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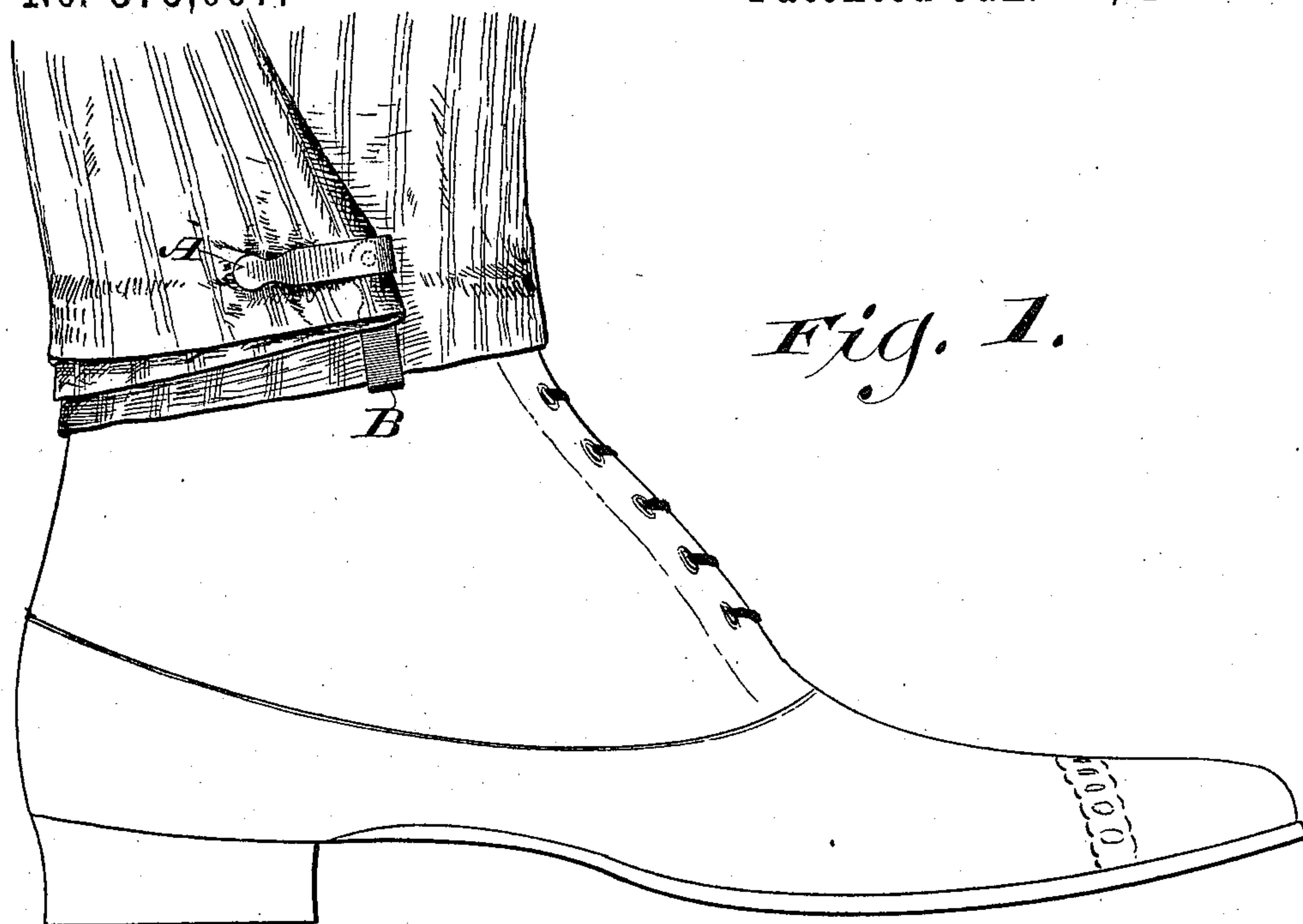


Fig. 1.

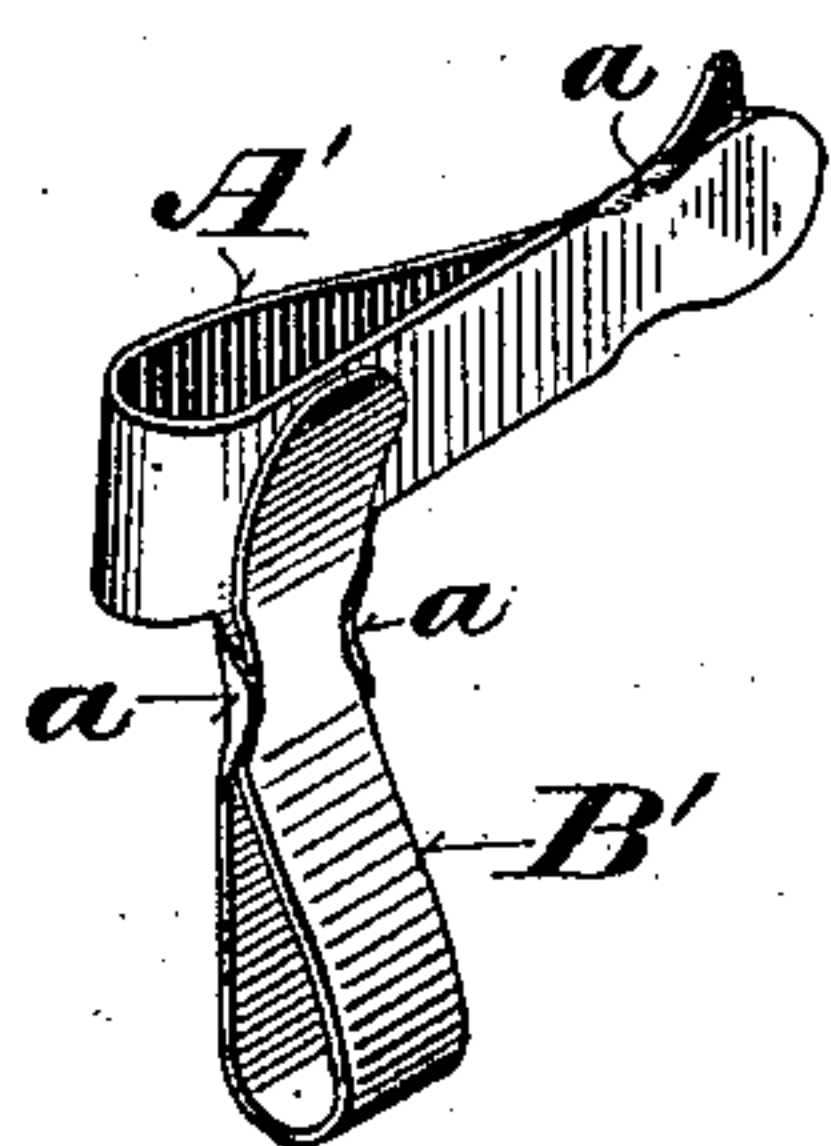


Fig. 4.

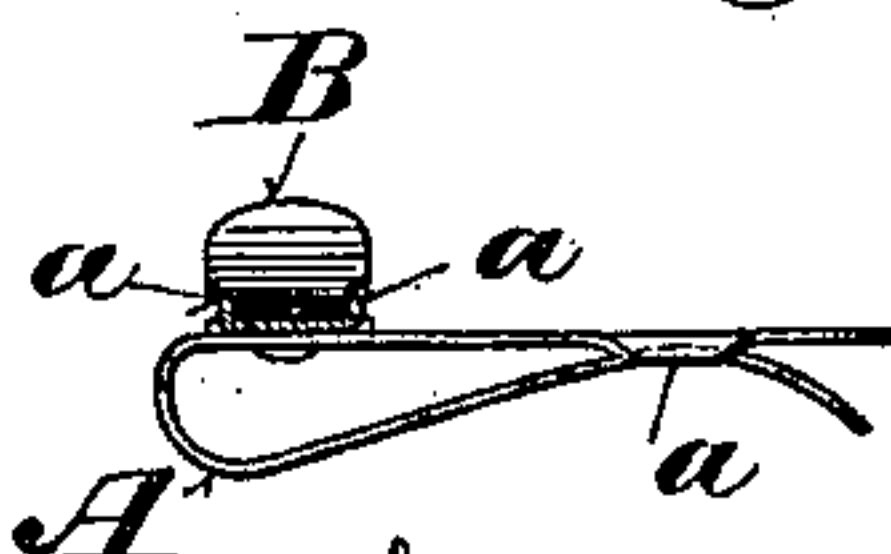


Fig. 2.

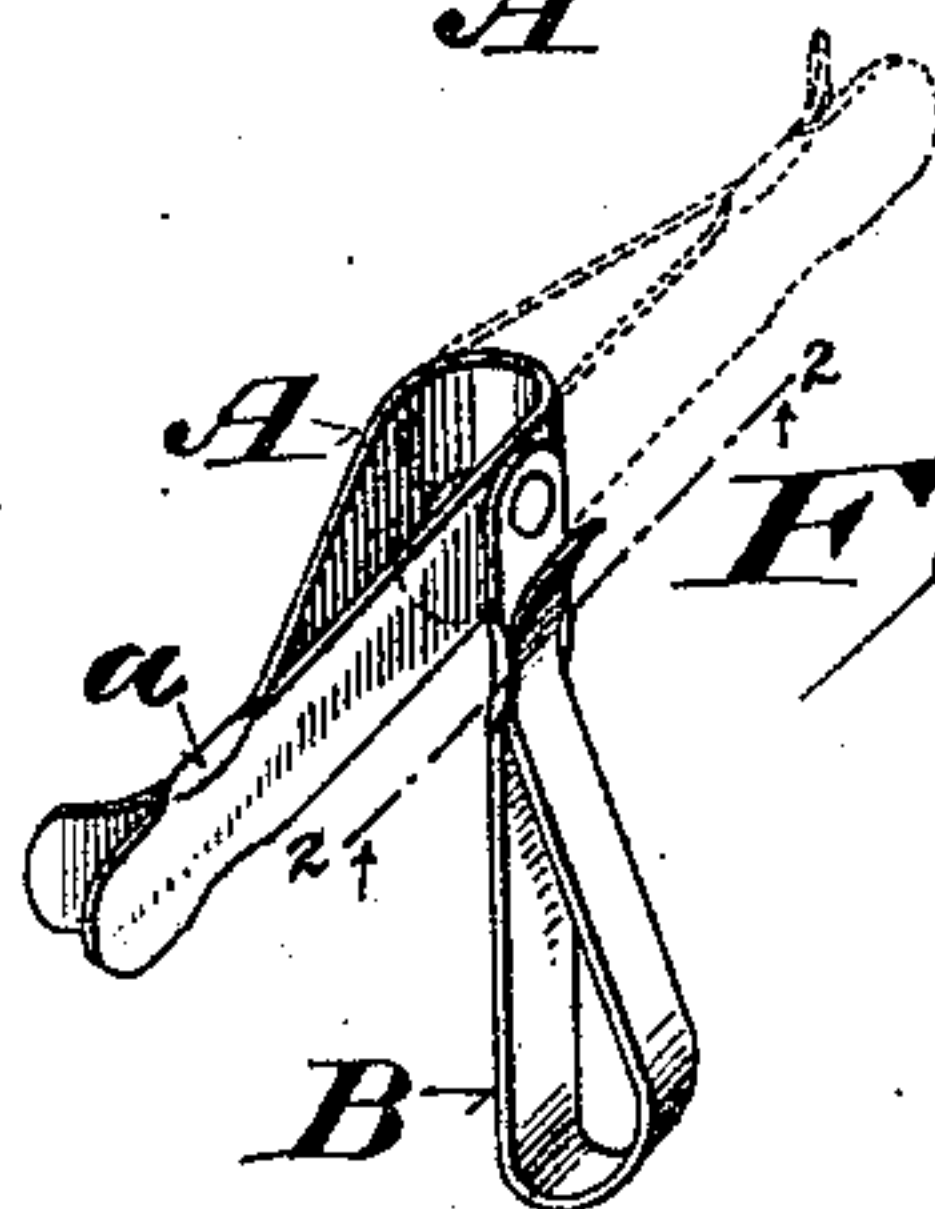


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD W. LONG, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trousers-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The main object of my invention is to hold the trousers wrapped at the bottom snugly around the ankles; and it consists, essentially, of two loops or clasps connected with and normally arranged at right angles to each other, and of certain novel features in the construction and arrangement of the component parts of the device, as hereinafter particularly described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings like letters designate the same parts in the several figures.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my trousers-holder, illustrating the method of using it. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2 2, Fig. 3, the section cutting one of the loops or clasps transversely through its jaws and the other loop or clasp being turned into the position indicated by dotted lines, Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the holder arranged for use as a right, it being shown in Fig. 1 as arranged for a left; and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modification of the device.

My improved holder is designed particularly for bicycle-riding, but is equally applicable to other uses where it is desirable to hold the trousers wrapped snugly around the ankles.

Referring to Figs. 1 to 3, inclusive, the holder consists of two clasps or elastic metallic loops A and B, which are each formed of sheet metal bent, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, into an open spring-loop. Preferably the two clasps or loops are made separate from each other, the clasp B being pivoted at or near its open end to the clasp A at or near its closed end, as clearly shown in Fig. 3, so as to admit of turning one part upon the other to form a right or left, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, or to fold them together parallel with each other

into a smaller compass and more convenient form to carry in the pocket. The clasp A is bent outwardly, while the clasp B is bent inwardly upon itself, so as to pass over and engage a longitudinal fold laid in the trousers and the hem or lower edge of the trousers, respectively, as shown in Fig. 1. In this way the fold is held wrapped about the ankle closely against it, and the trousers are prevented from catching on the cranks of a bicycle and from working up.

To provide the clasps with a better hold or grip on the folds or edges of the trousers, which they embrace, they are preferably formed on one side near their open ends with upturned edges *aa*, which constitute jaws that embrace between them the opposite sides of the clasps. The sides of the clasps opposite these jaws are preferably contracted in width between them and are bent so as to normally come in contact with the sides on which the jaws are formed at points adjacent thereto, from which points they are bent outwardly toward their ends, so as to facilitate passing them over the folds or edges of the trousers.

While I prefer to pivotally connect the two parts of the holder as and for the purpose above stated, I may form them integrally with each other from a single piece of metal or attach them rigidly to each other, as shown in Fig. 4, the clasp or loop B' being joined by one side at or near its open end to one side of the clasp or loop A' at or near its closed end, and at right angles or transversely thereto.

The first-described form of the holder, when its parts are unfolded or spread into working position, as well as the form last described, is substantially L-shaped.

I claim—

1. An L-shaped trousers-holder consisting of two reversibly-bent metallic spring-loops, the open end of one being attached to the closed end of the other, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. A folding trousers-holder consisting of two reversely-bent and pivotally-connected metallic spring-loops which are capable of being turned or folded one upon and parallel with the other, the open end of one loop being connected with the closed end of the other, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. A reversible trousers-holder consisting

of two reversely-bent and pivotally-connected
spring-loops capable of being turned one upon
the other in opposite directions to form a right
or left L-shaped holder, the open end of one
5 loop being connected with the closed end of
the other, substantially as and for the pur-
poses set forth.

4. An L-shaped trousers-holder consisting
of two reversely-bent metallic spring-loops
10 each formed on one side near its open end
with upturned edges or jaws embracing the

edges of the opposite side, the open end of
one loop being connected with the closed end
of the other, substantially as and for the pur-
poses set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
my own I affix my signature in presence of
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