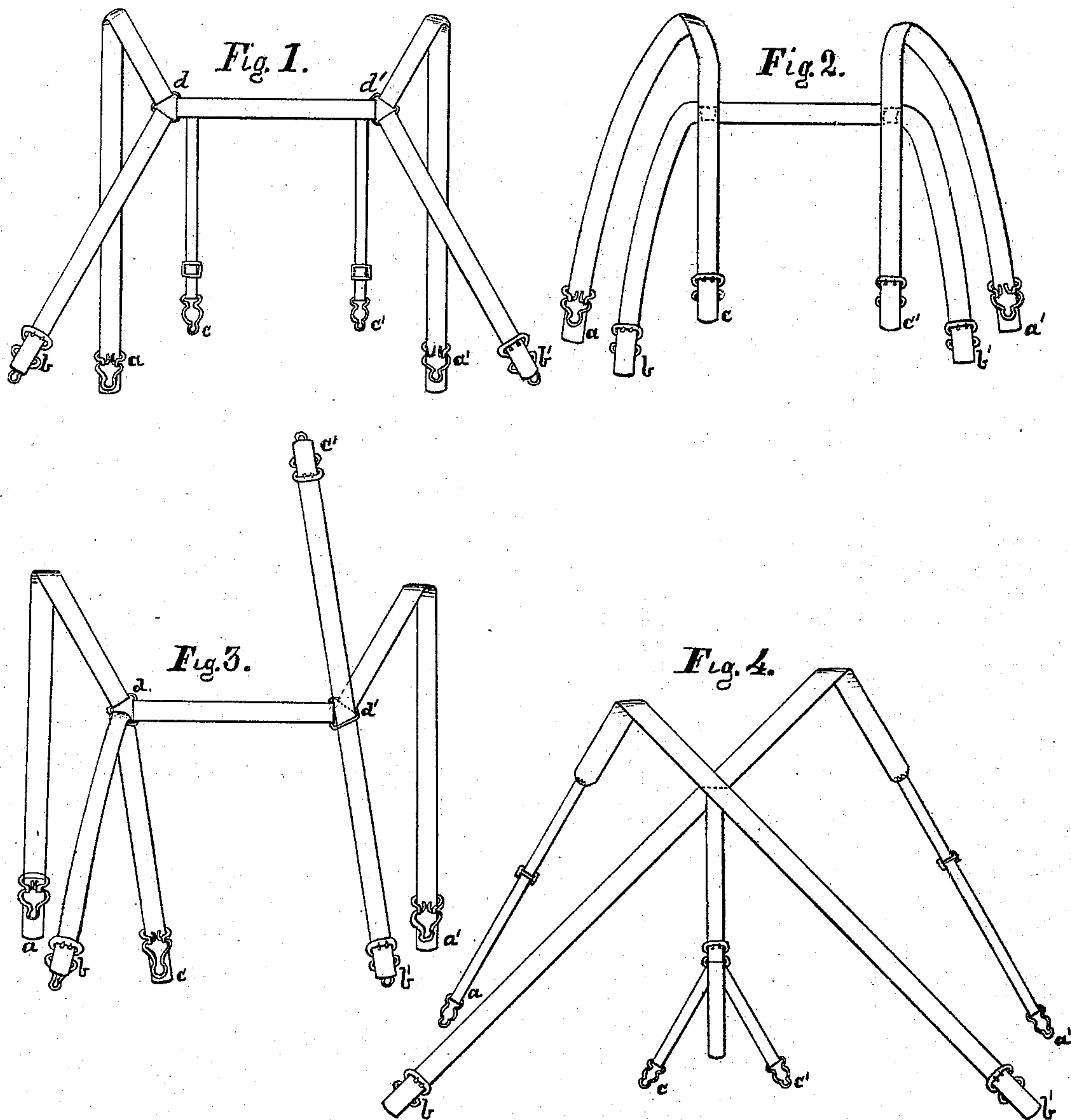


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IMPROVEMENT IN SUSPENDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN J. GREELY, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented Improved Suspenders, of which the following is a specification:

In the common form of suspenders the button-straps which connect the buttons on the sides with the main straps extend from the front portion of the main straps, and, consequently, lie over the breast and stomach of the wearer. My invention relates wholly to the arrangement of these straps, and consists in connecting them with the back portion of the main straps, instead of with the front portion, so that they shall extend from these side buttons to the back portion of the main straps, and, consequently, lie over the back of the wearer.

In the drawings, I have shown those forms of my improved suspenders which I have constructed and tried; but I prefer the form shown in Figure 1, where the straps *a a'* are elastic, and that shown in Fig. 3, when non elastic web is used for all the straps; but the forms shown in Figs. 2 and 3 answer well and are easily put together. In all these figures *b b'* indicate the straps which connect with the side buttons. In Fig. 3 the several straps are connected together by the triangular metallic devices *d* and *d'*, which lie at the back of the wearer; but the back straps *b c* and *b' c'* play through these devices *d d'*, instead of being sewed to them, as the straps

b b' are in Fig. 1. In all other respects, except as to the connection of the side button-straps *b b'* with the back instead of with the front of the suspenders, my improved suspenders are like those in common use, and, therefore, no further description is necessary.

I do not claim, broadly, suspenders in which a strap extends from the back portion to the side button, as that is common in shoulder-braces and suspenders combined; but no suspender or combined suspender and brace was known to me prior to my invention, in which a single button-strap on each side was used in front, and the side button-strap on each side extended from the back portion of the main straps; and it is this peculiarity of construction which distinguishes my suspender from all other articles of this class before known, and from which all its advantages spring.

What I claim as my invention is—

The improved suspenders above described, with but two button-straps in front—one connected to one of the two straps which pass over the shoulders, and the other connected to the other of such straps, and having the side button-straps arranged to pass from the side buttons, under the arms, to the back piece, all as above described and shown.

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