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BELT CLASP.

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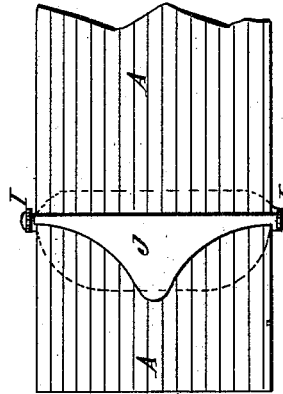
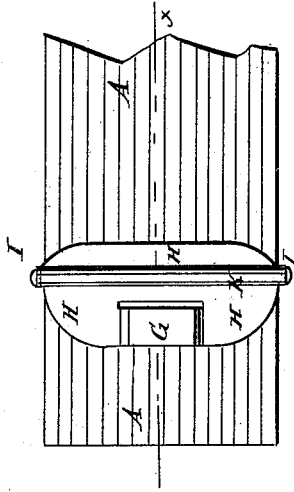


Fig. 1.

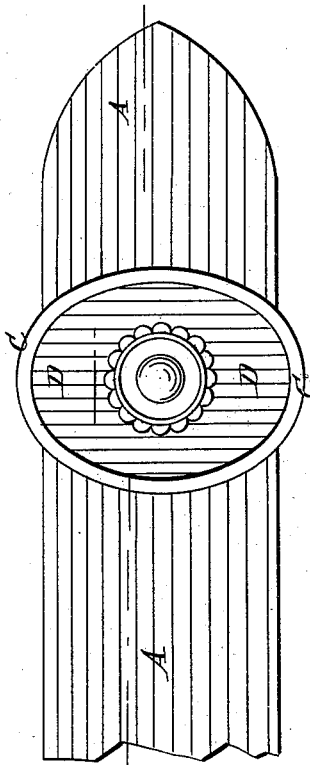


Fig. 2.

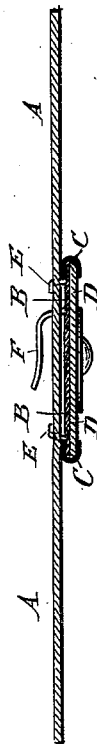
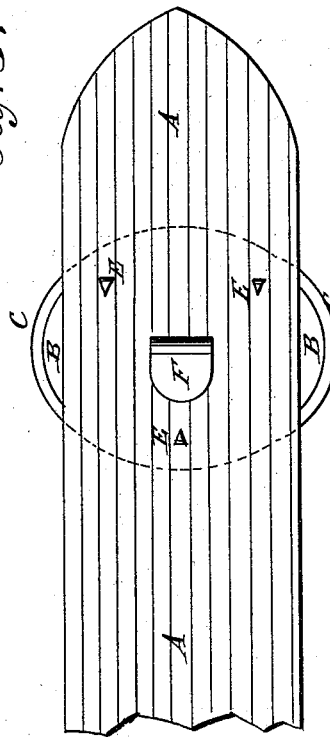


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. ZELTMACHER, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Adjustable Belt-Clasps, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of one of my improved belt-clasps, shown as applied to a belt and unclasped, the middle part of the belt being broken away. Fig. 2 is a sectional edge view of the same, taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the same, showing the reverse side.

The object of this invention is to provide belt-clasps constructed in such a manner that they can be readily adjusted to shorten or lengthen the belts, which will remain securely in place when adjusted, and which will not disfigure or otherwise injure the belts.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of various parts of the belt-clasp, as will be hereinafter fully described, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

A represents a belt, which may be made of any suitable material.

The hooked plate of the clasp is formed of a back plate, B, of oval or other desired form, and having a metal binding, C, closed down upon its edge. Upon the forward side of the plate B is placed a plate, D, of the same material as the belt A and of the same shape as the said plate B. The plate D is secured in place by the forward part of the binding C, which is bent down over and clamps the edge of the said plate.

The hooked plate B C D is secured permanently to the belt A by points E, cut out of the back plate, B, bent out to pass through the belt A, and then closed down upon the said belt.

The hooked plate B C D is further secured in place by the hook F, which is cut out of the back plate, B, is bent in hook form, and passed through a slit in the belt A, so that the said hook F can be hooked into a socket or loop, G, formed in the forward middle part of the front plate, H, of the buckle, to fasten the belt around the waist of the wearer.

I do not claim the above-described buckle as of my invention, as there is nothing new in its construction.

Upon the end of the front plate, H, are formed perforated lugs I, to receive the end pivots of the back plate, J, of the buckle. The rear edge of the plate J is bent inward at right angles, and is serrated to cause it to take a firm hold upon the belt A. The forward middle part of the plate J is extended to serve as a lever in fastening and unfastening the buckle, and as a stop to prevent the pivoted plate J from being turned back and unfastened by a strain upon the belt A. Upon the outer side of the front plate, H, just in the rear of the lugs I, is formed a bead, K, forming a groove upon the inner side of the said plate, into which the belt is pressed by the serrated edges of the lever-plate J, to give the said serrated edge a firmer hold upon the said belt. The bead K also serves as a stop to the hook F, to prevent the said hook from working out of its socket G and becoming accidentally unfastened.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination, with the hooked plate, of the buckle comprising a front plate, H, formed with the bead K, lugs I I, and a raised socket, G, in front of the bead, and the bent lever-plate pivoted to the lugs, and having the clamping-edge over the groove formed by the bead, substantially as set forth.

2. The buckle comprising the front plate, H, formed at its forward end with a raised socket, G, a bead, K, extending across the plate, and lugs I I at the ends of the bead, and the bent lever-plate J, pivoted to the lugs, and having its clamping-edge over the groove, substantially as set forth.

3. The buckle comprising the front plate, H, having the transverse bead K extending across the plate on its outer side, forming a groove on its inner side, a socket, G, the lugs I I at the ends of the bead, and the bent lever-plate J, pivoted to the lugs, substantially as set forth.

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