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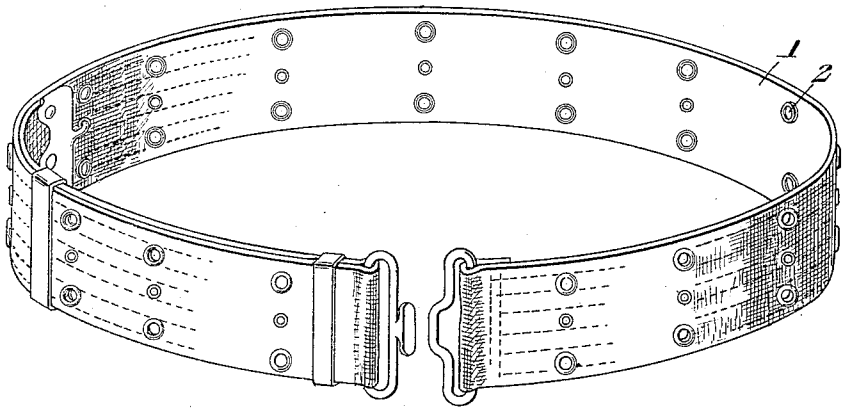
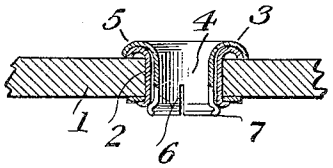


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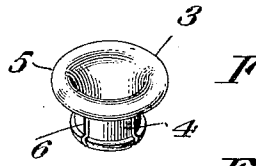


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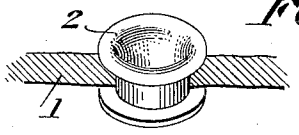


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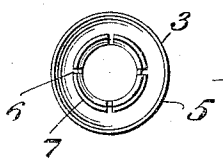


Fig. 5.

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This invention relates to attachments for military belts and has for the primary object, the provision of a device of the above stated character which is in the form of an auxiliary eyelet removably secured to the ordinary eyelet of the belt so that it may be detached for cleaning and polishing and replaced so that soiling of the belt is obviated and thereby permitting the belt to more readily meet with military inspection.

With this and other objects in view, this invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

For a complete understanding of my invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a military belt to which auxiliary eyelets constructed in accordance with my invention are applied.

Figure 2 is a detail sectional view illustrating the auxiliary eyelet applied to the ordinary eyelet in the belt.

Figure 3 is a perspective view illustrating the auxiliary eyelet.

Figure 4 is a perspective view partly in section showing the ordinary eyelet.

Figure 5 is a bottom plan view of the auxiliary eyelet.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numeral 1 indicates a military belt which is provided with a series of metallic eyelets 2 which must be kept clean and polished in order to meet with military inspection and to clean and polish such eyelets requires considerable labor and time and also the possibility of injuring and soiling the material of the belt and to overcome these disadvantages, auxiliary eyelets 3 constructed in accordance with my invention are inserted in the eyelets 2 and when applied present to the belt its ordinary appearance so as to meet military requirements.

Each of the auxiliary eyelets 3 is preferably constructed of a metal easily polished and consists of a tubular body 4 having formed upon one end a rounded flange 5 adapted to fit over the ordinary eyelet upon the outer face of the belt. The body 4 is provided with a plurality of slots 6 to permit the body to expand and contract so that the same will readily snap into the body of the ordinary eyelet as shown in Figure 2. The end of the body 4 from the flange 5 is crimped or offset to form a beading 7 engageable with the end of the ordinary eyelet which is located on the inner face of the belt. When it is necessary to clean the eyelets so as to meet with military inspection, the auxiliary eyelets 3 can be readily removed, polished and replaced thereby obviating the possibility of soiling or injuring the material of the belt.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that minor changes in construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, as claimed.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. In combination with a belt having metallic eyelets, auxiliary eyelets removably mounted in the eyelets of the belt and covering the latter and capable of being removed for cleaning and polishing.

2. In combination with a military belt having a series of main eyelets, auxiliary metallic eyelets removably secured in the main eyelets and covering the latter and capable of being removed therefrom for cleaning and polishing.

3. An auxiliary eyelet comprising a tubular body having slots extending through one end to permit contraction and expansion of the body so that the latter may be inserted into an ordinary eyelet, a curved marginal flange at one end of the body to overlie the main eyelet, and a beading formed on the body adjacent the other end thereof to engage one end of the main eyelet.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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