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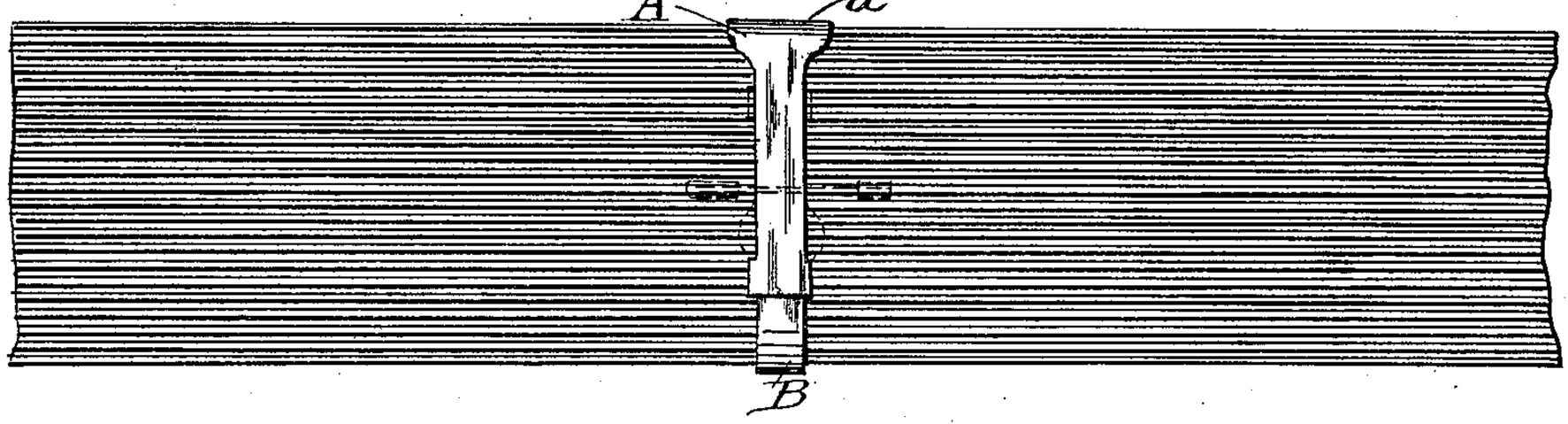

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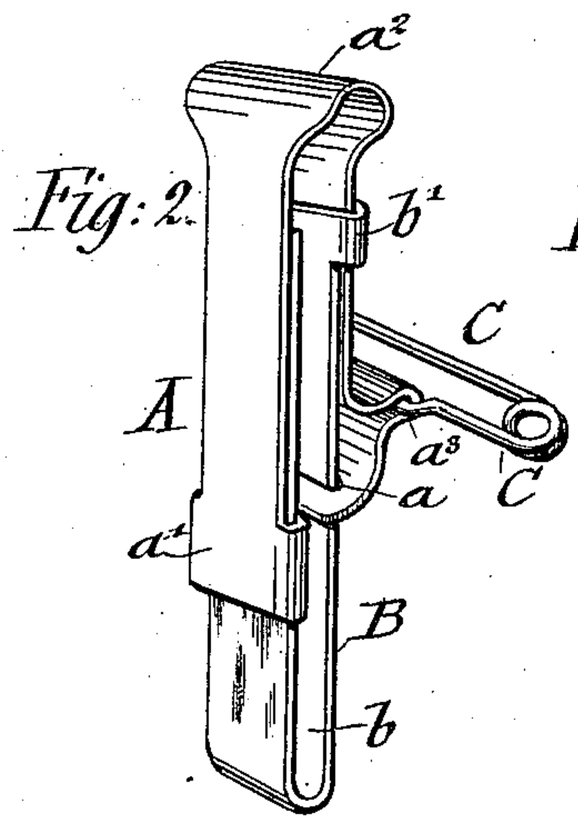

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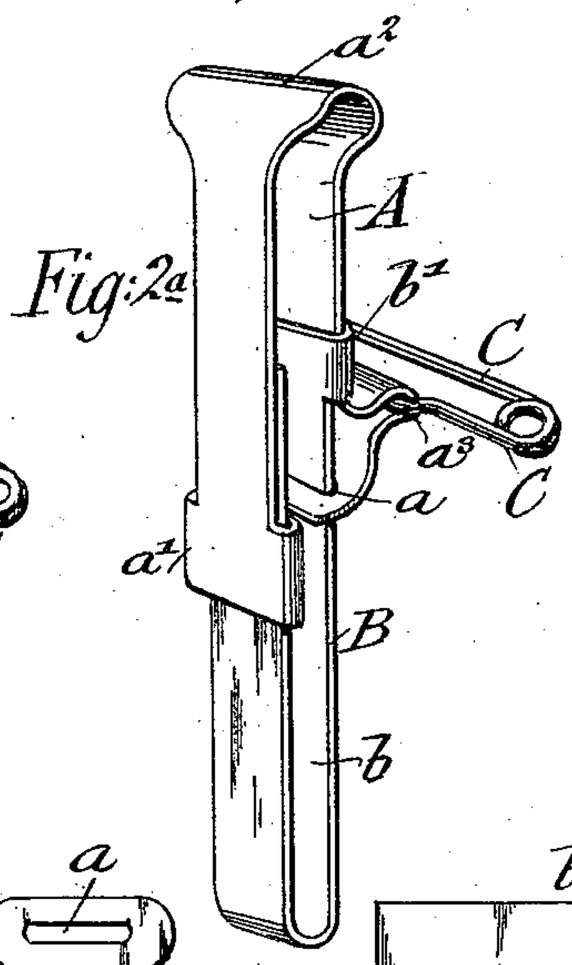

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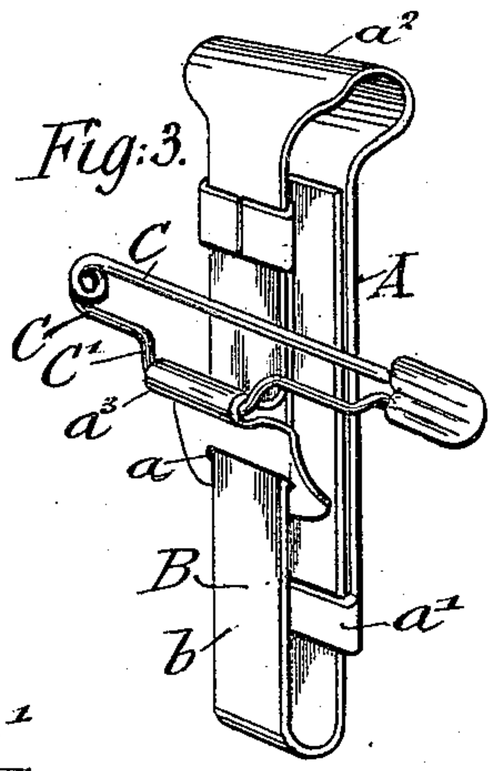

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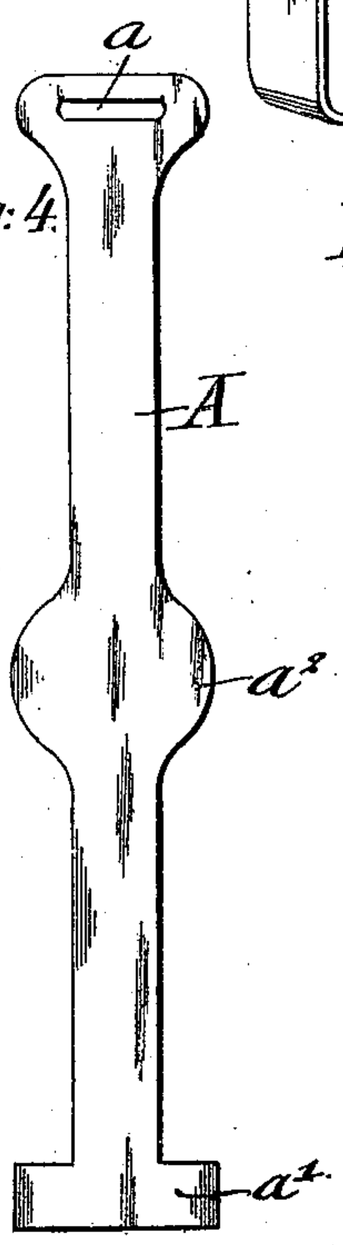

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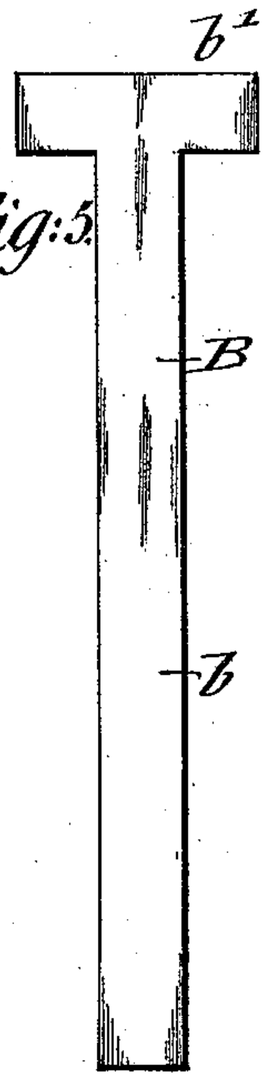

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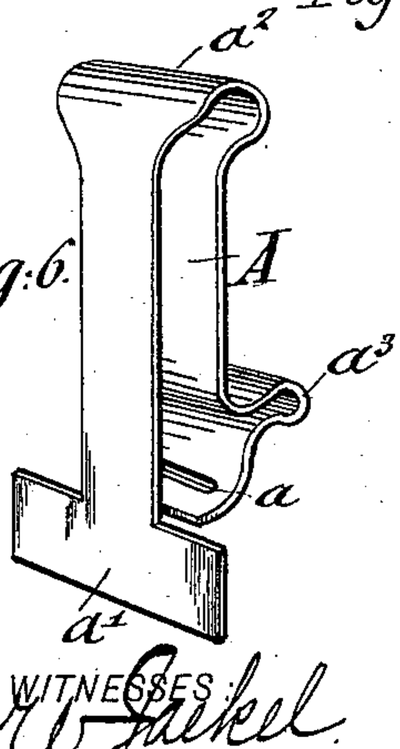

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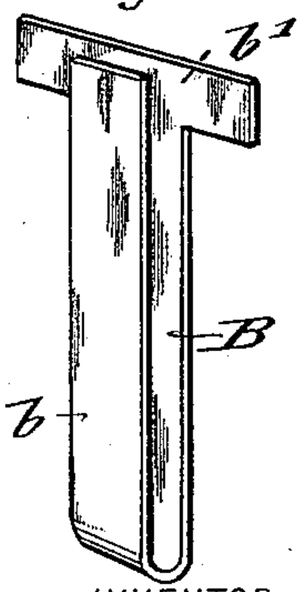

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS W. RICE, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belt-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to belt-holders, and has for its object to produce a belt-holder which may be used with belts of different widths; and to this end my invention consists of a belt-holder carrying the ordinary safety-pin and constructed of two parts adapted to slide one upon the other, thereby varying the size of the loop, so as to adapt it for use with belts of different widths.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved belt-fastener applied to a belt. Fig. 2 is a front view in perspective of the belt-holder contracted to accommodate the smallest belt. Fig. 2^a is a similar view of the belt-holder expanded to its fullest extent. Fig. 3 is a back view in perspective. Figs. 4 and 5 are detail views in elevation of the blanks of which the belt-holder is constructed, and Figs. 6 and 7 are perspective views of the blanks bent up in position to be assembled.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My improved belt-holder is constructed of two parts A and B, bent up into proper shape from the blanks shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The part A, while in the form of a blank, has a slot *a* at one end, a T-shaped head *a'* at the other end, and an enlarged central portion a^2. The part B has a straight body portion *b* of a width to slide freely in the slot *a* of the part A, and has also a T-shaped head *b'* at one end. C is an ordinary safety-pin, the fixed bar *c* of which is provided with a central offset *c'*, by which it is attached to the part A.

The part A is bent near its slotted end to form a sleeve a^3, in which the offset *c'* of the fixed bar *c* of the safety-pin is secured. The part A is doubled upon itself at the enlarged central portion a^2, and the two lugs of the T-shaped head *a'* are bent around the body of the part B, which has previously been passed through the slot *a*. After having passed the body portion *b* of the part B through the slot *a* of the part A the two lugs of the T-shaped head *b'* are bent around the body of the part A between the slotted end and the enlarged central portion. The body part of the part B is doubled upon itself in the center and the lower half is clasped by the lugs of the T-shaped head of the part A, as above described, so as to freely slide thereon.

To adjust the belt-holder to belts of different sizes, it is only necessary to move one part upon the other, so as to reduce or enlarge the opening through which the belt passes. The lugs of the T-shaped head *b'* of the part B, which, as described, are clasped about the body portion of A between the slotted head and the enlarged central portion, serve as a stop to limit the movement of the parts by abutting against said enlarged central portion in one direction and the sleeve a^3 in the other direction.

It will thus appear that my improved belt-holder is capable of being readily and easily adjusted to fit different sizes of belts within the capacity of a particular belt-holder, it being purposed to employ several different sizes of belt-holders, which will accommodate belts varying from the narrowest to the widest belt.

My improved belt-holder is constructed of three parts, two of which can be easily and quickly stamped out of suitable sheet metal and bent up into shape, thus providing a durable, economical, and valuble belt-holder of great strength to withstand the strain imposed upon it.

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

1. A belt-holder, composed of a loop having two parts, each part provided with bent-over lugs, one of said parts constructed with an enlarged central portion and a slotted end whereby the said parts are adjustably secured to each other, and a safety-pin carried by one of said parts, substantially as set forth.

2. A belt-holder, having a loop constructed of two adjustably-connected parts A and B, the part A having an enlarged and slotted end, an enlarged central portion and bent-over guide-lugs at the opposite end, the part

B having a guide-lug at one end and a body portion adapted to slide in the slotted end of the part A, a sleeve made integral with the part A above the slotted end thereof, and a safety-pin secured in said sleeve, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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