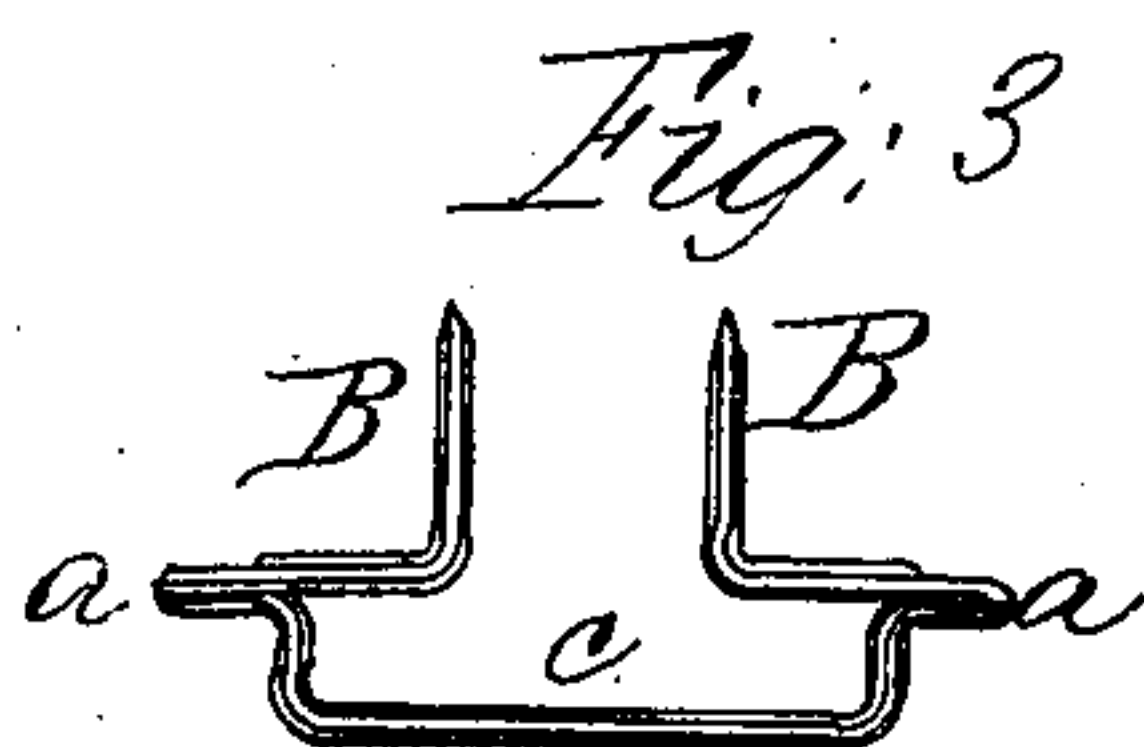
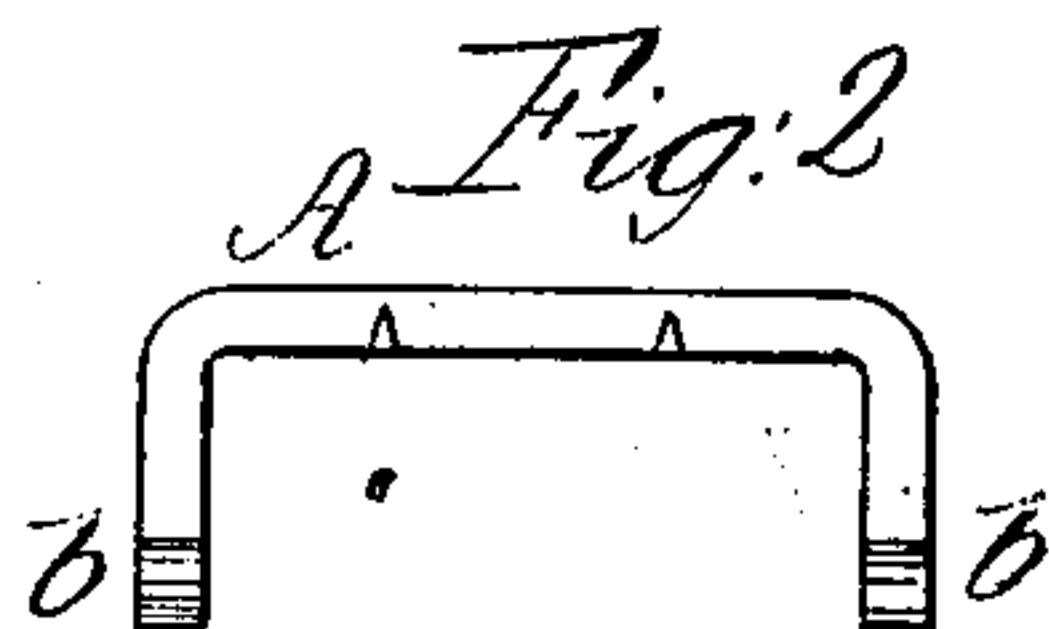
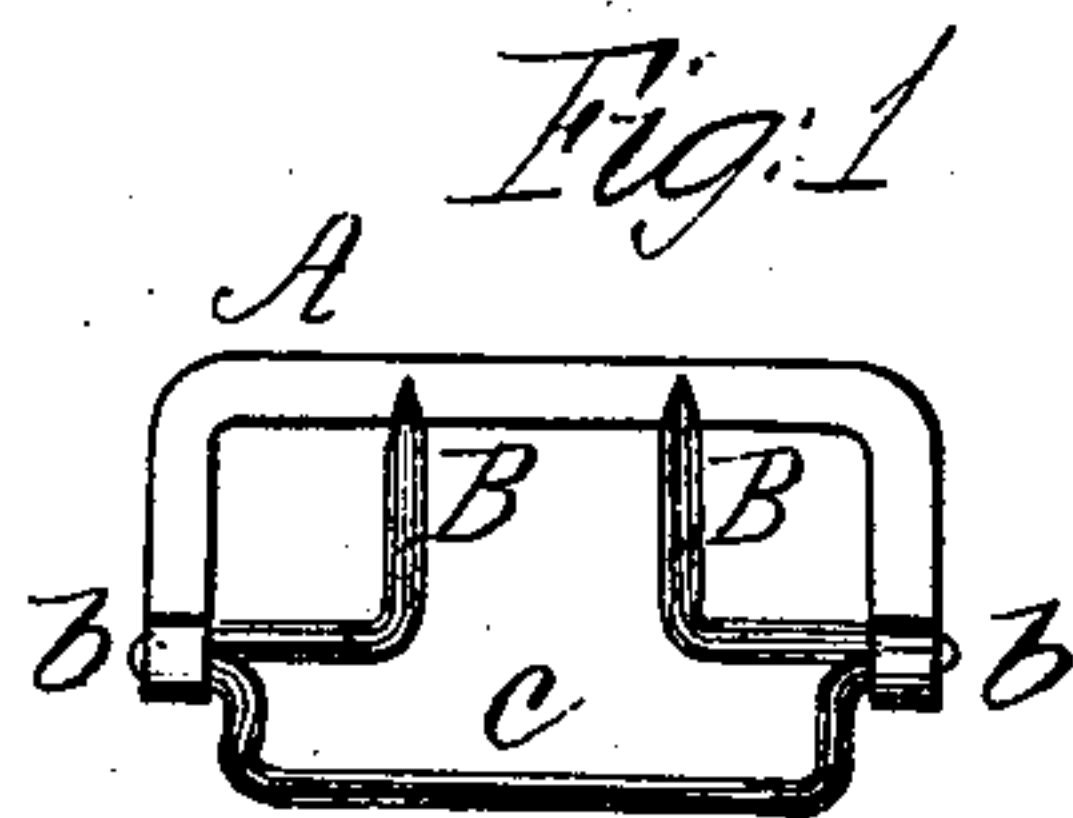


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BUCKLES.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, EDWARD C. BLAKESLEE, of Waterbury, 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—

Figure 1, a face view of the buckle complete.

Figure 2 the frame, and in

Figure 3 the loop and tongues detached from the frame.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of buckles, such as are used for hoop-skirts, suspenders, &c., and consists in the peculiar manner of forming the loop and tongues from a single piece of metal, and their attachment to the frame.

To enable others to construct my improvement, I will proceed to describe the same as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

A is the frame, formed from wire or other metal; B B, the tongues; C, the loop; the tongues and loop formed from a single piece of wire by bending, as shown in fig. 3, so as to form pivots *a*, by returning the wire short around, as clearly seen in fig. 3, then the two pivots are laid on to the frame at *b*, and the ends of the frame turned over the said pivots so as to hinge the two parts together and allow them to work freely, the one upon the other, and the buckle is attached and operated in the usual manner.

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

The herein-described buckle, in which the tongues B B and loop C are formed in one piece, and so as to form bearings *a a*, which are hinged to the frame in the manner set forth.

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