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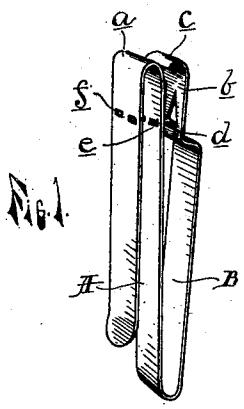


Fig. 1.

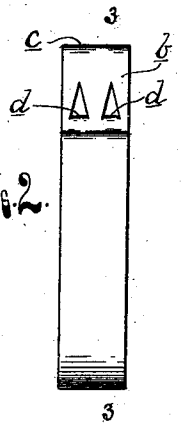


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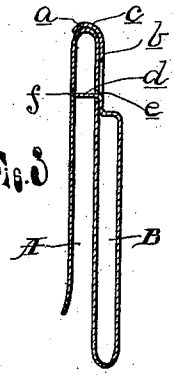
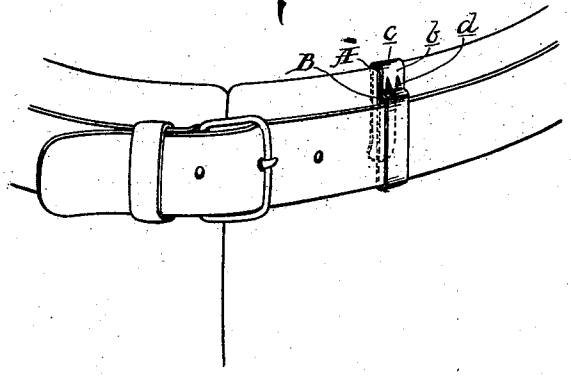


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. SCHRUM, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belt-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to an improved belt-holder; and its object is to provide a cheap and durable loop for holding an ordinary belt from moving up and down relative to the garment beneath and which may be readily attached to or detached from the garment and belt, and to this end a double loop is formed from a strip of sheet metal, one loop to engage the waistband of the trousers and the other to engage the belt, the top of the belt-loop being bent to snap over the top of the waistband-loop to hold the belt-loop closed, and spurs are struck up from the side of the belt-loop, which spurs are adapted to project through openings in the sides of the waistband-loop and through the fabric to prevent the device from becoming detached therefrom; and a further object is to provide the device with certain other details of construction, all of which are hereinfter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying my invention, showing the belt-loop open. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same; Fig. 3, a longitudinal section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2, showing belt-loop closed; and Fig. 4 is a view showing the device in use.

The holder is formed of a long strip of sheet metal bent to form the loops A and B, the loop A having an open end to receive the waistband of the trousers. The upper end or portion *b* of the loop B is bent inward to meet the side of the loop A to close the upper end of said loop B, said end being formed with a curved portion forming a hook *c*, which is adapted to spring into engagement with the upper rounded end *a* of the loop A and form a snap to hold the loop B closed. From the portion *b* are struck the spurs *d*, which project at right angles thereto, and when the hook *c* is engaged with the end *a* these spurs extend through openings *e* in the side of the loop A and across the loop into the openings *f* in the opposite side thereof.

The holders may be first secured to the trousers by slipping the loop A over the waistband and then forcing the spurs through the fabric until the hook *c* snaps over the end *a* and the belt then run endwise through the loop B, or the belt may be inserted sidewise into the top of the loop B by springing the upper end of said loop outward to disengage the spurs from the openings *e* and the holder then secured to the trousers as before.

Any desired number of these holders may be used to support the belt and being of metal they will not wear out or break nor will they become accidentally detached or tear the fabric, as the spurs extend completely through the waistband and are supported at their inner ends or points in the openings *f*. I thus secure a light, cheap, and durable loop which is easily attached to the trousers or removed therefrom and into which the belt may be inserted in the ordinary way or edgewise.

I may in order to prevent the spurs *d* coming in contact with the body of the wearer dispense with the openings *f*, although I find that by supporting the inner ends of said spurs in the openings there is less danger of their becoming bent.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A belt-holder formed of a single piece of material and comprising oppositely-disposed loops, the upper end portion of one of which is bent inward to meet the side of the other loop to close its upper end and formed with a curved portion constituting a hook constructed to spring into engagement with the upper rounded end of the other loop, substantially as shown and described.

2. A belt-holder formed of a single piece of material and comprising oppositely-disposed loops, the upper end portion of which is bent inward to meet the side of the other loop to close its upper end and formed with a curved portion constituting a hook constructed to spring into engagement with the

upper rounded end of the other loop, said inward-bent portion being formed with spurs to extend across the other loop.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, a belt-holder comprising in a single element two oppositely-disposed loops, one of which has an open end, the other loop having an inward bend at right angles to the length of the loop and a portion extending from said bend parallel with the portion between the two loops with spurs adjacent to said bend and beyond said spurs with a portion curved to engage the rounded end of the upper loop and to snap thereover, the outer wall of the upper loop and the intermediate portion being provided with coincident openings through which said spurs pass to project across the upper loop in proximity to its bend, all substantially as herein shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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