

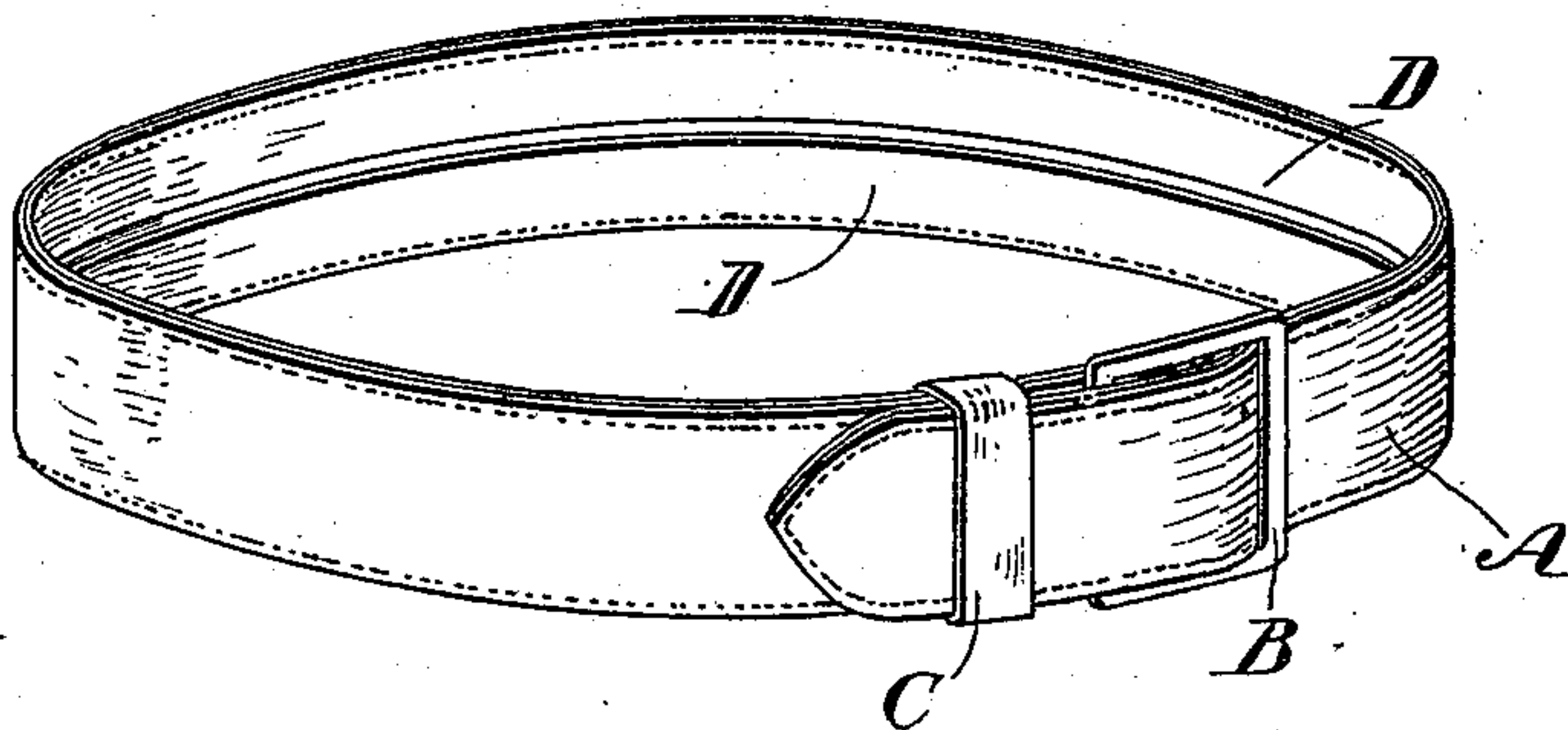
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*Fig. 1.*



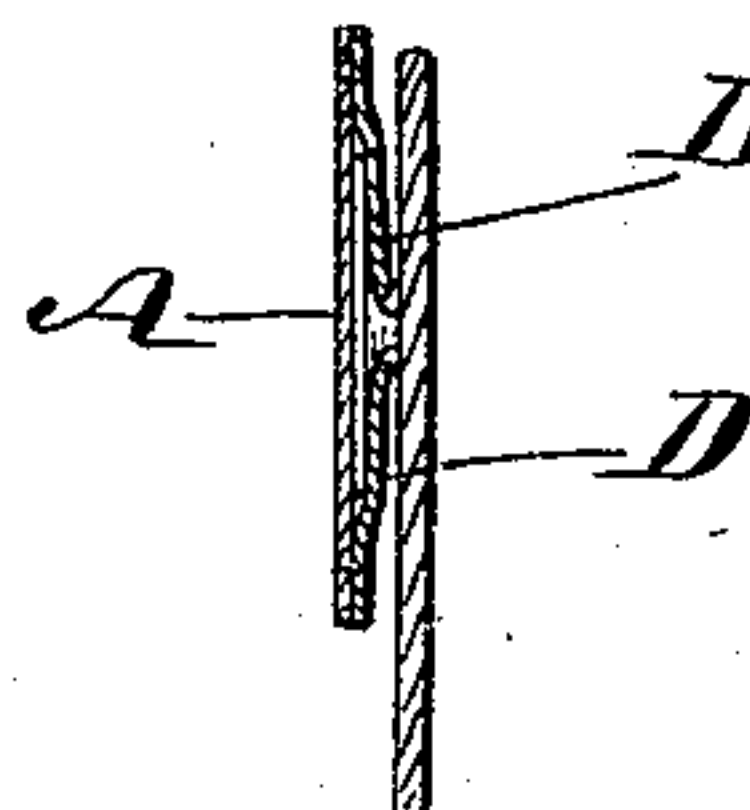
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*

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## BELT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM BERRY FOSDICK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

This invention relates to belts or attachments therefor, and has for its object to provide a simple, cheap, readily constructed and perfectly operating means whereby the belt may be prevented from slipping upwardly or downwardly.

This invention consists of a belt having upon its inner face two longitudinal strips extending throughout the length of the belt, one of said strips being secured at each edge thereof and free at their adjacent edges, whereby they may receive between them and the body of the belt, the suspender buttons on the trousers.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the belt embodying my invention. Fig. 2 illustrates the same in position upon the garments of the person wearing the belt. Fig. 3 is a section taken through the belt and the garment beneath upon the line  $x-x$ , Fig. 2.

In the practice of my invention, I form the belt A in the usual or any other approved shape or style, having secured thereon the buckle B and retaining loop C.

Upon the interior of the belt, at the upper and lower edges thereof, I secure continuous longitudinal strips D, preferably sewed thereon as shown, and extending toward the middle of the belt, but not meeting. These flanges

are formed of stiffened material, as semi-rigid fabric, in order to be just sufficiently unyielding not to bend double, or slip off the buttons, while at the same time conforming, with the belt, to the shape of the waist and motions of the wearer.

In operation, the belt is placed upon the person, immediately at the top of the trousers, or similar garment, and the strips inserted beneath each button of the garment upon the upper and lower sides thereof and the flanges not meeting each other, space is left for the presence of the shank of the button. The belt is thus held upon the trousers, and being free to move laterally, it can be fastened in position, and thereafter be tightened or loosened, very readily. Moreover, it will be readily appreciated that I may make the belt proper, or the strips, or both of any of a variety of materials, without departing in any way from the spirit of my invention.

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

A belt comprising a strip of fabric of constant width having a longitudinal strip of fabric secured to each edge on the inner face to the belt, said longitudinal strips being free at their adjacent edges and extending throughout the length of the belt, whereby the belt may lie against the waist-band of a pair of trousers to receive the heads of all buttons thereon and support the trousers.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 1st day of October, 1894.

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