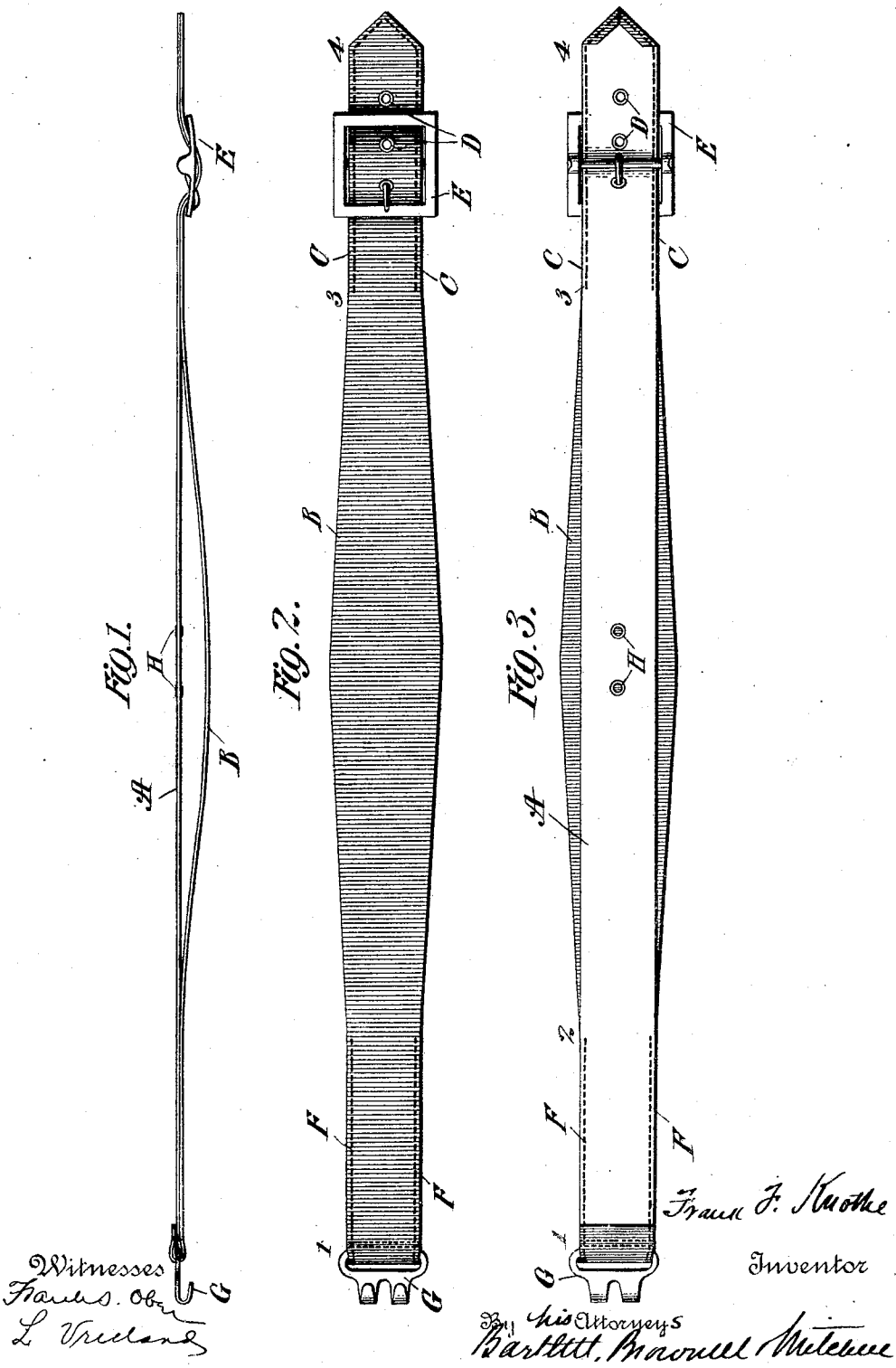
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK F. KNOTHE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ridgewood, county of Bergen, New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belts, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My improvement relates to belts, and is more particularly applicable to ladies' belts.

The object of my invention is to produce an attractive and durable belt the cost of manufacture of which is comparatively low, also a belt which permits the use of a delicate or yielding fabric which shall appear to perform the functions of a belt and yet be relieved of all strain which would naturally result from such use. In securing these results I form the belt proper out of a strip of webbing composed of unyielding fabric, leather, or other suitably strong material and attach thereto, by stitching or any other suitable means, a covering of thin leather, silk, or other yielding fabric, the means of attaching being confined to the end portions of the covering, the two parts throughout substantially the whole central portion being unconnected. A buckle is secured to one end of the duplex belt thus formed and a suitable grip at the other end. Means for supporting the skirt of the wearer can be attached to the center of the webbing and be concealed by the covering. The belt when applied has the appearance of a light belt closely conforming to the figure, is cool and flexible, is durable and not bulky, and may be made up with a cover of any desired material. It has the advantage over many belts in that no stitches or other fastening means are conspicuous or in the back portion even visible and, further, that there are no stitches or fastenings to pull out, break, or tear, as is often the case where two materials of unequal strength are secured together and put under strain.

The following is a description of an embodiment of my invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the belt. Fig. 2 is a front view, and Fig. 3 is an inside view.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, A is an unyielding webbing, preferably of woven fabric. B is a cover of leather, silk, or other delicate fabric. C is stitching securing these two parts together at the tab portion.

D represents perforations in the tab portion for the tang of the buckle E.

F is stitching at the clasp portion securing the two parts together at that point, and G is a grip or clasp for grasping the buckle-bar in the ordinary way.

While it is not necessary to secure the two parts A and B by any stitching whatsoever along the sides, in order to secure some of the advantages of my invention I prefer to stitch it, as shown, along the sides in the front portions 1 2 and 3 4—*i*, *e*., where it would normally come in front of the body of the wearer—leaving unstitched the back portion 2 3 or substantially that portion which comes at the sides and back of the wearer.

In the webbing A, I provide eyelets H or other means for fastening a securing device for the skirt, such eyelets being readily accessible from either side of the webbing and being entirely concealed by the cover B. The length of the two parts A and B is such that when the part A is slack the part B will also be slightly more slack, and when the part A is taut the part B will also be taut, but not under a strain that will injure it by unduly extending it.

What I claim is—

1. In a belt, the combination of a strip of webbing, a strip of covering material, and means for fastening the two strips together at the end portions of said belt and substantially up to the back portion thereof, said means of fastening being confined to said end portions.

2. In a belt, the combination of a strip of webbing, a strip of covering material, and stitching extending along the edges of the end portions of said strips substantially up to the back portion of the belt, the stitching being confined to said end portions.

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