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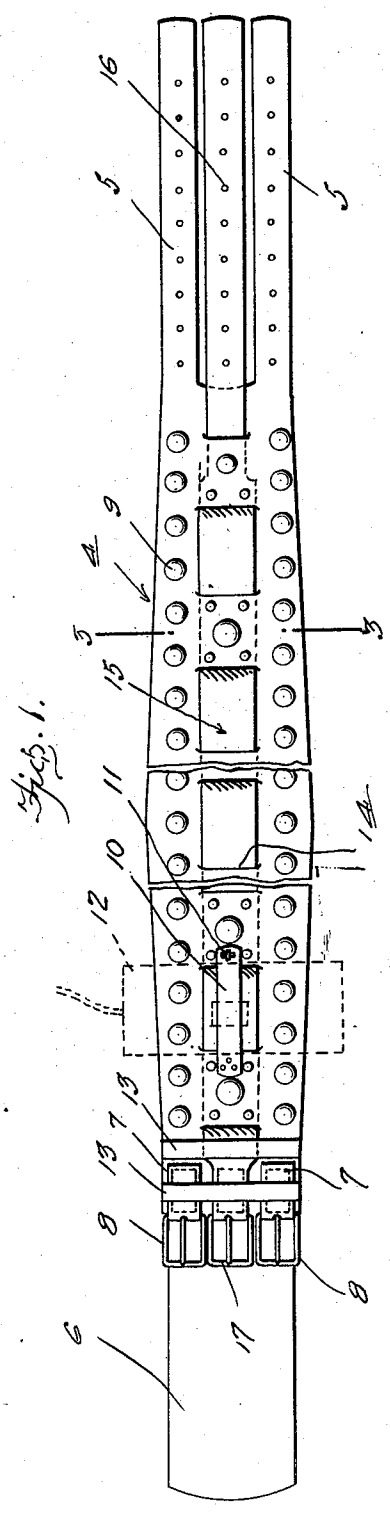


Fig. 1.

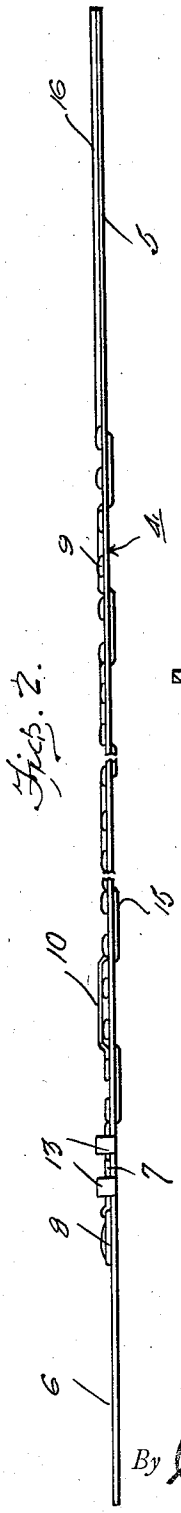


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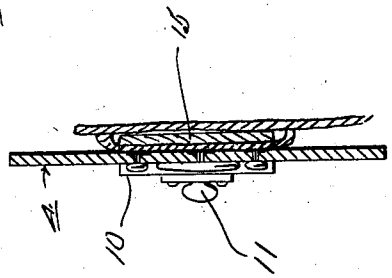


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This invention relates to an improved belt, which is especially, although not necessarily, designed for use by miners and workmen subject to laborious work.

Briefly, the improved product comprises two complemental belts; a main belt, which is comparatively wide, to operate as a brace; and a relatively movable and narrow belt, which constitutes the means for attaching the complete article to the trousers loops.

The object is to provide a new type of belt, which can be conveniently worn as a protective means against rupture, painful backs, and one which possesses additional features of adornment, comfort, and efficiency.

The details and their relative association and arrangement of parts will become more readily apparent from the following description and drawings.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is an elvational view of a complete belt constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 2 is an edge view of the same.

Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on an enlarged scale taken approximately upon the plane of the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring now to the drawings by numerals, it will be observed that the main belt is designated generally by the reference character 4. This is preferably constructed of leather and is shaped as shown, that is, having a relatively wide intermediate portion gradually tapering toward opposite ends of the belt to provide relatively narrow straight edge end portions. At one end, the belt is provided with apertured extensions 5. At the opposite end is what may be designated as a tongue 6. Fastened to the tongue-end of the belt through the medium of reinforced tabs 7 we find a pair of ordinary buckles 8, these being spaced inwardly from the extremity of the tongue 6.

Fastened upon the exterior or face of the belt 4, we find a multiplicity of brass rivets or the equivalent 9, these being employed for adornment, and being located in a systematic or uniform manner to enhance the appearance.

Adjacent the buckles is a small strap 10, separably fastened at one end as at 11, and this strap is adapted to hold in place an electric battery 12 which is employed in gas-laden mines. The use of the strap 10 is of course optional.

It is yet to be mentioned that a pair of guide loops of conventional design are provided adjacent the buckles these being designated by the reference character 13, and serving in an obvious manner, to maintain in place the extensions 5 when the belt is buckled in place.

At longitudinally spaced points the belt 4 is provided with transversely extending slits 14 through which the centrally located relatively small belt 15 is laced. The small belt is reduced at one end to provide an apertured extension 16, and reduced at its opposite end and reinforced and provided with an additionally centrally located buckle 17. The buckle 17 cooperates with aforesaid buckles 8 in fastening the complete belt in place.

Obviously, the small belt is slidable and its purpose is to maintain the complete belt in position on the trousers. To this end, the looped portions of the small belt on the inside pass through the usual trousers loops.

As is obvious from the foregoing description and drawings, the small belt 15 is alternately laced through the slits of the large belt 4 and through the trousers loops in an evident manner, so that it functions to hold the complete belt positioned on the trousers. Then the apertured end portions of both the belts are brought around and overlap in the usual way and connected to the buckles 8 and 17.

Thus we provide complemental belts laced together and relatively adjustable and capable of being fastened upon the trousers in a comfortable manner.

It is believed that a belt of this class is characterized by adornment, durability, compactness and convenience. It supports the trousers well, keeps the waist warm, and protects the wearer against unusual strain brought to bear upon the abdomen, kidneys and back. It is protection against sharp blows from tools or instruments, is economical, and there-

fore valuable for use by miners and workmen subject to laborious tasks.

It is believed that the description taken in connection with the drawings will enable persons skilled in the art to which the invention relates, to obtain a clear understanding of the same. Therefore, a more lengthy description is regarded unnecessary.

Minor changes coming within the field of invention claimed may be resorted to if desired.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new is:—

An apparel supporter comprising a comparatively wide main belt having the relatively wide intermediate portion tapering longitudinally toward opposite ends of the belt, the tapered portions of the belt terminating inwardly from the ends of the belt to provide relatively narrow straight edged end portions, said belt being provided at one end with spaced apertured extensions, and at its opposite end with a tongue adapted to be overlapped by said extensions, a pair of buckles carried by said tongue and disposed inwardly from the extremity of said tongue for cooperation with said extensions, said main bolt provided with longitudinally spaced transversely disposed slits intermediate the extensions and buckles, and a relatively narrow garment supporting belt adapted to be alternately laced through the loops of trousers and the slits of said main belt, said garment supporting belt being provided with a buckle at one end thereof, adapted to be normally located between the first mentioned pair of buckles, and the opposite end of said garment supporting belt being reduced and adapted for location between the aforesaid spaced extensions, and the reduced end being provided with apertures for cooperation with the last mentioned buckle, said reduced end being adapted to overlap the tongue of said main belt.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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