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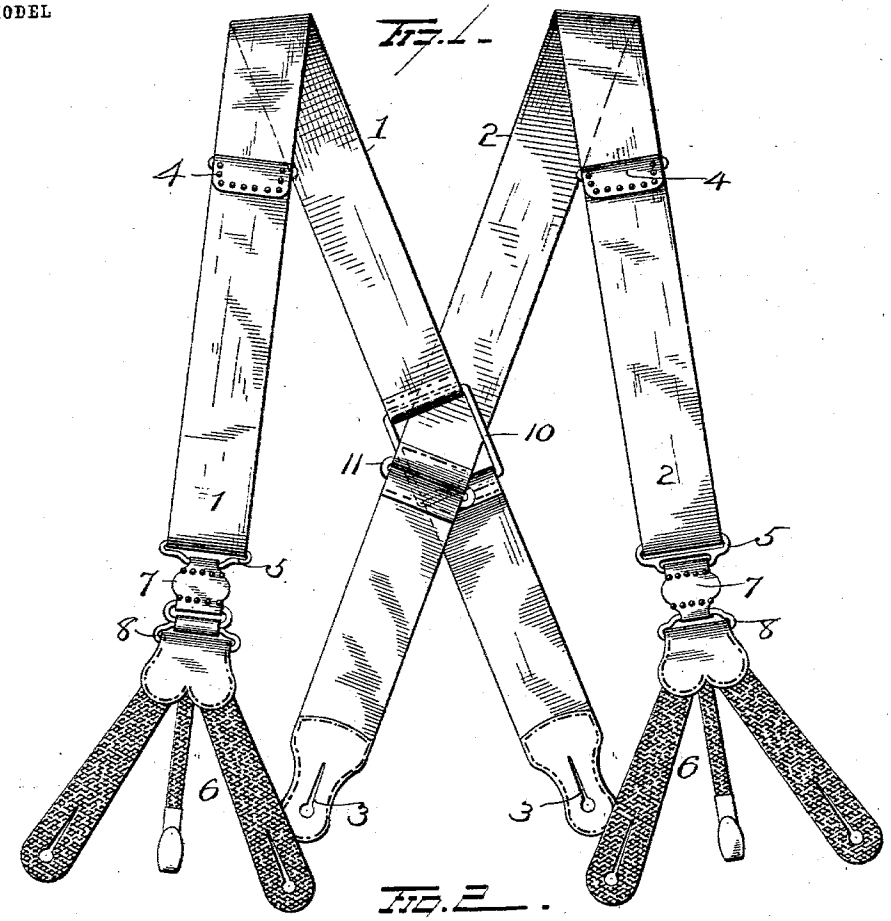
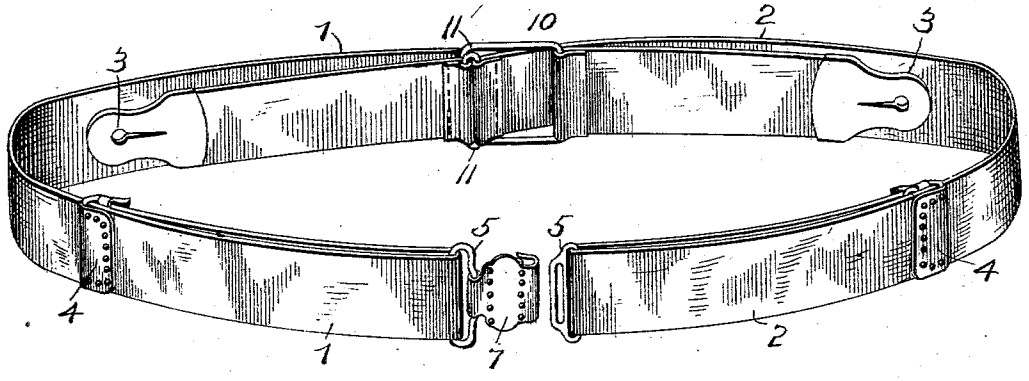


FIG. 2.



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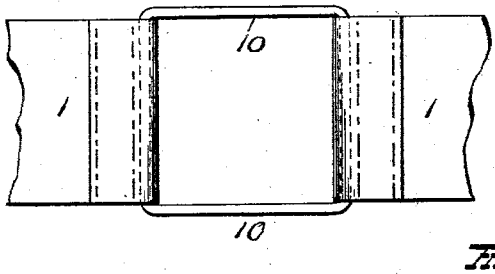


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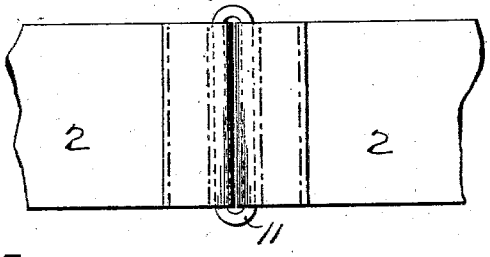


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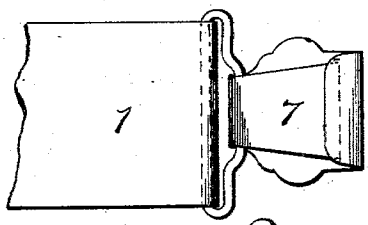


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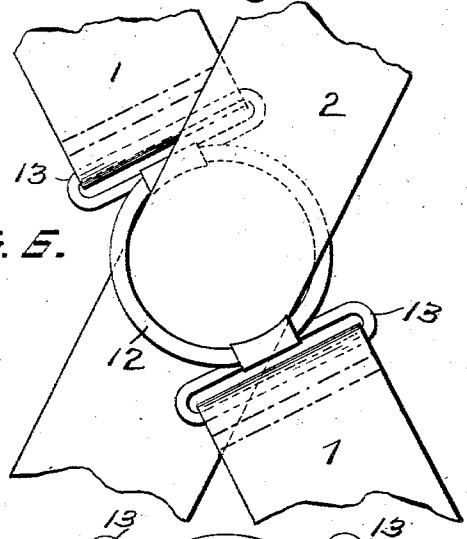
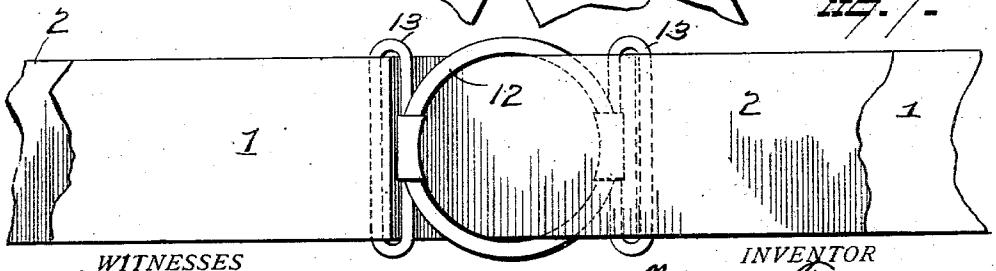


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SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 740,265, dated September 29, 1903.

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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 certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Suspender and Belt; 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 appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improved combined suspender and belt, the object of the invention being to provide improvements of this character in which one strap of the suspenders is entirely independent of the other and is passed completely through the same to permit one strap to turn freely within the other and rest parallel therewith when employed as a belt.

The object is to have a pair of suspenders made up in the ordinary form either wholly of elastic web, wholly non-elastic web, or a combination of elastic and non-elastic webs that will answer and can be placed on the body as the ordinary suspenders and at the same time can by adjustment of the parts be called into use as a belt.

The principal feature of the construction is that one member or strap of the suspenders is passed completely through the other member or strap in such manner as to allow both members to become parallel and be used in that position as a belt around the body. The length of the belt is to be adjusted in two different ways—first, by the ordinary slide-buckle on each member of the suspenders, and, second, by bringing the back buttonhole of both members forward on the waistband of the trousers and fastening them on the button of the trousers usually found at the side and in the front of the trousers. When the trousers-buttons are on the inside of the band, this second adjustment cannot be resorted to, and a loop or enlargement is provided on one member to prevent its being drawn through the opening in the other, as will hereinafter appear, and in such case the length of the belt will be adjusted by means of the slide-buckles.

With these objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view illustrating my improvements in use as a suspender. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing it as a belt. Figs. 3, 4, and 5 are views illustrating various details of construction, and Figs. 6 and 7 are views of a modification.

1 and 2 represent the shoulder-straps. One end of each strap is reinforced and made with a buttonhole 3 to receive the rear buttons on the trousers, and the forward ends of the straps are provided with adjusting slide-buckles 4 and metal loops 5, to which the suspender-ends 6 are connected by cast-offs or clips 7. One of these cast-offs or clips 7 is permanently attached to the loop 8 on the suspender-end and removably connected to the loop 5 of strap 2, while the other cast-off is permanently attached to the loop 5 of the strap 1 and removably attached to the loop 8 of the suspender-end, so as to engage the loop 5 of strap 2 when the device is used as a belt and form a connecting-buckle therefor.

The strap 1 is made in two sections connected by an open wire link 10. This link is preferably of the general rectangular shape shown, of greater width than the strap to permit strap 2 to pass freely therethrough and have free longitudinal movement, and is of greater length than the width of strap 2 to permit strap 2 to be turned therein without twisting.

To use my improvements as a belt, strap 2 is turned completely around in link 10 and lies parallel with strap 1, the rear ends of both straps being inside, and strap 2 is made with a cross-bar or loop 11 of greater length than the width of link 10 to engage the latter and prevent strap 2 from being pulled entirely out of the link when used as a belt and when the ends of the straps are not attached to the buttons of the trousers. If desired, however, the straps can be buttoned onto the trousers-buttons, and thus assist in holding the belt and trousers together, shorten the belt, and prevent possibility of the ends becoming seen.

In the modification shown in Figs. 6 and 7 I have illustrated a frame 12, connecting the

sections of strap 1. This frame comprises a ring through which strap 2 freely passes, and loops 13 are made integral with opposite sides of the ring for the attachment of the strap-sections.

It will be seen that with both forms of my invention one strap passes entirely through the other, and the opening to permit this passage may be made in various ways, and I wish it understood that I do not confine myself to any particular shape or construction of device to provide this passage, but wish to cover any device or manner of forming the opening which will permit one strap or member to pass completely or in its entirety through the other to dispose the ends of both straps inside without twisting the straps, and various changes might be made in the general form and arrangement of parts described without departing from my invention, and hence I do not confine myself to the precise details set forth, but consider myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations 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 combined suspender and belt, comprising two straps, one extending wholly through the other and freely movable in all directions relatively thereto.

2. A combined suspender and belt, comprising two straps, one extending through the other and freely movable in all directions relatively thereto, and means at both ends of both straps for permitting attachment to the trousers.

3. A combined suspender and belt comprising a strap provided between its ends with a loop and another strap passing through said loop and freely movable in all directions relatively thereto and adapted to be disposed parallel with the first-mentioned strap.

4. A combined suspender and belt comprising a strap having an opening between its ends, said opening closed on all sides, and another strap passing through and freely movable in all directions in said opening.

5. In a combined suspender and belt, the combination of two straps, one strap comprising two sections connected by an open link, and the other strap extending through and freely movable in all directions in the link.

6. In a combined suspender and belt, the combination of two straps, one strap comprising two sections connected by a link and the other strap extending through and freely movable in all directions in this link, and a loop or enlargement on this latter strap to prevent its being accidentally removed from the link.

7. In a combined suspender and belt, the combination with two straps having buttonholes at their rear ends for attachment to the trousers-buttons, metal loops at the other ends of the straps, cast-offs or clips connected with said loops, one clip permanently attached to one loop and one suspender-end removably engaged with the clip, a second suspender-end, the other clip permanently connected to the second suspender-end removably connected to the second loop, the first clip and second loop serving as a belt-buckle, and one of said straps passed in its entirety, through the other and freely movable in all directions therein.

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

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