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Fig: 1.

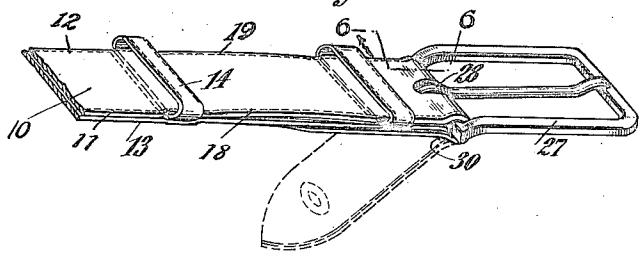


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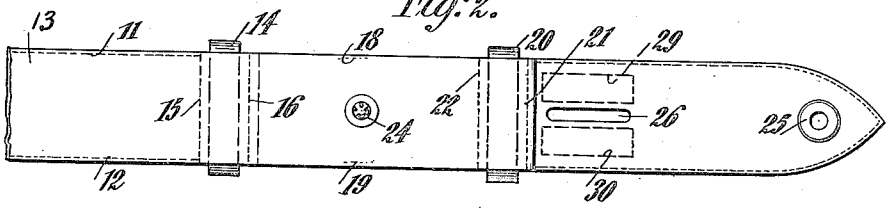


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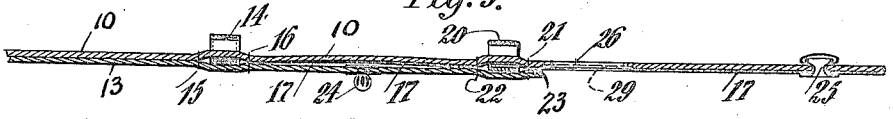


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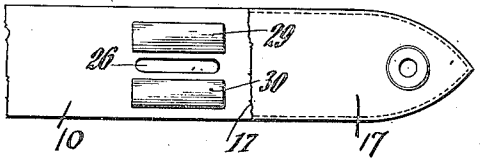
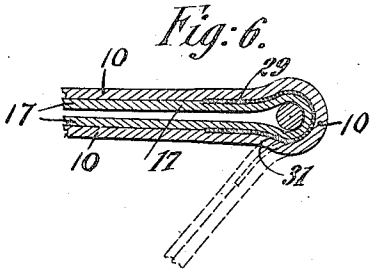


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTON ŘEZNIČEK, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson, State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belts, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to improvements in belts, and particularly a belt provided with a detachable buckle. An object of the invention is to provide such a belt in which the buckle will be securely held when in place, against movement, and may be quickly removed and another buckle substituted in a reliable manner and without in any way impairing the utility of the belt. The belt is therefore particularly adaptable to the so called set belts, in which several buckles of different designs are provided for a single belt, or where the wearer has a buckle formed of gold or silver and wishes to transfer this to another belt. Also at the end of the season, buckles which have become tarnished or out of style, may be quickly and economically substituted or refinished. Heretofore it was necessary to return both belt and buckle to the manufacturer who must cut the stitching and remake the belt at a considerable loss. Another object is to provide such a belt which will be strong, attractive, simple in construction and in which the retaining loops are securely and permanently held in place.

With these and other objects in view, my invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, and will be hereinafter more fully described with reference thereto, and finally pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved belt, and detachable buckle,

Fig. 2 is a lateral view of the belt with buckle removed,

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view thereof,

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the underside of the folding end of the belt strap, a part of the under layer of said front portion being broken out to show the stiffening plates and their relative disposition with respect to the buckle tongue slot.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view showing the metal plates employed, and

Fig. 6 is an enlarged sectional view showing the manner in which the metal plates retain the buckle.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, my improved belt comprises an upper layer or strip of leather 10, to which is secured by stitching 11 and 12, an under layer 13, the said stitching extending only to the first retaining loop 14, held in place by transverse lines of stitching 15 and 16 at each side thereof. The said layer of leather 13 terminates intermediate the loop 14 and the forward end of the strip 10 which is in the form of a point.

An under intermediate layer of leather 17 is secured to the exposed forward part of the strip 10 by stitching 18 and 19, the said layer extending backward between the layers 10 and 13 to the loop 14. Another loop 20 is secured between the upper portion formed by the layers 10 and 17, and the under layer 13 by transverse rows of stitching 21 and 22, the row 21 securing the turned back end 23 of the strip 13. The male portion 24 of a snap fastener is secured to the layer 13 centrally between the two loops, and the female portion 25 is secured to the forward end of the belt. Centrally between the two portions of the snap fasteners there is provided a slot 26 so that when the end of the belt is folded back and the snap fastener engaged, the slot is folded centrally, the tongue of the buckle 27 being passed therethrough, so that its looped end 28 is disposed in the slot. At each side of the slot there are embedded between the layers 10 and the layer 17 metal plates or former members 29 and 30, extending substantially the length of the slot, and being slightly less than the width between the slot and the edge of the belt. These plates are disposed some little distance away from the edges of the slot 26 so as to leave the strap about said slot flexible to facilitate the insertion and removal of the tongue of the buckle.

When the end is folded to secure the buckle, it will be seen the metal plates are bent around the cross piece of the buckle, whereupon they are pinched or indented as at 31 to conform to the said cross piece, thereby preventing rearward movement of the buckle. When the buckle is thus secured into place, there is no danger of the same becoming detached, there is no movement of the same other than the usual swinging movement, and a belt is provided which is neat in appearance, free from unnecessary

appendages or obstructions and in which the retaining loops are securely held in place.

When the buckle is to be removed either for placing in another belt or to be replaced by another buckle, the snap fasteners are disengaged and the folded end of the strap bent down, at the same time bending open the metal pieces, as clearly shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, permitting the ready removal of the buckle.

The metal pieces may be of brass, or any other suitable material which is unbreakable. Instead of stitching, the various layers may be secured together by other means known as the art of leather working, such as cementing, gluing or the like, and if desired, the layer 13 between the loops may be secured to the upper layers by cementing or stitching. The snap fastener is so embedded in the layer 13 as to provide no projection in the upper surface of the belt.

I have illustrated and described preferred and satisfactory forms of my invention, but it is obvious that changes may be made therein within the spirit and scope thereof, as defined in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A belt comprising a strap provided with a longitudinal buckle tongue slot and with metal stiffening plates disposed on opposite sides of said slot at some distance from the edges thereof and a detachable fastening device composed of complementary members secured respectively to said strap on opposite sides of said slot, and a buckle having a cross bar and tongue, the tongue engaging said slot and the strap being folded over said cross bar and secured in folded position by said detachable fastener, the edges of said slot between said stiffening plates being free and flexible to facilitate the insertion and removal of the buckle.

2. In a belt the combination with a buckle having a crossbar, of a strap comprising an upper layer, an under layer terminating at a point removed from one end of said upper layer, an intermediate layer secured to said upper layer at the exposed portion thereof and extending in its rear part between said upper and under layers, retaining loops passed between said overlapping layers and secured by transverse stitching extending therethrough, stiffening means disposed between said upper and intermediate layers, said strap being adapted to be folded around said crossbar at a point reinforced by said stiffening means, and said stiffening means being adapted to be bent with said strap around said bar to retain said buckle in position, and disengageable fastening means adapted to retain said strap in holding position.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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