

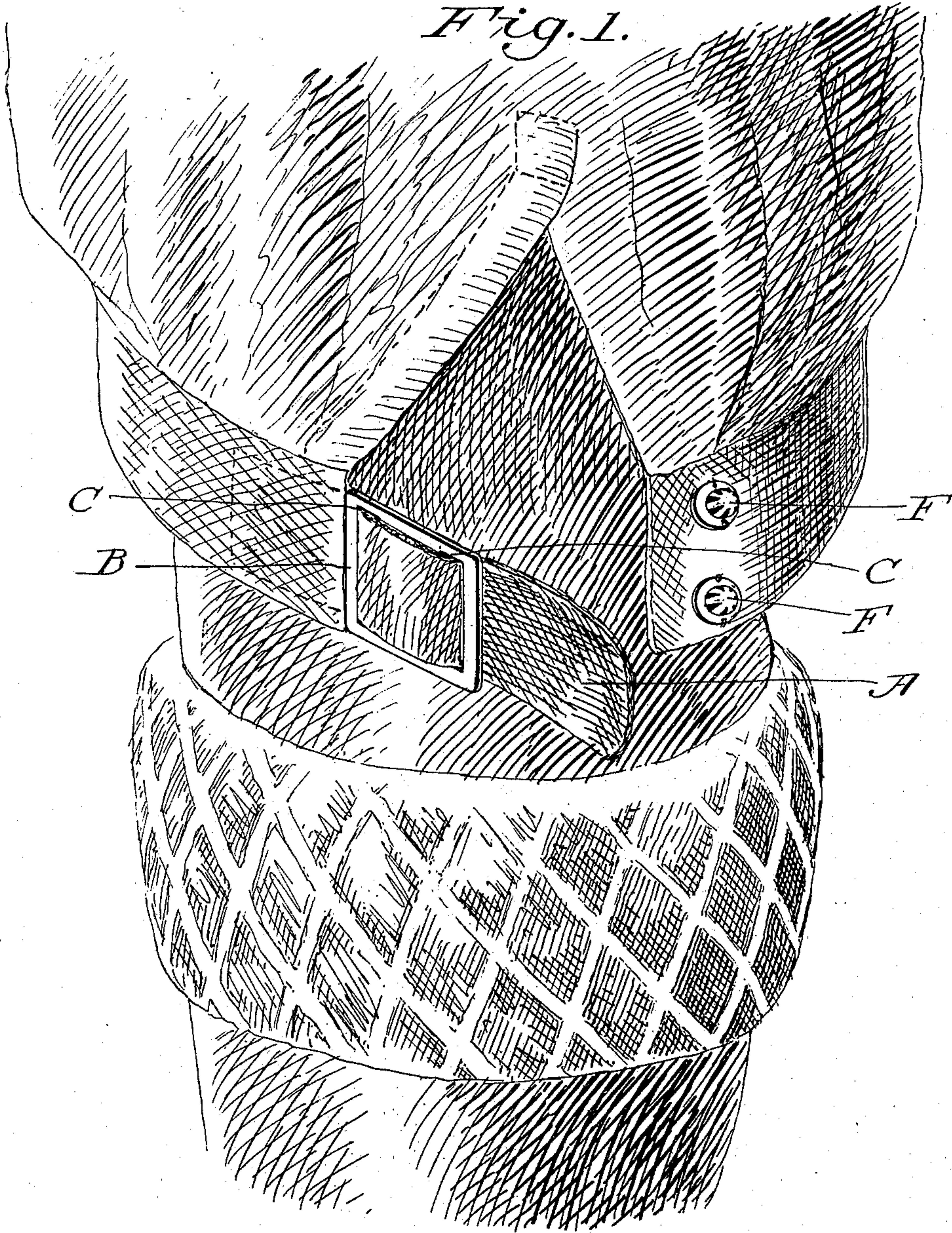
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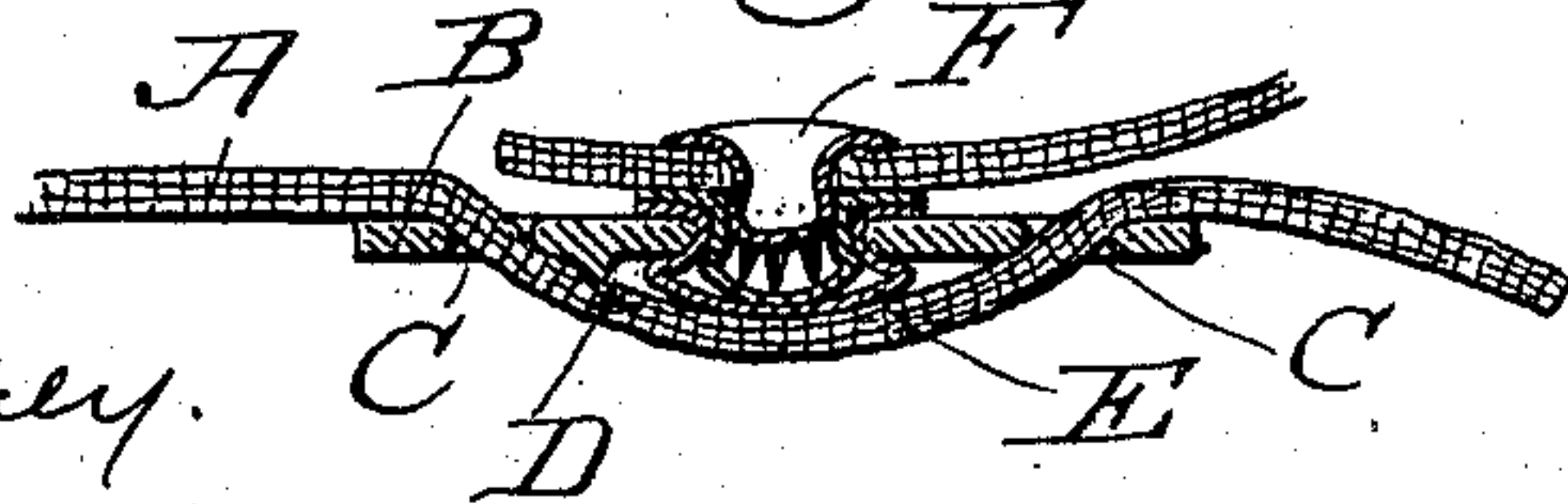
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*

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## GARMENT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT STARR BEST, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide an attachment for the meeting faces or folds of garments, so that such fastening attachment can be adjusted by means of one securing device and attached or locked by a second device, thereby securing a range or compass in usage not attainable in the ordinary buckle or button. If desired, the fastening device can be constructed so as to simulate a buckle.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the parts disengaged. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section showing the parts in engagement.

In the drawings, A represents a strap or band of cloth or other suitable material affixed to one side of a placket of a garment, such as the lower ends of knee trousers, provided with a plate B, having openings C C near its ends, through which the band or strap passes.

At D, I provide teeth, which afford means and act as retainers to the band or strap and resist the pull of same when in position in use.

Affixed to the plate B beyond the teeth D and centrally located as regards the strap or band is the female member E of the ball-socket fastener, the opening being beneath the plate B. Upon the opposite side of the placket I affix the other member or stud F of the ball-and-socket fastener and so arrange it as to be in the same central line as the member E. It will be seen by means of this

arrangement that I am enabled, through the instrumentality of the retaining device D and the openings C C, to secure any desired and fixed length of the band A and provide means for altering its length from time to time, and in combination with this form a buttoner for the ordinary usage of fastening or releasing without interfering with the band or strap.

As shown in Fig. 1, I prefer to employ two sets of fasteners E F, one being arranged immediately above the other. By this means the simulation of the buckle is more easily maintained, as there will be no tendency to any side slipping or twisting. In addition a stronger and better article is secured. It will be seen also that the strap or band conceals just sufficient of the plate B to give the structure the appearance of a buckle and that the fastening devices provide means of quick attachment and detachment, thus avoiding the drawbacks of a real buckle.

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

A garment having a placket therein, and a strap attached to one edge thereof, the strap carrying a plate having a socket-opening on its under face and a longitudinal slit extending across said plate near each end thereof, the strap passing through said slots and over the plate and adjustable therein and concealing the socket-piece, the opposite edge of the placket being provided with a complementary ball or stud arranged to interlock with the socket, as and for the purpose set forth.

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