 tions as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of my invention.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters

Patent, is-

1. A device of the character described comprising a webbing, a slide thereon, said webbing formed into a loop below the slide and then passed through the slide and downwardly behind the loop formed by the webbing, an at- 90 taching device connected with the loop of the webbing and means for permanently connecting the end of the webbing behind the loop, with said attaching device behind the same.

2. A device of the character described, com- 95 prising a webbing, a slide thereon, the webbing formed into a loop below the slide, a cast-off connected with said loop, the webbing, after forming said loop being passed through the slide and then downwardly behind the 100 loop of the webbing, and a device permanently connecting the end of the webbing to the cast-off behind the same.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscrib- 105 ing witnesses.

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