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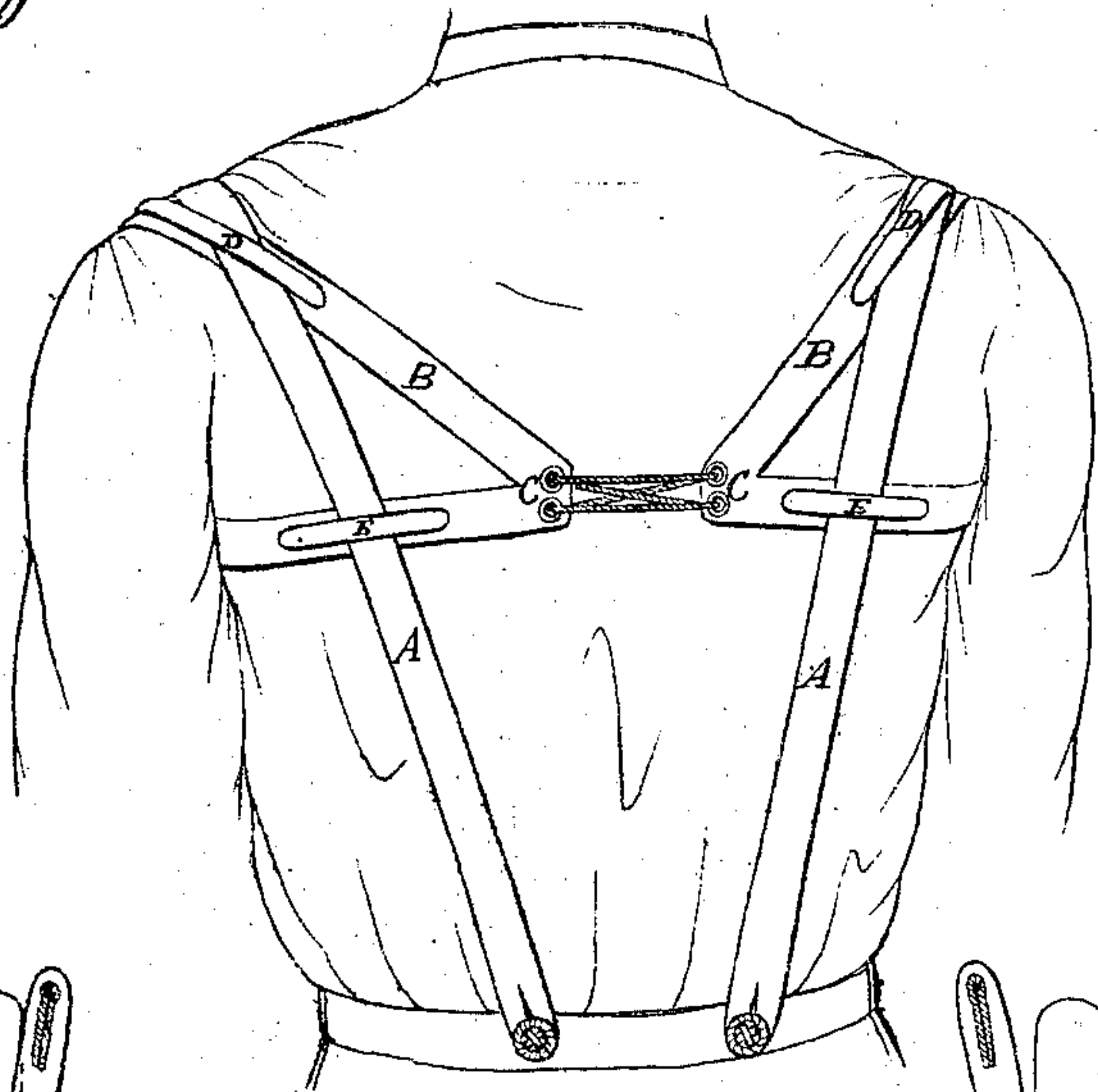
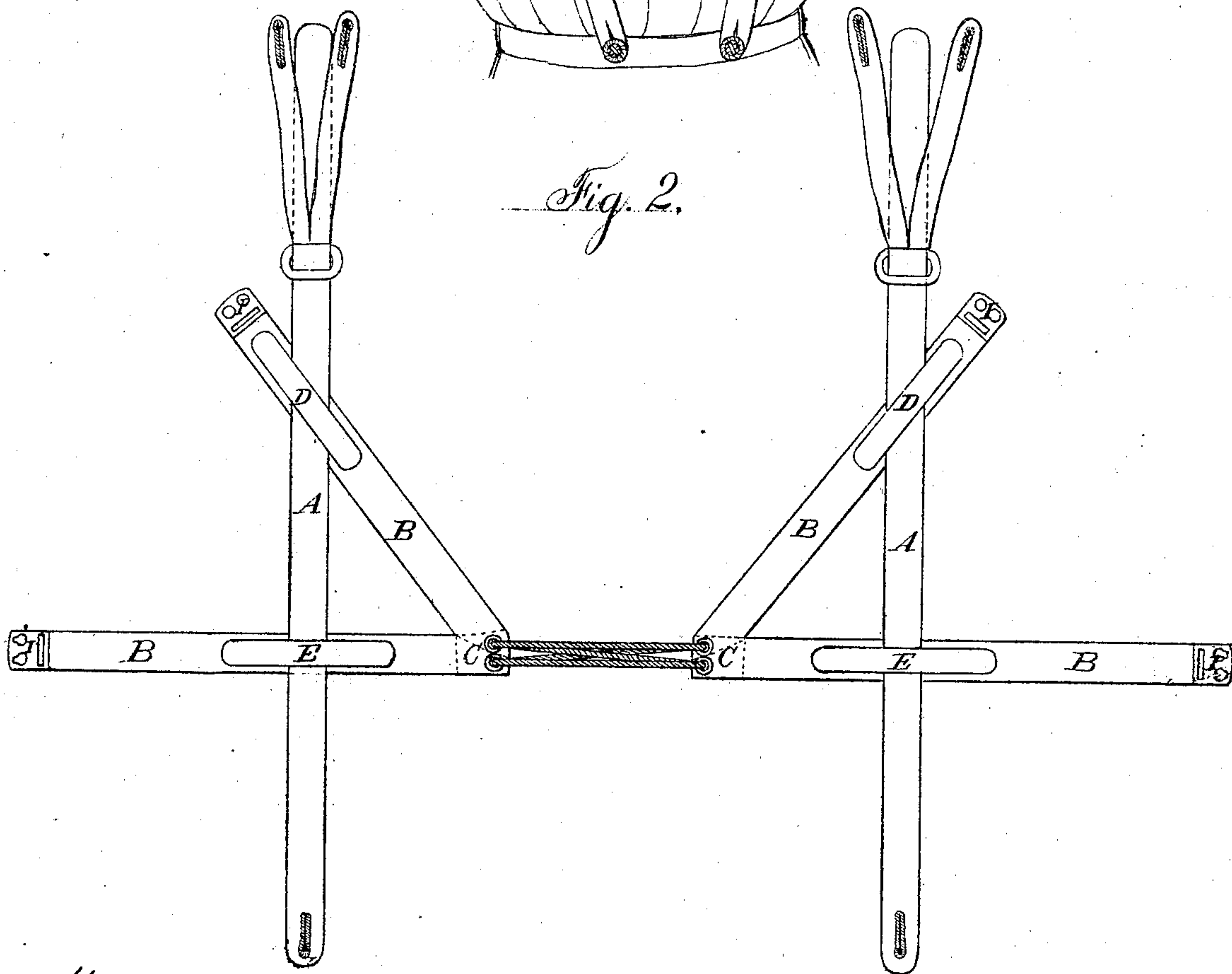


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SHOULDER-BRACES.

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, HENRY N. CONKLIN, of Indianapolis, in the county of Marion, and State of Indiana, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Combined Shoulder-Braces and Suspenders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1, of the drawings, is a representation of my invention in position.

Figure 2 is a view of same, showing all the parts extended.

My invention relates to shoulder-braces, and consists mainly in the construction and novel arrangement of devices, whereby a shoulder-brace is combined with a pair of suspenders in such a manner as to serve an efficient purpose.

The letters A A, of the drawings, designate an ordinary pair of suspenders, the straps of which are passed through the loops of the brace-band in the manner hereafter shown.

The letters B B designate the brace, formed of two bands, connected together at the back by means of lacing, or by a buckle, as may be desirable.

Each band is made in two parts, strongly sewn together, and reinforced at the angle C, to which part the lacing or buckle is attached.

One end of each brace-band passes over the shoulder, and is held in position by the suspender-strap,

which passes through a loop, D, sewn to the upper surface of the brace-band.

The other and lower end of the brace-band passes under the arm, and is attached to the first-mentioned end by means of a double plate-buckle, I, of the form shown, or by such other fastening as may be desirable.

The suspender-strap also passes through a loop, E, sewn to the lower end of the brace-band.

It is apparent that my braces may be used with any ordinary pair of suspenders in such a manner that the full bracing power, both of suspenders and braces, is secured.

In this manner economy is secured, as the braces generally last much longer than the suspenders, and consequently when combined, in the manufacture, with suspenders, are often thrown away in good condition.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The shoulder-brace herein described, consisting of the straps B B B B, united and adjustably connected at C, and having buckles I I I I, and loops D D, E E, for attachment to the suspender-straps, as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above, I have hereunto subscribed my name, in the presence of two witnesses.

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