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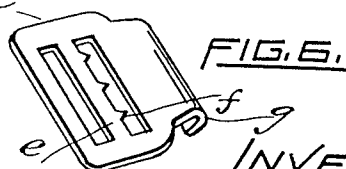
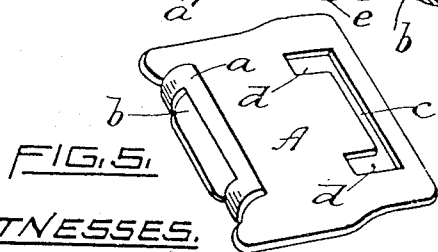
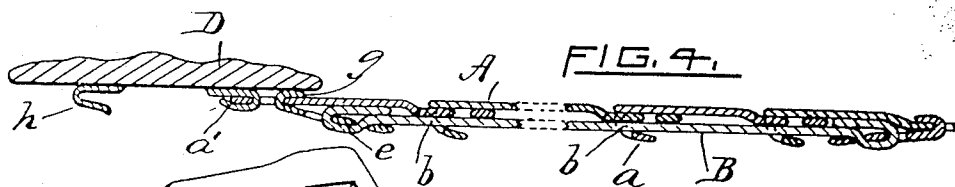
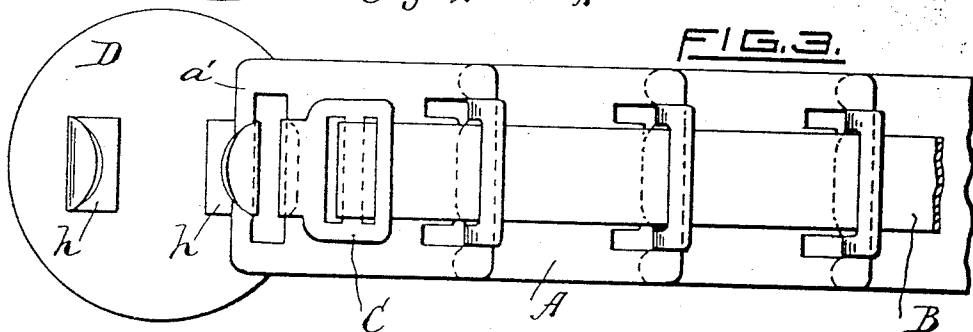
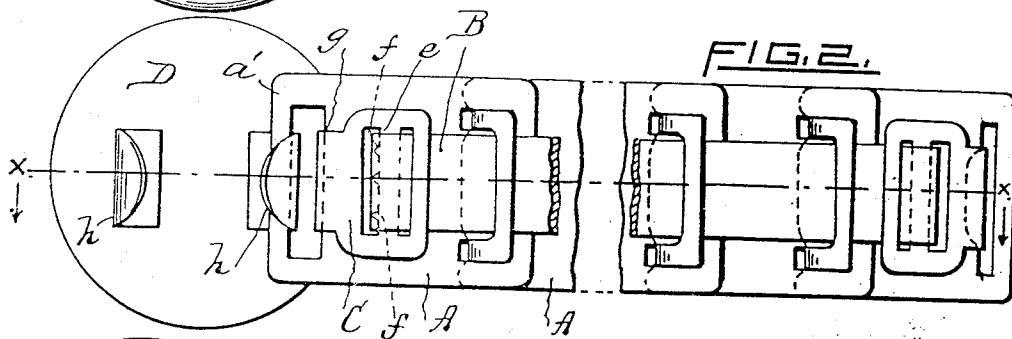
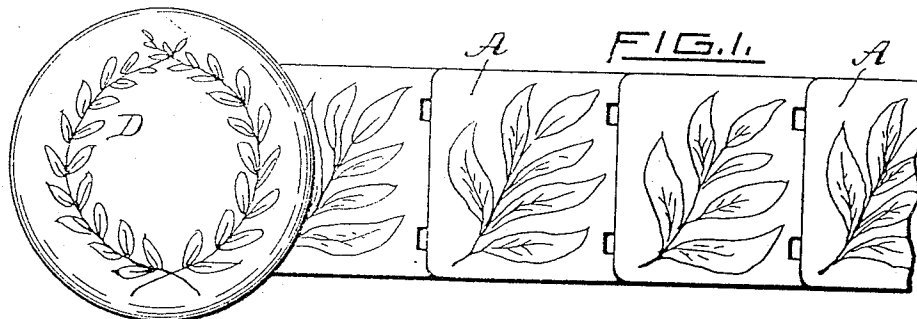
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT G. SAART, a citizen of the United States, residing at Attleboro, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Girdles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to girdles having expansive qualities and adapted to facile adjustability to accommodate itself to the varied dimensions of a variety of wearers. Its objects are to attain the ends above suggested without involving any disclosure of the elastic means after the girdle is applied to the body in extended position. An additional purpose is to furnish a readily-adjustable and perfectly-secure means of retaining the ends of the elastic member.

To the above ends my invention consists in the novel structure and combination of parts hereinafter set forth, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a length of my new girdle; Fig. 2, a rear elevation of the girdle in contracted position with intermediate portions thereof broken away; Fig. 3, a similar view of a girdle-section in expanded position; Fig. 4, a longitudinal section of the girdle on line *x x* of Fig. 2; Fig. 5, a detail view of one of the links, and Fig. 6 a similar view of one of the elastic buckles.

Like reference-letters indicate like parts throughout the views.

My new girdle comprises a series of slidably-interlocked links *A*, connected by an elastic webbing *B*. In detail each plate *A* has preferably a nearly-rectangular body with an ornamental face. An oblong inwardly-curved hook *a* projects rearwardly from one of the margins of each plate and is provided with a vertical slot *b*. Near its opposite margin each plate has an oblong perforation *c*, which is converted at its extremities into inwardly-directed cuts which form pockets *d* at right angles to the opening *c*. The links *A* are joined in series by engaging their hooks *a* through the perforations *c* of each link, the hooks being in each case rearwardly directed. An

elastic webbing *B* is passed through the slots *b* of the hooks *a*, thereby engaging each link of the series and imparting an elastic character to the entire girdle.

The ends of the webbing *B* are frictionally engaged with hook members *C*. Each of these members has in its shank two parallel openings which form a bar *e*, with marginal prongs *f*. One edge of the shank is bent to form a lip *g*. The end of the webbing *B* is passed through the openings in the shank and over the bar *e*. The lip *g* is then engaged, through the slot *b*, with the terminal link of the series, whose hook is bent back into the plane of the links, thereby converting the hook *a* into a bar *a'*.

The buckle *D* has fixed to its rear two inwardly-directed and oppositely-disposed hooks *h*. These latter engage the bar *a'* upon the end links of the girdle series.

It will be observed that the depth of the pockets *d*, while sufficient to admit of a liberal expansion of the adjacent links *A*, nevertheless are sufficiently restricted in dimension to prevent any intervening space between the adjacent links *A* when the girdle is expanded, it being imperative in ornamental metallic girdles that no portion of the elastic webbing be visible.

The possibilities of adjustability in the above structure is extensive, yet should a radical change in the length of the girdle be called for one or more of the links *A* may be engaged or disengaged, and the elastic webbing *B* may be lengthened or shortened by a renewed frictional adjustment in the terminal hook members *C*. The adjustments are speedily attained and without any defacement of the parts, since all parts of the structure are united either by friction or hooks and all solder dispensed with.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a girdle comprising interlocked plate-sections overlapped and having rearwardly-extending portions, and a flexible connection engaging the rearwardly-extending portions of the sections, said connection being covered by the plates.
2. As an article of manufacture, a girdle

comprising overlapped sections, each section being provided with a rearwardly-extending projection interlocked with the adjacent section, and a flexible connection located longitudinally along the rear sides of the sections and engaging the projections thereof.

3. As an article of manufacture, a girdle comprising overlapped sections, each section being provided with a rearwardly-extending projection interlocked and having a slidable engagement with the adjacent section, and a connecting device engaging the various projections.

4. As an article of manufacture, a girdle comprising sections, each having a rearwardly-projecting portion extending through the adjacent section and provided with an opening, and a connecting device located along the rear sides of the sections and passing through the openings of the rearwardly-projecting portions.

5. As an article of manufacture, a girdle comprising sections, each provided at one end with an opening and at the other end with a hook portion that passes through the opening of the adjacent section, said hook portions being provided with openings, and a flexible extensible strap extending longitudinally

along the sections and passing through the openings in the hook portions thereof. 30

6. As an article of manufacture, a girdle comprising sections, each having an opening therethrough and a rearwardly-extending hook that passes through the opening of the adjacent section, said hooks being also provided with openings, a flexible strap passing longitudinally along one side of the sections and through the openings in the hooks thereof, forming means for fastening the sections together, and hook elements having detachable engagements with the ends of the strap and with the end sections. 35 40

7. An elastic belt composed of a series of links, each provided with a turned-up lip in which a slit is formed and with a slot to be engaged by the lip of an adjacent link, a strip of elastic webbing being passed through the slots in the lips and secured to the end links, and means for connecting the end links. 45

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses. 50

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