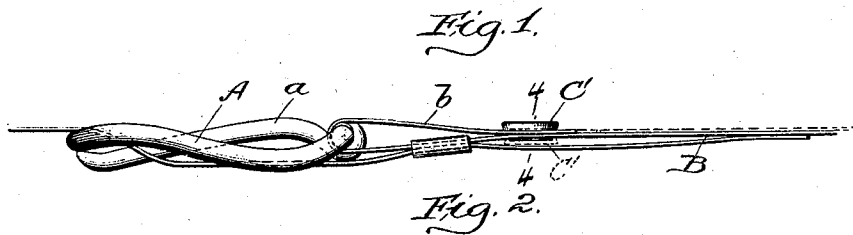
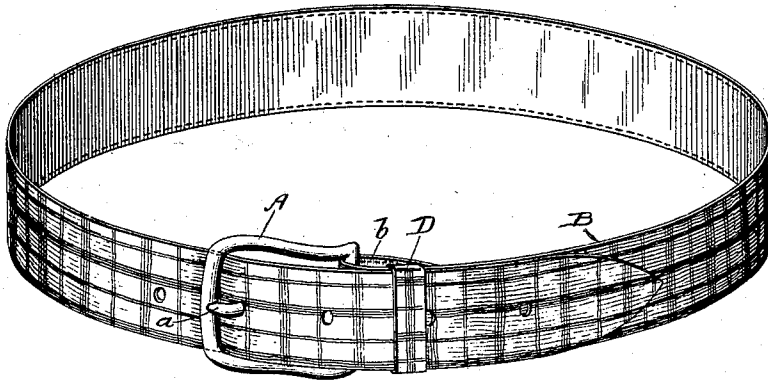
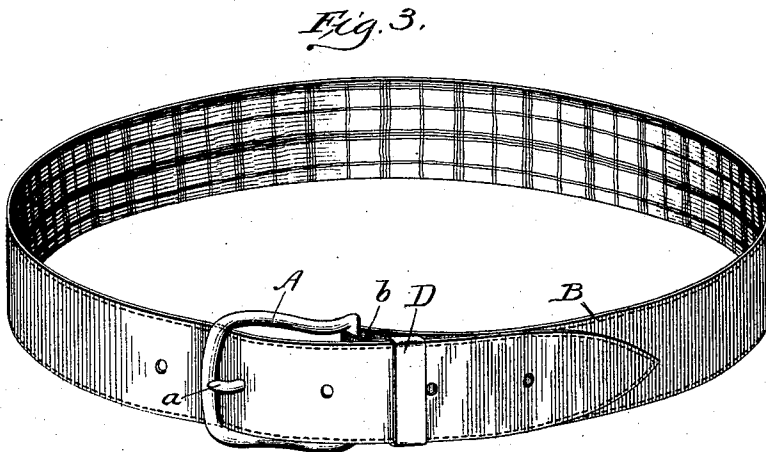
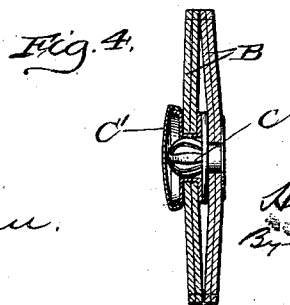


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY D. CAPITAIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belts, of which the following is a specification.

The subject of the present invention is a belt which is adapted to be worn as an article of apparel, which may be reversed and worn with either side out, so that for the cost of a single belt the purchaser may have, so far as external appearances are concerned, all of the practical advantages of two belts.

The invention consists in the features of novelty that are herein fully described.

In order that the invention may be fully understood, I will describe it with reference to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is an edge view of a portion of a belt embodying the invention. Figs. 2 and 3 are perspective views of a complete belt embodying the invention and showing the effect of reversing the relations of the belt proper and the buckle. Fig. 4 is an enlarged transverse section thereof on the line 4 4, Fig. 1.

A represents the buckle, which may be of any desired shape or style, and B a band which is finished on both of its faces, preferably in different styles. This difference in the style of finish may consist simply in the use of different colors, or it may consist of different styles of ornamentation, or any other suitable means for varying the effect may be resorted to, it being borne in mind that the chief object of the invention is to get two effects without entailing investment in two complete belts. In the drawings this difference in the finish is clearly represented by the shading in Figs. 2 and 3.

With a buckle such as shown in the drawings, which is intended to be worn always with the same side out, in order to reverse the belt proper it is necessary to reverse the relations of the band and buckle, and this necessitates the removal of the band from the buckle, and in order to make this feasible and practicable it is necessary that they be attached by means which will permit them to be easily and quickly detached and after re-

versal as easily and quickly again attached. To this end I prefer to provide the band near one of its ends with an opening through which the tongue *a* of the buckle passes, to double the band upon itself transversely at the opening, and to unite the doubled portions of the band by means of a fastener consisting of a stud *C*, secured to one fold of the band, and a socket *C'*, secured to the other fold thereof and adapted to receive the stud. This is a familiar fastener, such as is extensively used for fastening gloves, and needs no further description. While I prefer to use a fastener of this construction, still I desire to have it understood that in its broadest aspect the invention is not limited thereto. On the contrary, any other suitable fastener may be substituted for it without departing from the invention. With such a fastener the doubled end of the band may be readily detached from the buckle and the band reversed and again attached to the buckle, the effect of the reversal being indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1 and plainly shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

A further advantage in attaching the band and buckle by means which will permit of their being detached is that it enables one and the same buckle to be used with a number of bands, all of which are reversible in the manner described, and where the buckle is made of precious metal this is a desideratum.

I am aware that a reversible belt having a removable buckle is not new, and I do not claim such as my invention.

Preferably the band is made of two strips of material—such as leather or fabric—which are permanently united to each other by some suitable means. They may be cemented where the nature of the materials will permit of the use of cement, or they may be stitched, as indicated by dotted lines.

For confining the perforated end of the band when buckled I use a loop *D*, the opposite outer faces of which are finished in styles corresponding with the opposite faces of the band. In order to confine this loop and prevent it from falling off when the belt is not in use, it is disposed between the buckle *A* and the fastener. In one arrangement of the belt the main portion of the band passes through the loop, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2,

while in the other arrangement the folded-over portion *b* passes through it, as shown in Fig. 3.

Having thus described my invention, the following is what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

As a new article of manufacture, a reversible belt comprising a band finished on both of its faces and provided, at one end, with a folded or doubled-over portion, the band being provided at its fold with an opening, means for separably uniting said folded or doubled-over portion to the body of the band, a buckle held in the fold and provided with a tongue projecting through said opening,

and a loop having its opposite outer faces finished to correspond with the respective faces of the band and adapted to be disposed either upon the body portion of the band or upon the folded or doubled-over portion thereof, between the buckle and the means for separably uniting said folded or doubled-over portion to the body of the band, whereby the belt may be worn with either face outward, substantially as set forth.

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