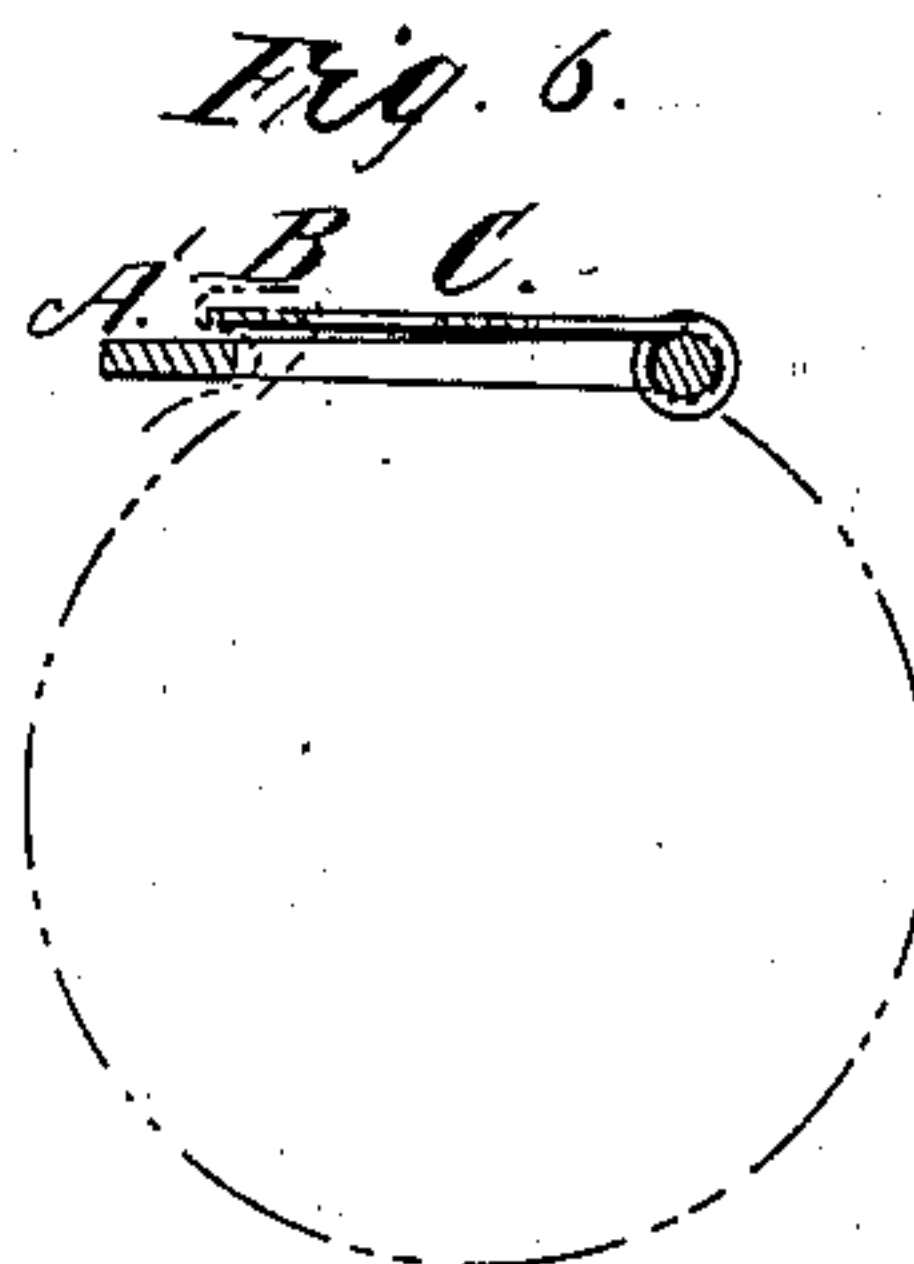
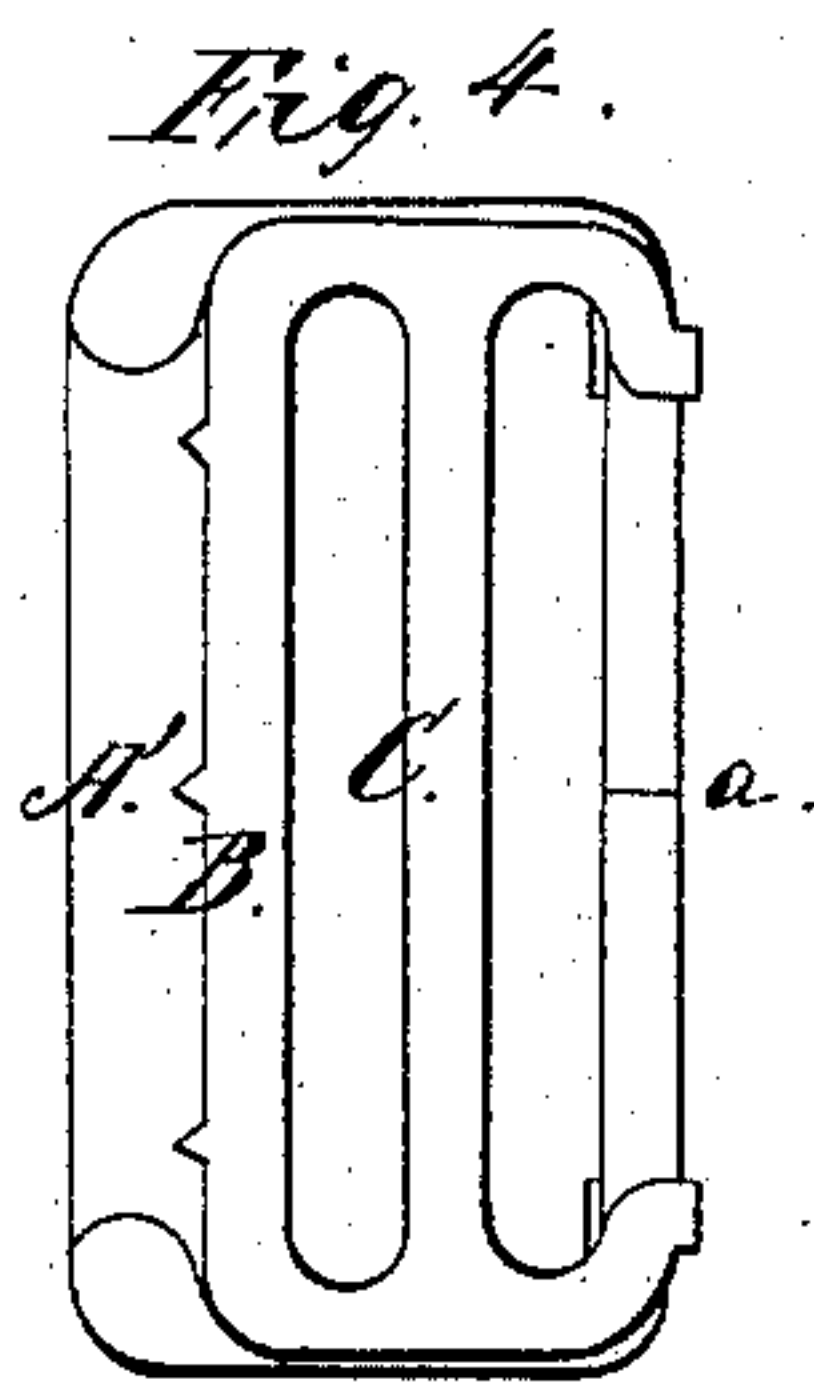
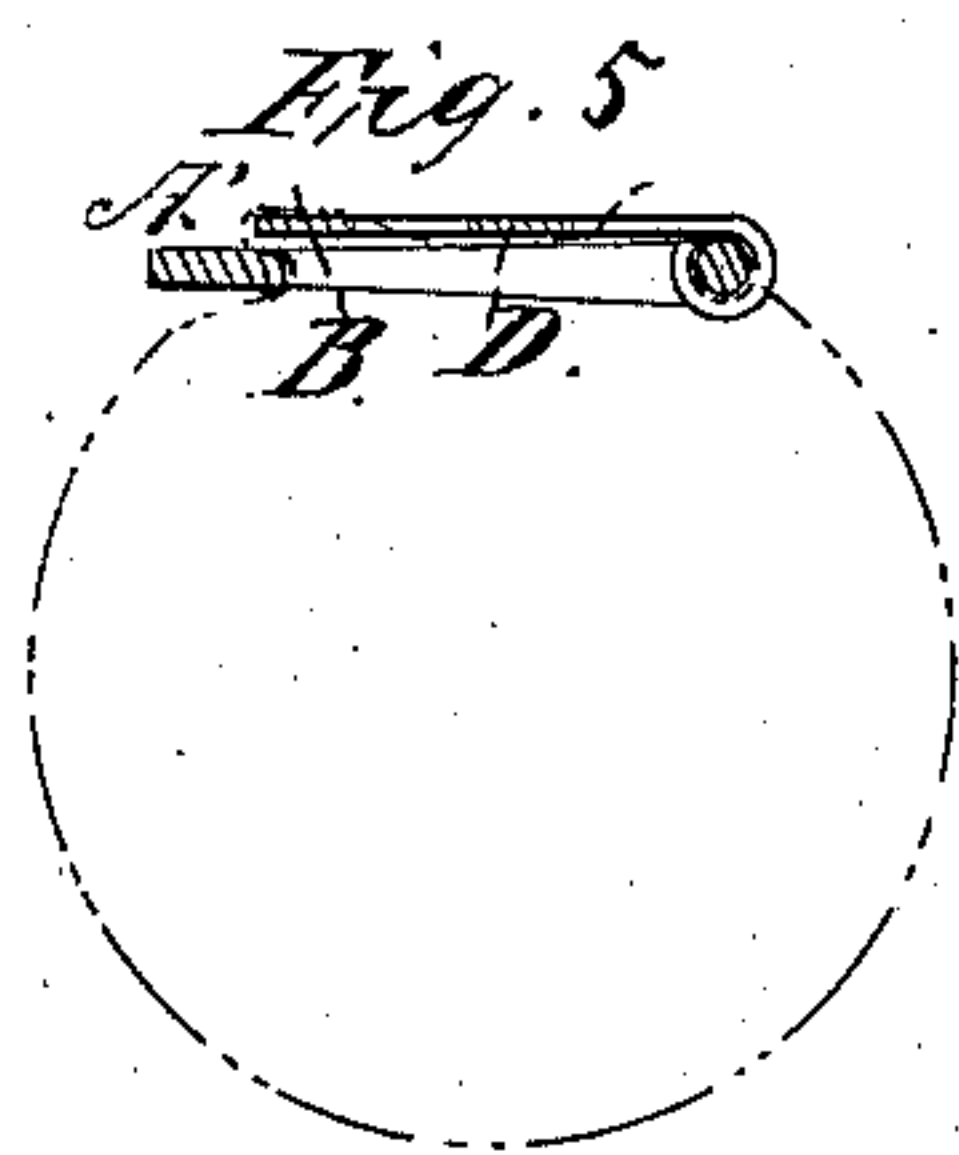
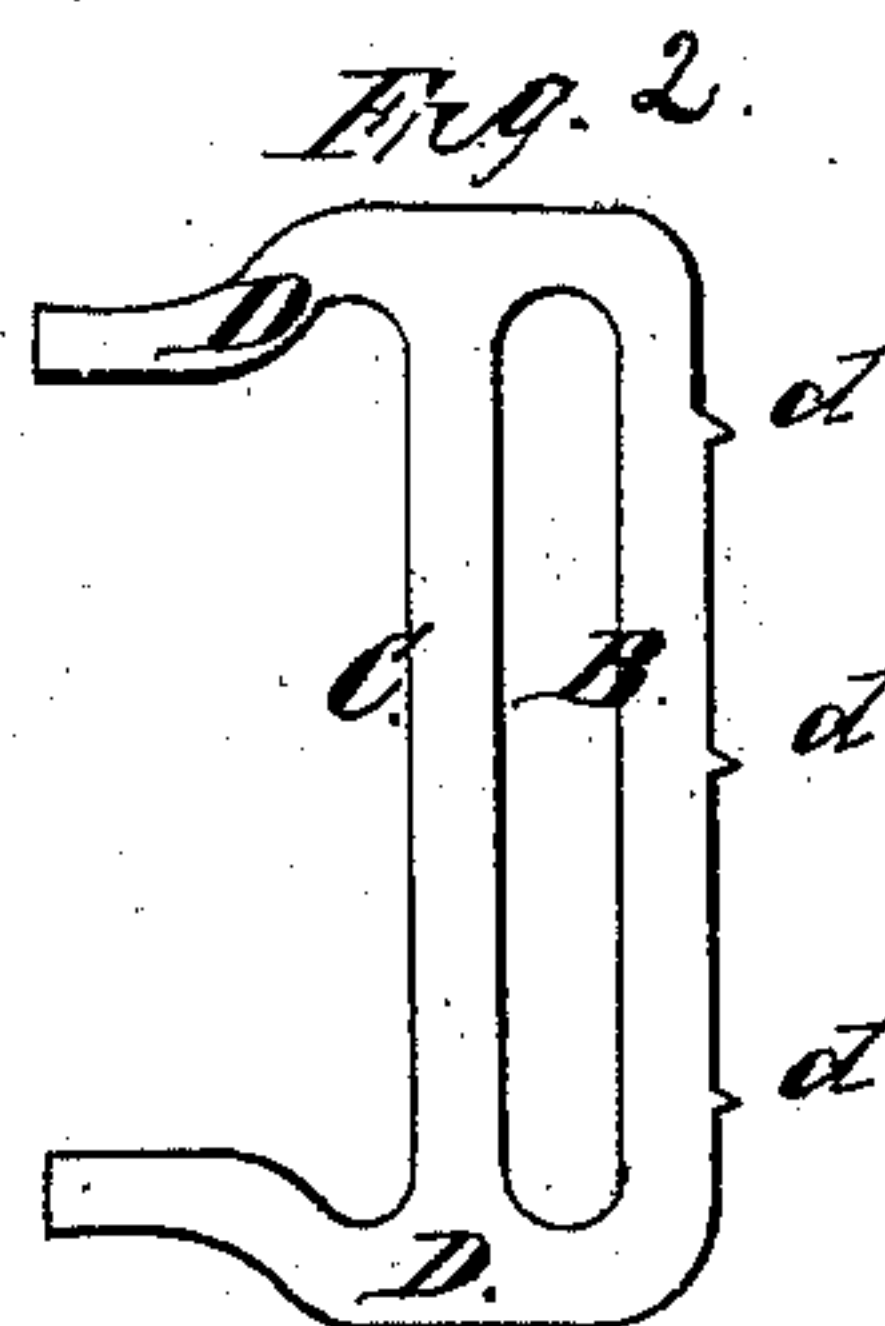
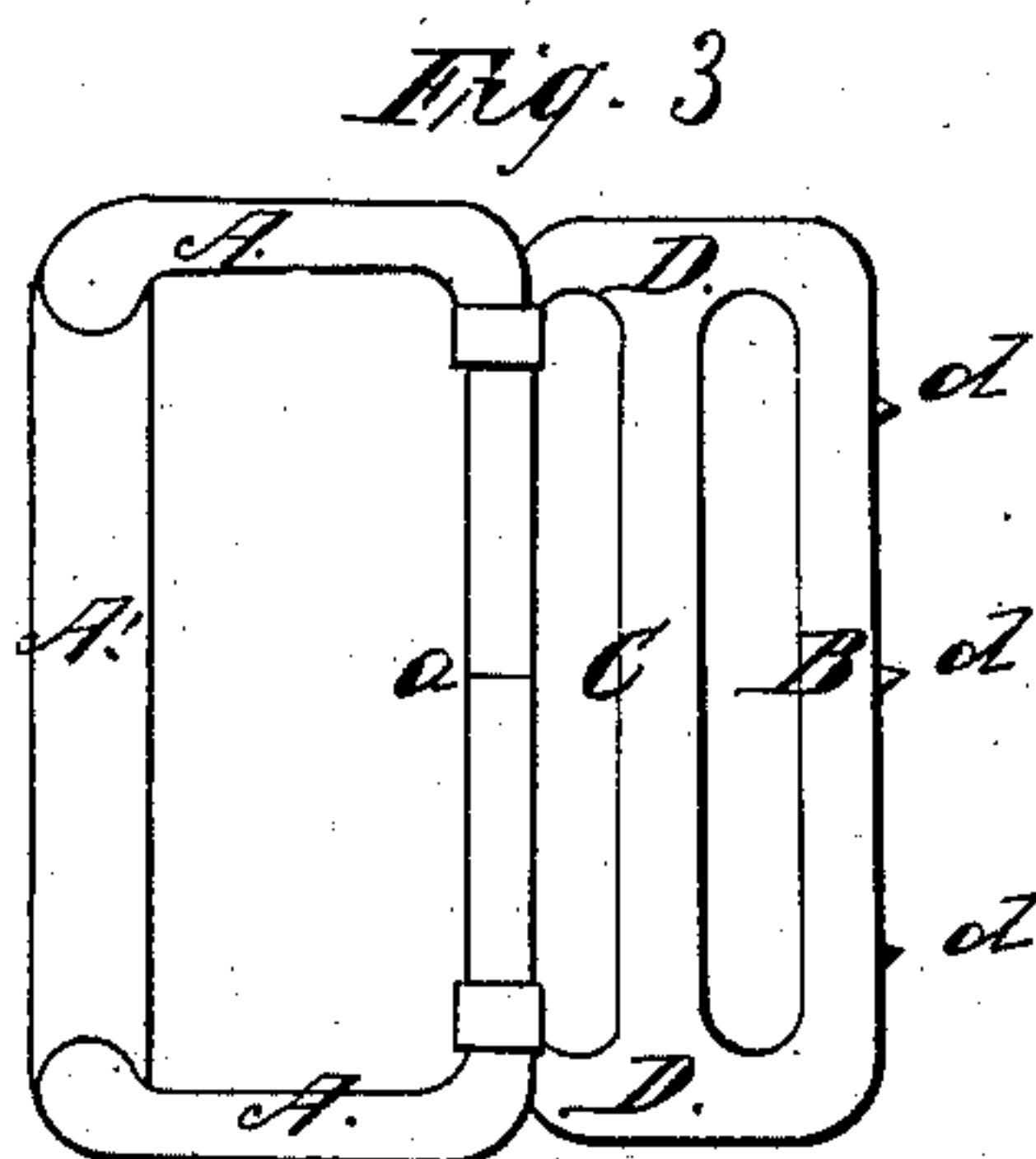
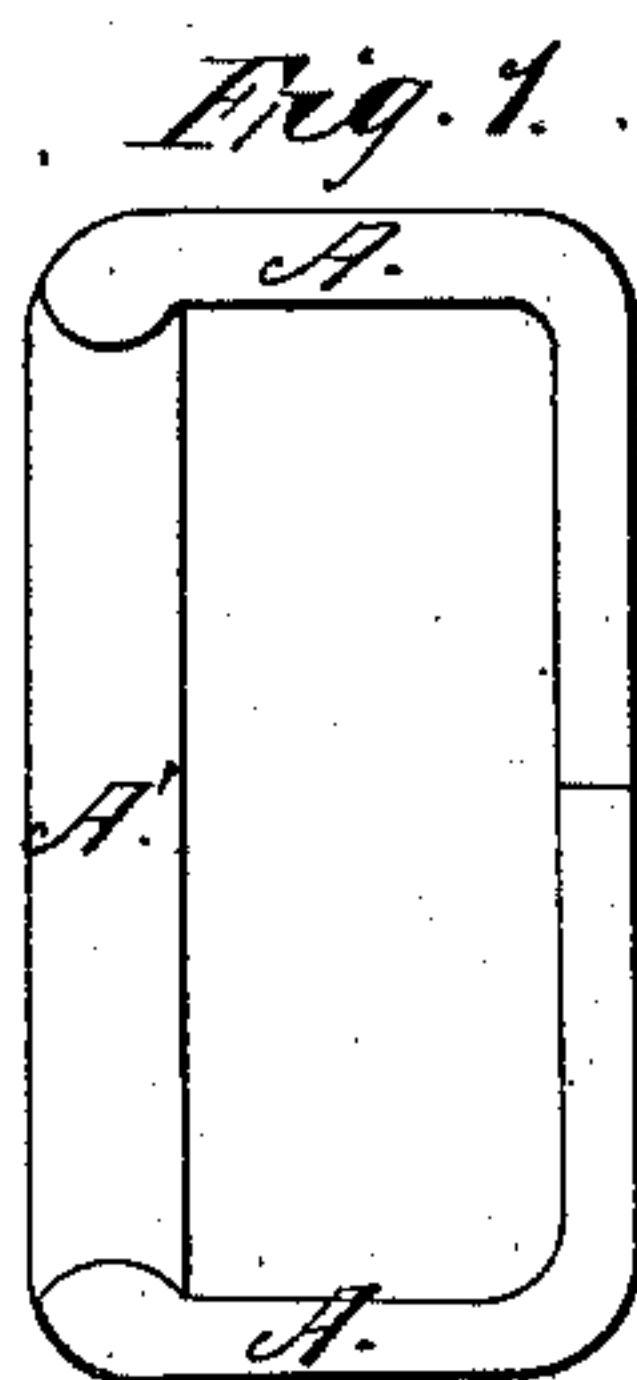


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, D. S. THOMPSON, of West Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Buckles; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figures 1 and 2, the two parts of the buckle disconnected; Fig. 3, the two parts united and spread; Fig. 4, the two parts united and closed; and in Figs. 5 and 6, two ways in which the buckle may be used.

My invention relates to an improvement in that class of buckles used for wearing-apparel; and to enable others skilled in the art to construct and use my improvement, I will proceed to describe the same as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

A is the frame of the buckle, formed from wire of the proper size, according to the size and strength of the buckle required, bent in the form as seen in Fig. 1, the two ends meeting at *a*, the side A' flattened.

B is the tongue, formed as seen in Fig. 2, with a bar, C, connecting the two ends D, which two ends are extended so as to be curved around the frame, as seen in Fig. 3, the tongue provided with points *d*, more or less, the tongue secured to the frame so as to turn freely

thereon, as from the position in Fig. 3 to that in Fig. 4 closed.

In Figs. 5 and 6, representing transverse section of the buckle, the frame is shown in black, and the tongue and its connections to the frame in blue.

In Fig. 5 the strap (denoted in red) represents one manner of using the buckle, as for suspenders and like purposes. The round bar of the frame is attached to the braces or one strap in the usual manner. The suspender or other end of the strap is passed under the flat bar A', thence over the tongue B, under the bar C, out over the frame. The points *d* are so short as not to penetrate the strap or band, and yet sufficient to prevent its slipping.

In Fig. 6 the buckle is represented securing a band, as in a hoop skirt, in which case it is better to insert the band between the bar C and the tongue, up over the tongue, then down under the flat bar A' of the frame.

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

The combination of the frame A with the tongue B and bar C, when the tongue and bar are hinged to the rear bar of the frame, the whole constructed and arranged to operate substantially in the manner herein set forth.

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