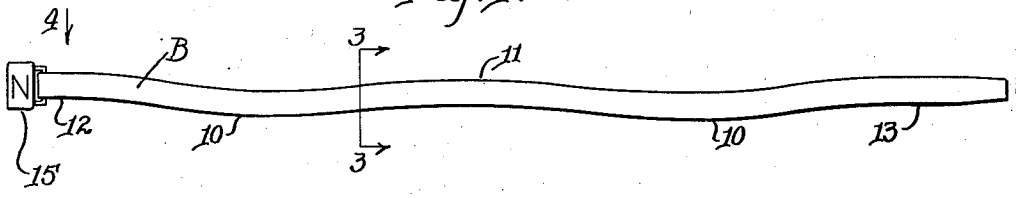
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Fig. 1.



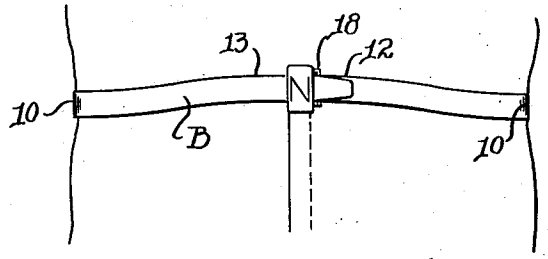
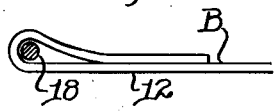


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to belts as used in the support of garments and particularly in supporting men's trousers, bathing trunks or shorts.

It is the general object of my invention to provide a belt which will give more efficient support to such garments and which will prevent the objectionable sag of the waistline at the front which is frequently observed.

To the attainment of this general object, I provide a belt formed of such material that it is relatively stiff edgewise or vertically when in use but at the same time is flexible sidewise or horizontally. I also provide a belt which is shaped to provide depressed portions at the hips and raised portions at the front and back of the belt when in operative position.

My invention further relates to arrangements and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter described and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

A preferred form of my invention is shown in the drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a plan view of my improved belt;

Fig. 2 is a front elevation showing the belt in position for use;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail sectional view, taken along the line 3—3 in Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary plan view, looking in the direction of the arrow 4 in Fig. 1.

My improved belt may be made of any material which is relatively stiff edgewise while at the same time it is freely flexible transversely. Certain forms of plastic sheet material are particularly well adapted for use in the construction of my improved belt but other materials having the above-defined characteristics may be used. If the belt is made of plastic, the sheet material should be of substantial thickness, as indicated in Fig. 3, so that it may have sufficient edgewise stiffness.

A very important feature of my invention resides in the particular contour of the belt, as viewed in plan and as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

My improved belt B may be described as of serpentine outline, with depressed portions 10, a middle raised portion 11, and raised end portions 12 and 13. The end 12 may be provided with a buckle 15 or other suitable fastening device, and the end 13 may be slightly tapered at its edges to facilitate insertion in the buckle.

The buckle may be secured to the end portion 12 by heating the plastic, bending it around the link portion 18 of the buckle 15 and cementing or otherwise securing the bent portion to the back surface of the belt.

Preferably the end portions 12 and 13 are raised or offset slightly more than the middle portion 11, but all three portions 11, 12 and 13 are raised substantially above the depressed portions 10.

When the belt is placed in operative position, as shown in Fig. 2, the depressed portions 10 rest on the hips of the wearer and the raised portions 11, 12 and 13 resist the usual sagging of the waistband at the front and back, thus much improving the appearance of the garment and its wearer.

It will be noted that the improved result depends not only upon the serpentine contour or outline of the belt, but also upon the use of sheet material which is of sufficient stiffness edgewise so that the support of the depressed portions 10 on the wearer's hips will be transmitted to the raised portions 11, 12 and 13 and to the front and back portions of any associated garment.

Having thus described my invention and the advantages thereof, I do not wish to be limited to the detials herein disclosed, otherwise than as set forth in the claims, but what I claim is:

1. A garment supporting belt of substantially uniform width throughout its length and having relatively depressed hip-engaging side portions and having relatively raised garment supporting front and back portions when the belt is in operative position on the wearer, said belt being flexible transversely and being of substantial stiffness edgewise.

2. A garment supporting belt made of sheet material which is flexible transversely but of substantial stiffness against edgewise deformation, said belt being of substantially uniform width throughout its length and having its front and back garment supporting upper edge portions substantially raised above the remaining upper edge portions of said belt and having its hip-engaging lower edge portions substantially depressed below the remaining lower edge portions of said belt when the belt is in operative position on the wearer.

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