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FIG. 1.

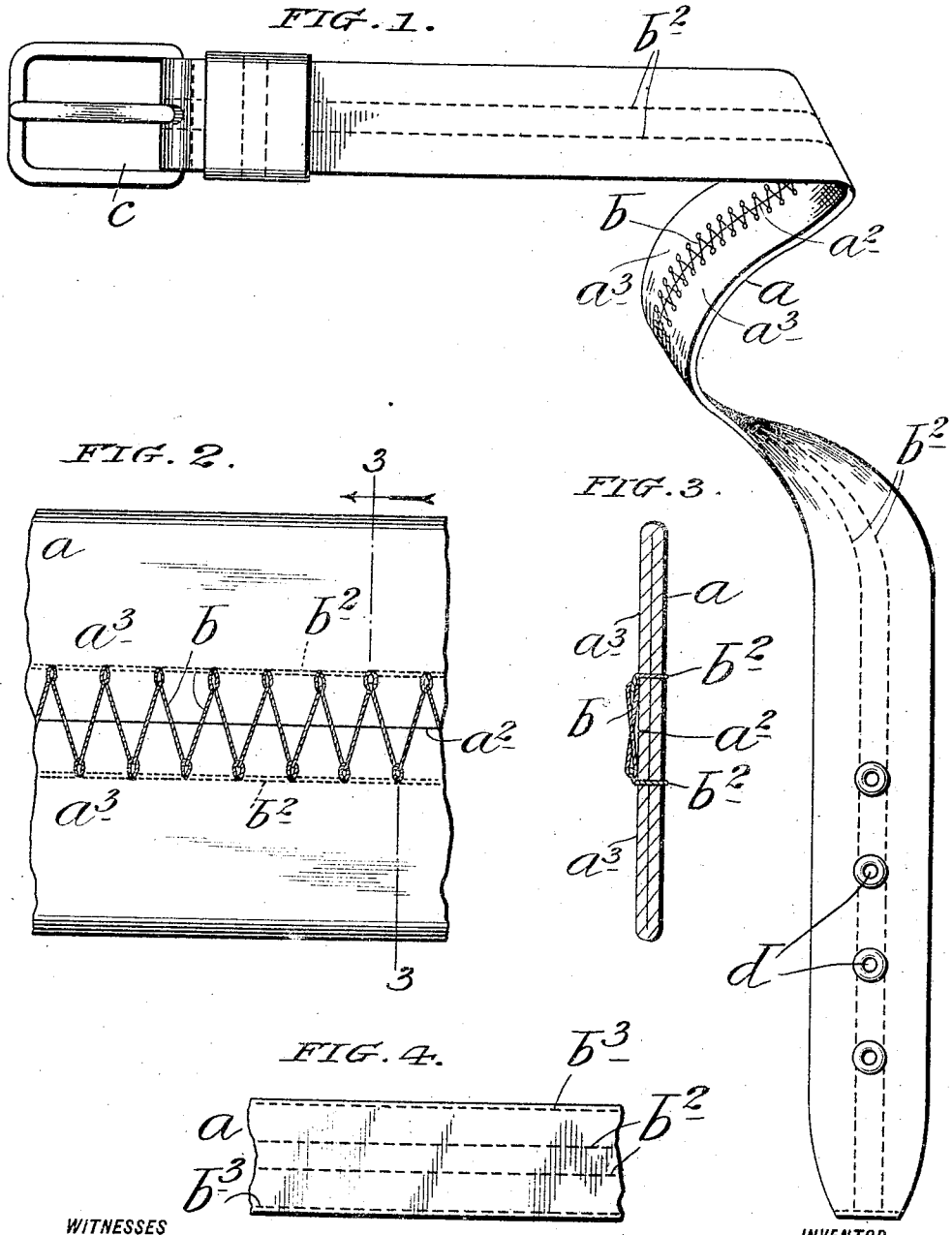


FIG. 2.

FIG. 3.

FIG. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM SUSSELES, a citizen of the United States, and residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belts, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to belts of the class worn by ladies and gentlemen, and the object thereof is to provide an improved belt of this class, and of the form known as tubular belts, in which the belt is formed from a single strip of leather or other suitable material folded longitudinally so as to bring the opposite side edges thereof together, said edges being stitched or otherwise secured together, and the belt being flattened out so that the line of stitching by which the side edges of the belt strap are secured together will be on the inner side of the belt; a further object being to provide a belt of this class in which the opposite sides, or front and back portions, of the belt are secured together without the use of gumming or sealing material, this result, in my improvement, being accomplished by parallel rows of stitching which extend longitudinally of the belt and through the opposite sides or front and back portions thereof, whereby said opposite sides or front and back portions of the belt are secured together.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a belt made according to my invention. Fig. 2 an inside view on an enlarged scale of a part of the belt. Fig. 3 a cross section on the line 3, 3 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 a back or outside view of a part of my improved belt on the same scale as Fig. 1 and showing additional stitching.

In the practice of my invention I form the belt *a* from a strip of flexible material, preferably leather, and this strip is folded longitudinally and the edges thereof brought together as shown at a^2. The edges of the strip of material are connected by zig zag or lace stitches *b*, and at the same time two parallel rows of stitches b^2 are formed which extend entirely through the belt or through the opposite sides, or the front and back portions thereof. This operation is performed by means of a particularly designed machine of well known construction and operation and in practice the said machine is provided with a folder through which the strip of leather or other material is passed, and this folder folds the strip, and the said strip is fed through the machine in the operation thereof and the stitches *b* and b^2 are formed at a single operation.

With my improvement it is unnecessary to paste the opposite sides of the belt together as the parallel rows of stitching b^2 will securely connect the opposite sides, or front and back portions of the belt, and if sufficiently stiff, or heavy, material is employed the belt will be given the required firmness.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a form of a belt, or a part thereof in which supplemental lines of stitching b^3 are employed between the lines b^2 and the edges of the belt and these lines of stitching b^3 may be placed closely adjacent to the edges of the belt if desired.

Although I have described my improved belt as formed in a particular manner, and by means of a machine so constructed that it will fold the strip from which the belt is made and form the stitches *b* and b^2, my invention is not necessarily limited to this particular method of making the same, nor the use of any particular machine but consists in the belt made as described and hereinafter claimed.

The belt *a*, as shown is provided at one end with a buckle *c*, and at the opposite side with eyelets *d*, by which the belt may be secured around the waist, but my invention is not limited to any particular means for connecting the ends of the belt, and suspenders and other forms of straps may be made in the same manner and within the scope of my invention.

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

1. A belt or strap composed of a strip of flexible material folded longitudinally to bring the side edges together, the meeting edges being connected by zigzag or lace stitching which extends across the same, and the front and back portions or opposite sides of the belt being connected adjacent to said meeting edges by parallel rows of stitching interlocked with said zigzag or lace stitching.

2. A belt composed of a strip of flexible ma-

terial folded longitudinally to bring the side edges together, the meeting edges being connected by zigzag or lace stitching which extends across the same, and the front and back portions or opposite sides of the belt being connected adjacent to said meeting edges by parallel rows of stitching interlocked with said zigzag or lace stitching, said belt being also provided with supplemental parallel rows of stitching adjacent to the opposite side edges thereof and by which the front and back portions of the belt are connected.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of the subscribing witnesses this 20th day of September 1907.

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