

(No Model.)

R. F. HAMILTON & J. WODISKA.
BELT KEEPER.

No. 435,930.

Patented Sept. 9, 1890.

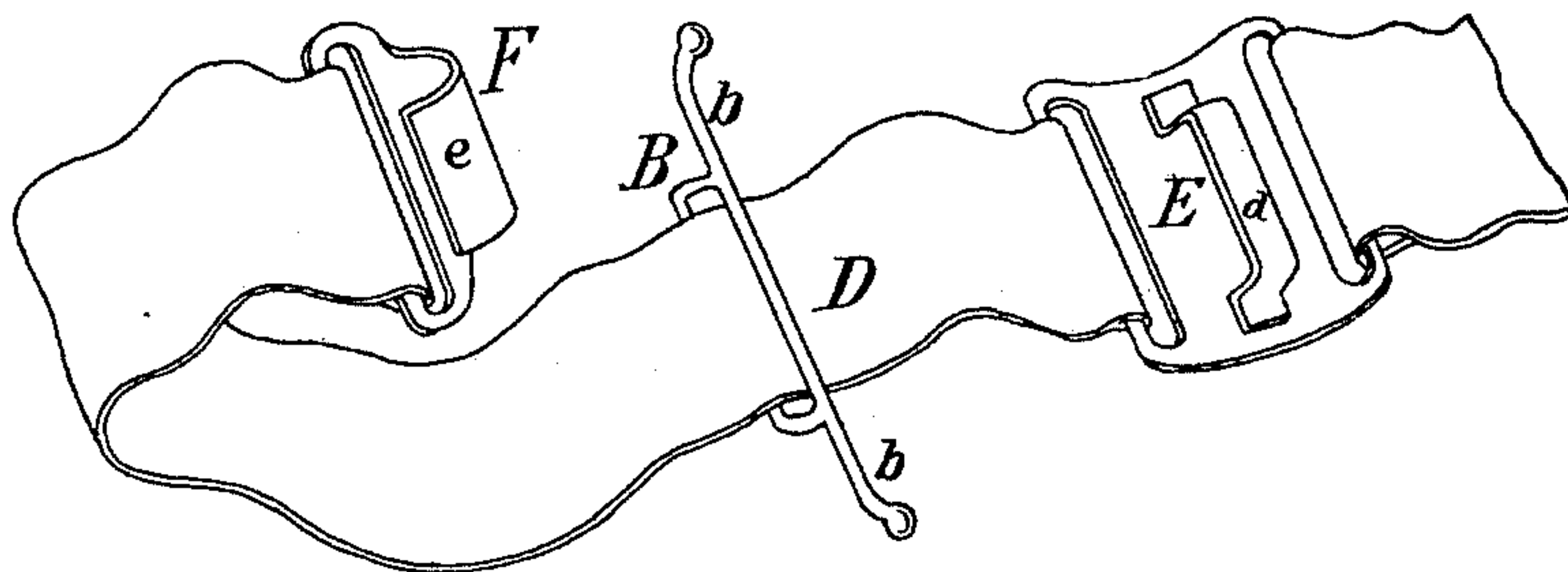


Fig. 1

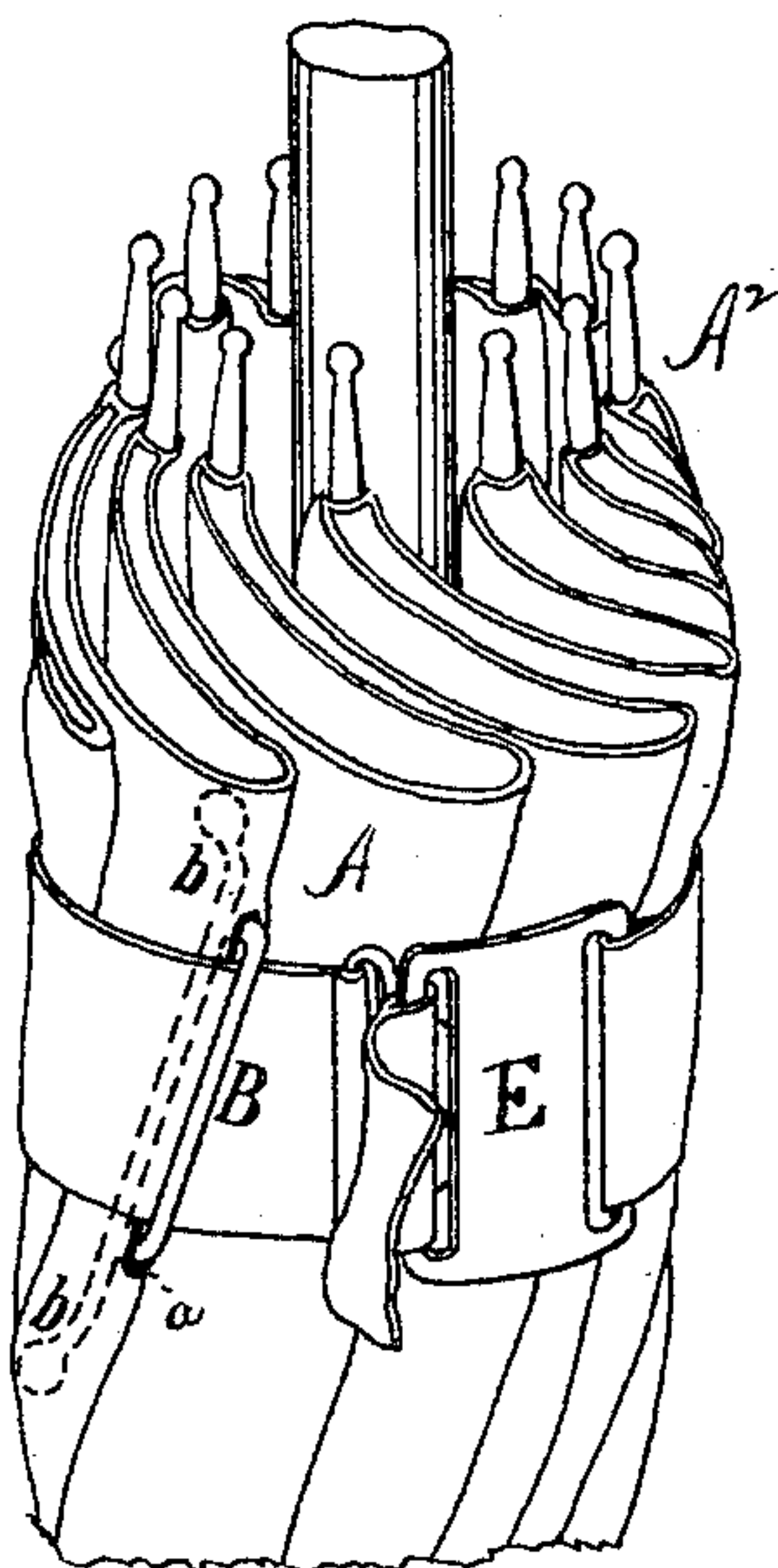


Fig. 2

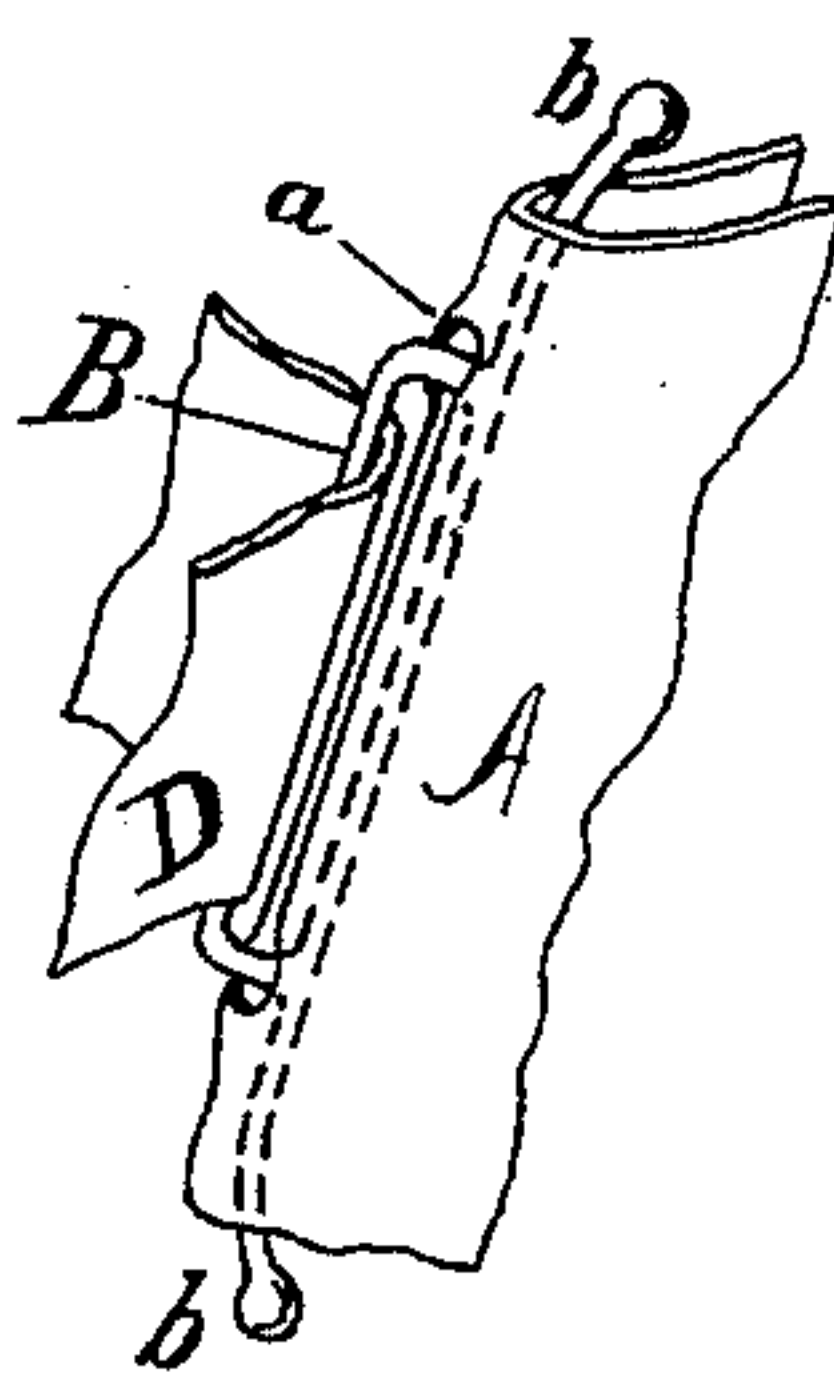


Fig. 3

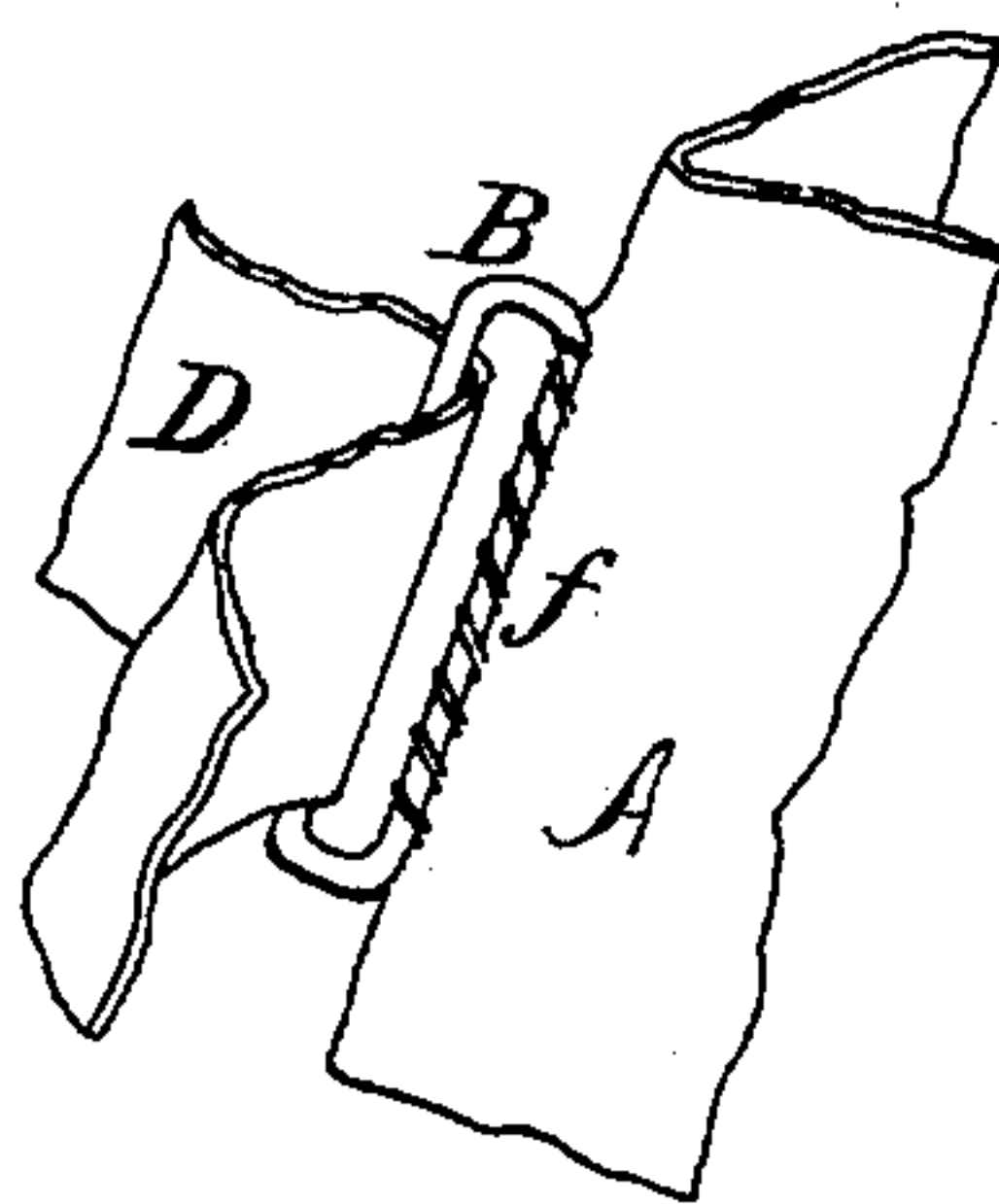


Fig. 4

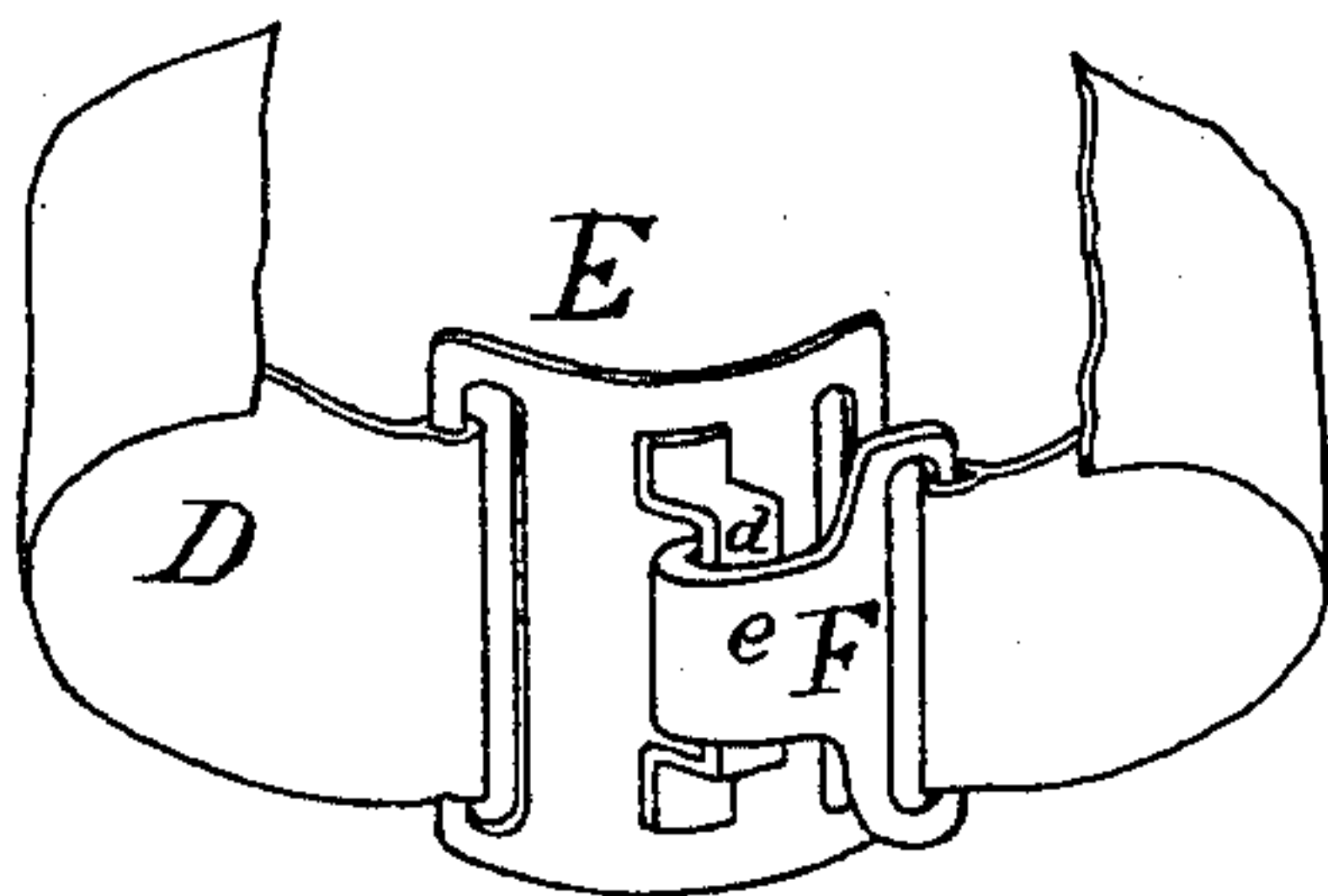


Fig. 5

Witnesses,
Joseph Ireland
J. A. Clark

Inventors,
Richard F. Hamilton
and
Julius Wodiska,
by
T. F. Bourne
their Attorney.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

RICHARD F. HAMILTON AND JULIUS WODISKA, OF NEW YORK, N. Y.

BELT-KEEPER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 435,930, dated September 9, 1890.

Application filed November 16, 1889. Serial No. 330,522. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, RICHARD F. HAMILTON and JULIUS WODISKA, both residents of the city, county, and State of New York, have
5 invented an Improved Belt-Keeper, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to the belt or band that encircles an umbrella or other article; and it has for its object to permit the belt or
10 band to be fastened around the article without drawing upon or straining the fabric of the same.

The invention consists in the novel details of improvement and the combinations of parts,
15 that will be more fully hereinafter set forth, and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, wherein—

20 Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improvement. Fig. 2 is a partly broken side view of an umbrella having our improvement applied. Fig. 3 is a detail view showing how our belt or band is connected with the fabric.
25 Fig. 4 is a detail view of a modification, and Fig. 5 is a detail view of the inner side of the clasp shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter
30 A indicates the fabric of a suitable umbrella A² or other article, the edge of one fold of said fabric being shown, provided with an aperture or button-hole *a*, or said aperture could be in any other part of the fabric.

B indicates an eye, loop, or keeper that is
35 carried by the fabric A, and D is a belt or band to encircle the umbrella or fabric, as shown. The eye or keeper B projects slightly from the outer side of the fabric A, and the belt or band D passes freely through said eye or
40 keeper on the outer side of the fabric. The eye or keeper B (shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3) consists of a suitable frame having side projections *b b*, the distance between the outer ends of the projections *b* being greater than
45 the length of the aperture *a*. The eye or keeper is passed partly through the aperture or button-hole *a* in the fabric A, so as to project from the outer side of the fabric, while the projections *b b*, being on the inner side of
50 the fabric, prevent the keeper from being pulled through the aperture or button-hole. The belt or band D, which passes through the

eye or keeper on the outer side of the fabric, together with the projections *b b* on the inner side of the fabric, holds the eye or keeper in
55 position in the button-hole. The ends of the belt or band D are to be provided with a suitable clasp or the like E F, by which the belt can be secured around the umbrella A². In the example shown the part E of the clasp
60 has a loop or eye *d*, that receives a hook *e* on the part F; but the means for connecting the ends of the belt may be varied as may be desired, any suitable device being used to
65 hold the ends of the belt or band.

It will be seen from the above that the belt
65 or band D is not sewed or fastened to the fabric A, but is permitted to slide on the fabric through the eye or keeper B. When the umbrella or fabric is rolled or folded, the belt
70 or band D is folded around the fabric and clasped or fastened at its ends to hold the umbrella or fabric closed; but in fastening the belt or band around the umbrella it does not
75 draw upon the fabric, because it is not secured to the latter. By this means the strain on the fabric and the tearing of the same, as in ordinary umbrellas when they are being
80 closed, are overcome, while the belt or band is still held in position to be folded around the umbrella.

Instead of the eye or keeper B being passed
85 through the aperture or button-hole *a* and having the side projections *b b*, it may be secured to the fabric by stitches *f*, as in Fig. 3, and the projections *b* dispensed with. By this means the belt or band is still held on
90 the fabric, so that it can slide or be folded around the umbrella without drawing on the fabric.

Although we have shown and described our
95 improvement as applied to an umbrella, it can be used to hold up stockings like a garter, the eye or keeper on the stocking preventing the belt slipping down along the stocking or becoming lost. It can also be used around the
100 waist of a person and in many places where a belt or band is used to prevent the belt slipping out of place and also tearing or drawing on the fabric.

When in this specification we refer to fabric, we wish it understood that we mean any fabric to which our improvement is applicable.

With the arrangement shown in Figs. 1 and 2 the belt and keeper can be removed from one umbrella and used on another, when desired, with very little trouble. Of course the means for preventing the eye or keeper being pulled through the aperture or button-hole *a* can be varied, as desired.

Having now described our invention, what we claim is—

10 1. The combination of a fabric A with an eye or keeper B, consisting of a frame having opposite sides that are adapted to retain a belt or band, substantially as described.

15 2. The fabric A, having the aperture or button-hole *a*, combined with the eye or keeper B, that projects into said aperture, and with the belt or band D, that slides in said keeper, substantially as described.

20 3. The fabric A, having the aperture or button-hole *a*, combined with the eye or keeper

B, that passes through said aperture, said keeper having the side projections *bb*, in combination with the belt or band D, that passes freely through the keeper, the projections *bb* being on one side of the fabric and the belt on the opposite side, substantially as described. 25

4. The belt-retainer or keeper herein described, consisting of the frame B, having side projections *bb*, substantially as herein shown and described. 30

5. The combination, with an umbrella the fabric of which has an eye or button-hole and the belt or band D, of an eye or keeper that projects into said button-hole, substantially as described.

RICHARD F. HAMILTON.
JULIUS WODISKA.

Witnesses:

JAMES M. TULLY,
T. F. BOURNE.