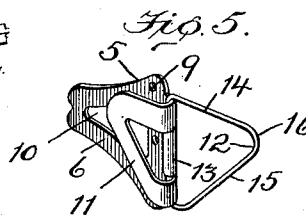
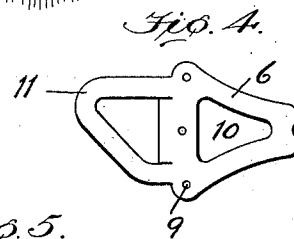
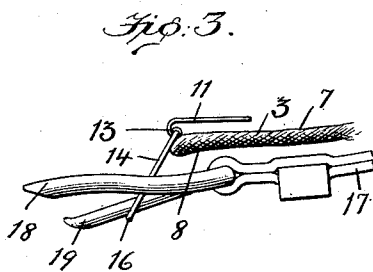
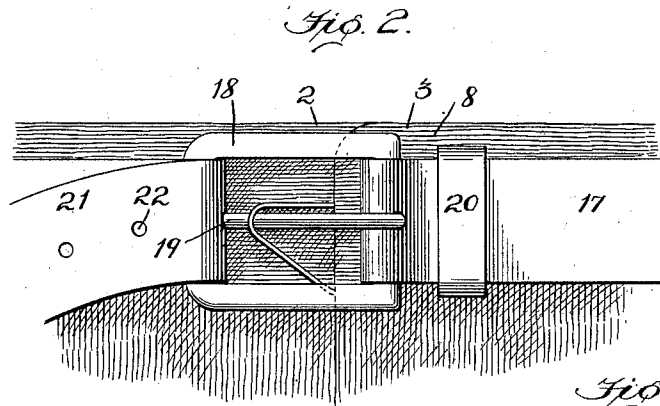
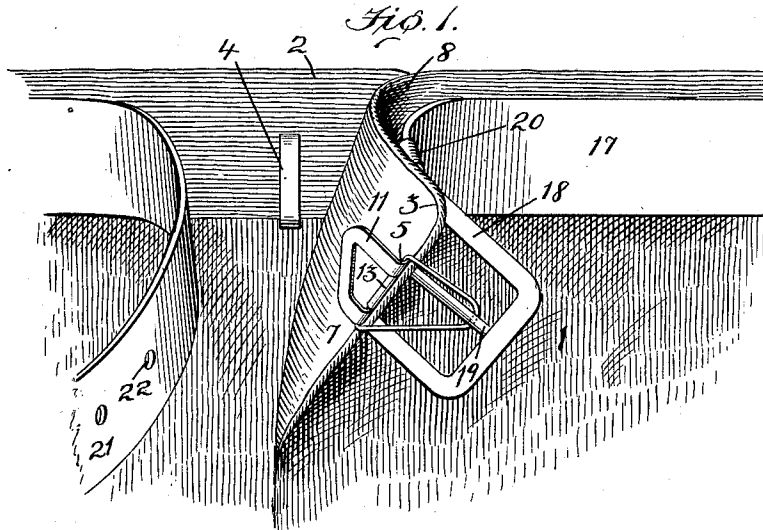


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC COBLENS ISAACS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belt-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved construction of belt support for garments and has particular reference to a device for engaging the tongue of a belt buckle to prevent the latter from vertical movement while on the person.

One object of the invention is to provide an improved belt support which will be permanently attached to the placket of the garment in such a manner that it may be readily folded back beneath the flap at one side of the placket when not in use.

Another object is to provide an improved belt support which will so engage the tongue of the belt-buckle that it will not have to be disengaged to unfasten the placket.

A further object is to provide the hook-member of the ordinary hook and eye commonly employed on trouser openings or plackets with a tongue-engaging device whereby the hook and eye will secure the overlapping flap of the trousers placket against vertical movement and the hook will carry means to engage the buckle tongue and hold the latter against vertical movement.

The accompanying drawing illustrates the invention, wherein,

Figure 1, shows the front portion of a garment such as a pair of trousers, with the eye-member attached to the underlapping placket flap and the hook-member attached to the overlapping placket flap which latter is turned back sufficiently to enable the tongue-engaging device of said hook-member to be seen in position. Fig. 2, illustrates a front elevation of the garment with the placket fastened and the belt in position, and also shows the retainer engaging the buckle-tongue. Fig. 3, is a top edge view of the overlapping flap of the garment and shows the hook-member and tongue-engaging device carried thereby,—the latter engaging the buckle-tongue. Fig. 4, is a view of the blank from which the hook-member is formed, and Fig. 5, shows a

perspective view of the hook-member and the tongue-engaging device carried thereby. 55

In the drawing the numeral, 1, designates the garment, which in the present instance represents the upper portion of a pair of trousers, which has a placket comprising an underlapping flap, 2, and an overlapping flap, 3. The underlapping flap of the garment has on its outer surface an eye-member, 4, of a two-part garment fastener and with which a coacting hook-member, 5, engages. The hook-member is formed from sheet metal, in the present instance, and has a base plate, 6, which is preferably inserted between the inner and outer faces, 7, and 8, respectively of the overlapping flap. Suitable perforations, 9, are provided on the base plate through which stitches may be passed to secure the hook member in place, and an opening, 10, is provided through which it is common to pass a tape (not shown) to aid in holding said member to the overlapping flap. At the outer edge, the base plate, 6, is provided with a back-turned hook, 11, which lies at the inner surface or face, 7, of the overlapping flap as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 3 of the drawings and this hook, 11, may be engaged with the bar of the eye, 4, to hold the flaps lapped in the usual manner. 60 65 70 75 80

To the hook member I attach a buckle-tongue engaging device, and in the present instance this device has the form of a bail, 12. I prefer that the bail shall be so attached to the hook-member that it may be moved to one position to conceal it, when not in use, and to another position when it is to be used to hold the belt buckle in place. To do this I provide the hook-member with a tubular eye or bearing, 13, which at present is shown along the front vertical edge at the base of the hook and the bail has its ends entered in said tubular eye so they will be free to turn or swing in the eye which forms a bearing. The bail, 12, preferably has a substantially horizontal upper bar, 14; an inclined lower bar, 15, and a rounded bend, 16, at the juncture of the said two bars. The size of the bail is such that it may be swung back over the hook and laid against the inner surface, 7, of the overlapping placket or flap, 3, where it will be hidden from view when not in use. The 85 90 95 100 105

belt, 17, has a buckle, 18, at one end and a pivoted tongue, 19, is carried on the buckle frame in the usual manner. A keeper strap, 20, is also provided on the buckle strap adjacent to the pivoted end of the buckle-tongue so as to receive the free or adjusting end, 21, of the belt in which the perforations, 22, are provided.

In practice, the belt is passed around the waistband of the trousers in the usual manner and the bail, 13, is swung forwardly so as to project from the edge of the overlapping flap or placket, 3, onto the underlapping flap or placket, 2, as can be readily seen in Fig. 2, of the drawing. The buckle is then so manipulated as to pass the free end of the pivoted tongue, 19, through the bail, 13, and the adjustment of the belt end, 21, may then be effected as usual.

It will be noted that the free end of the buckle-tongue has position in the bail adjacent to the rounded bend, 16, and that since this portion of the bail is contracted only a slight vertical movement of the buckle frame and tongue will be possible.

Obviously the belt-end, 21, may be entirely withdrawn from the buckle frame without releasing or withdrawing the tongue from the bail; therefore the trousers placket may be unfastened without disturbing the engagement of bail and tongue.

Having thus described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,—

1. A hook-member of a two part hook and eye fastening said hook member having a base plate with a back-turned hook at one edge thereof and a movable bail pivotally connected to the hook-member, and said bail being movable with respect to said hook to be turned over the said hook whereby its free end may be projected in front of the folded end of the hook or turned back beneath the hook.

2. A hook-member of a hook and eye fastener,—said hook member having a base plate with a hook formed integrally therewith and folded back from one edge of the base plate and substantially parallel with the base plate,—said base plate having a bearing eye adjacent to the fold of said hook and a wire bail pivotally sustained in said eye and said bail being larger than the hook whereby to pass over the latter when folded back.

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

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