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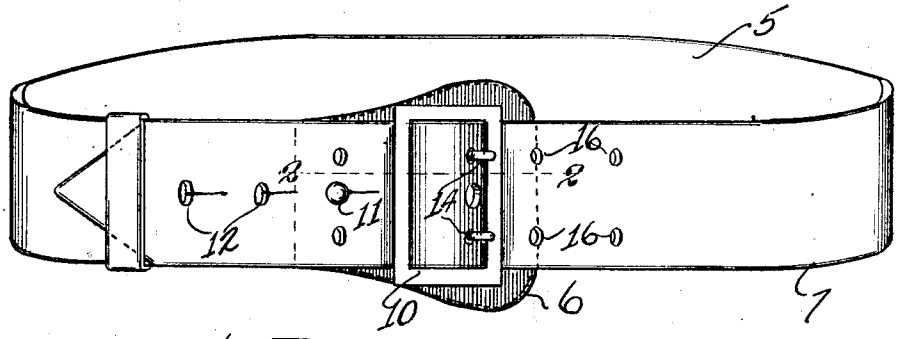


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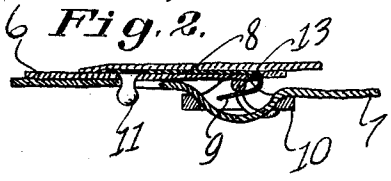


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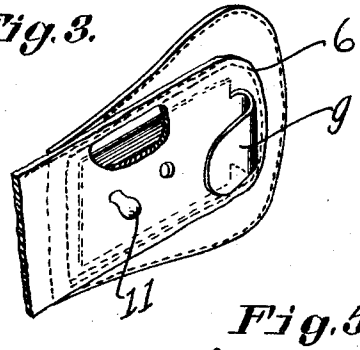


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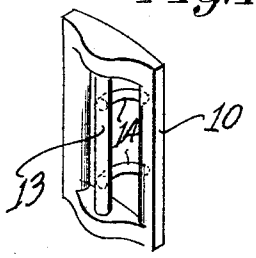
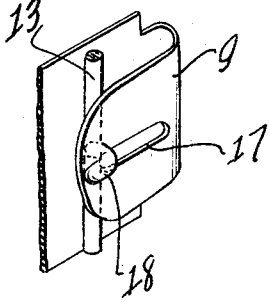


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to improvements in belts and has particular reference to a fastening means whereby the belt may be readily fastened and unfastened without injuring the belt.

A further object of this invention is to produce a device which is economical to manufacture.

A still further object is to produce a device which is neat in appearance and one which will not detract from the appearance of the belt.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a belt having my invention applied thereto,

Figure 2 is a fragmentary cross sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the hook portion of the belt,

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the buckle, and

Figure 5 is a fragmentary perspective view of the modified form of hook.

At the present time it is common to employ a buckle having one or more prongs, which prongs are projected through openings in the belt and it is therefore necessary to bend the belt upon itself in order to thread it through the buckle. This bending each time the belt is buckled and unbuckled causes the grain of the leather to bend with the result that an unsightly appearance occurs. It is my intention to produce a device wherein this bending of the leather a large number of times is eliminated.

Referring to Figure 1 the numeral 5 designates the belt as a whole having ends 6 and 7. To the end of 6 I secure my invention, which consists of a plate 8 secured thereto in parallel relation and having a bent end 9. This bent end projects through a slot formed in the belt (see Figure 2). Riveted to the plate 8 is a stud 11, which stud is adapted to project through openings 12 formed in the end 7 of the belt. At 10 I have shown a buckle having a usual cross piece 13 and prongs 14. These prongs are adapted to project through openings 16 punched in the end 7 of the belt.

In the modified form shown in Figure 5, the construction is exactly the same with the exception that the end 9 has a slot 17 formed therein so that a hook 18 carried upon the bar 13 may be passed through the slot to further retain the same in position. This arrangement would prevent the accidental unhooking of the belt as might possibly occur under unusual circumstances.

The manner of employing my device is as follows:—

The buckle 10 is placed upon the end 7, the plate 8 is secured to the end 6 in the manner shown in Figure 3. By now hooking the bar 13 of the buckle 10 into the hook 9 of the plate 8 the two ends of the belt will be held in the adjusted position and then the stud 11 may be forced through one of the openings 12 and the buckling operation has been completed.

From the foregoing description in the accompanying drawings, it will be apparent that I have devised a simple and economical belt attachment that will satisfactorily perform objects above set forth.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same and that various changes relative to the material, size, shape and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claim.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

In a device of the character described, a belt having a buckle secured to one end thereof and having a bar upon its rear side, a plate secured to the opposite end of said belt, said plate being in a plane parallel to the end of the belt to which it is attached, said plate having a curved hook formed integral therewith and adapted to engage said bar and a stud secured to said plate and projecting through both ends of the belt for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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