

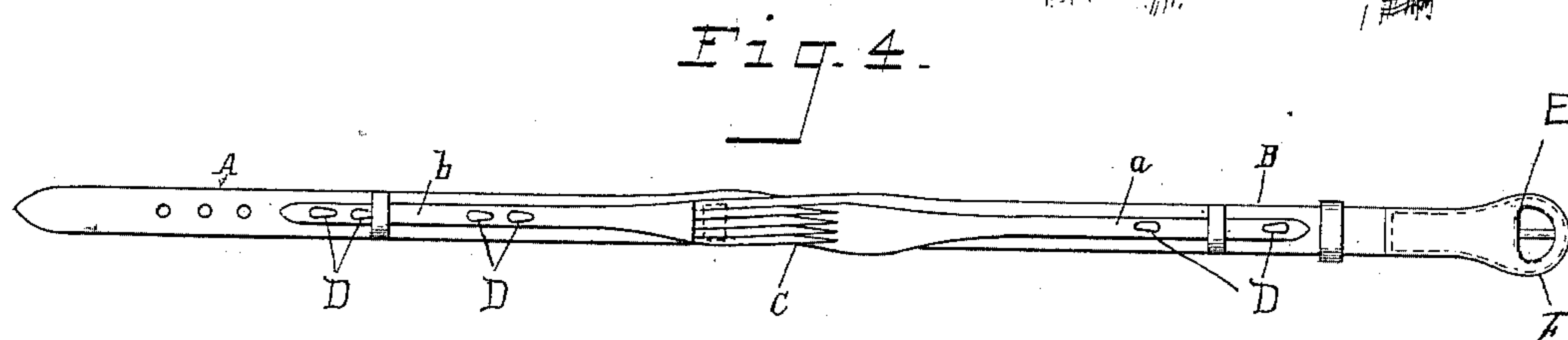
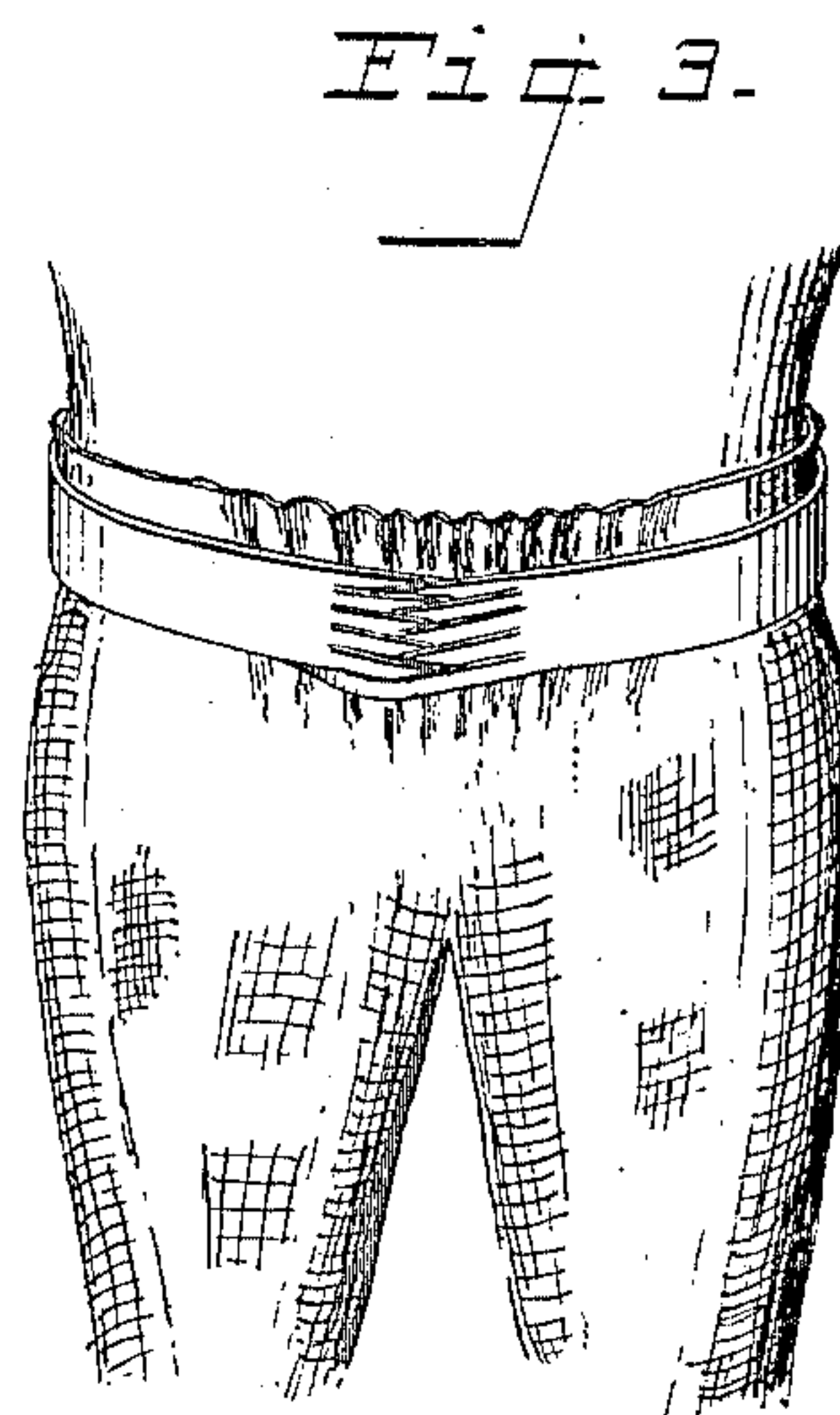
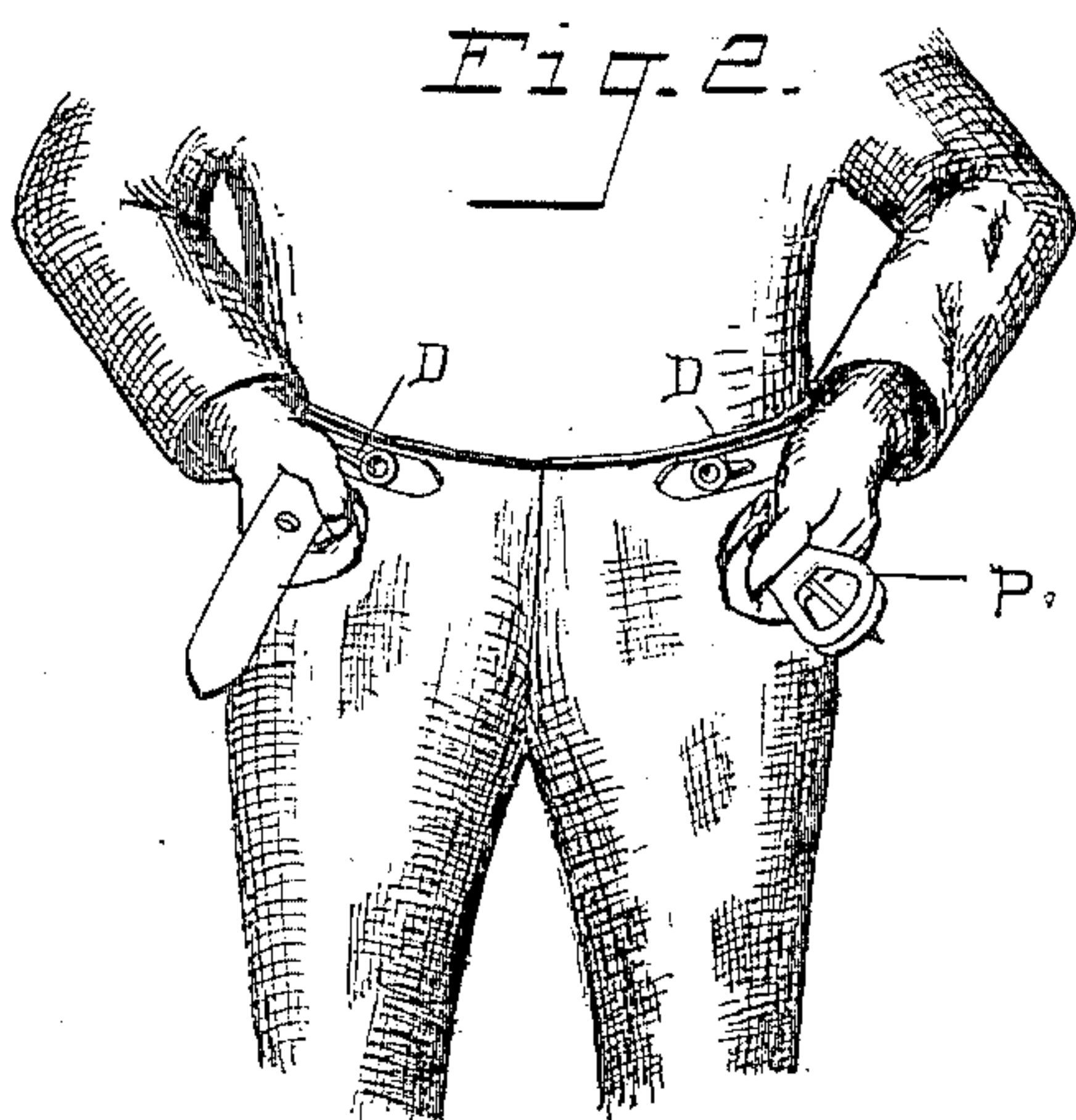
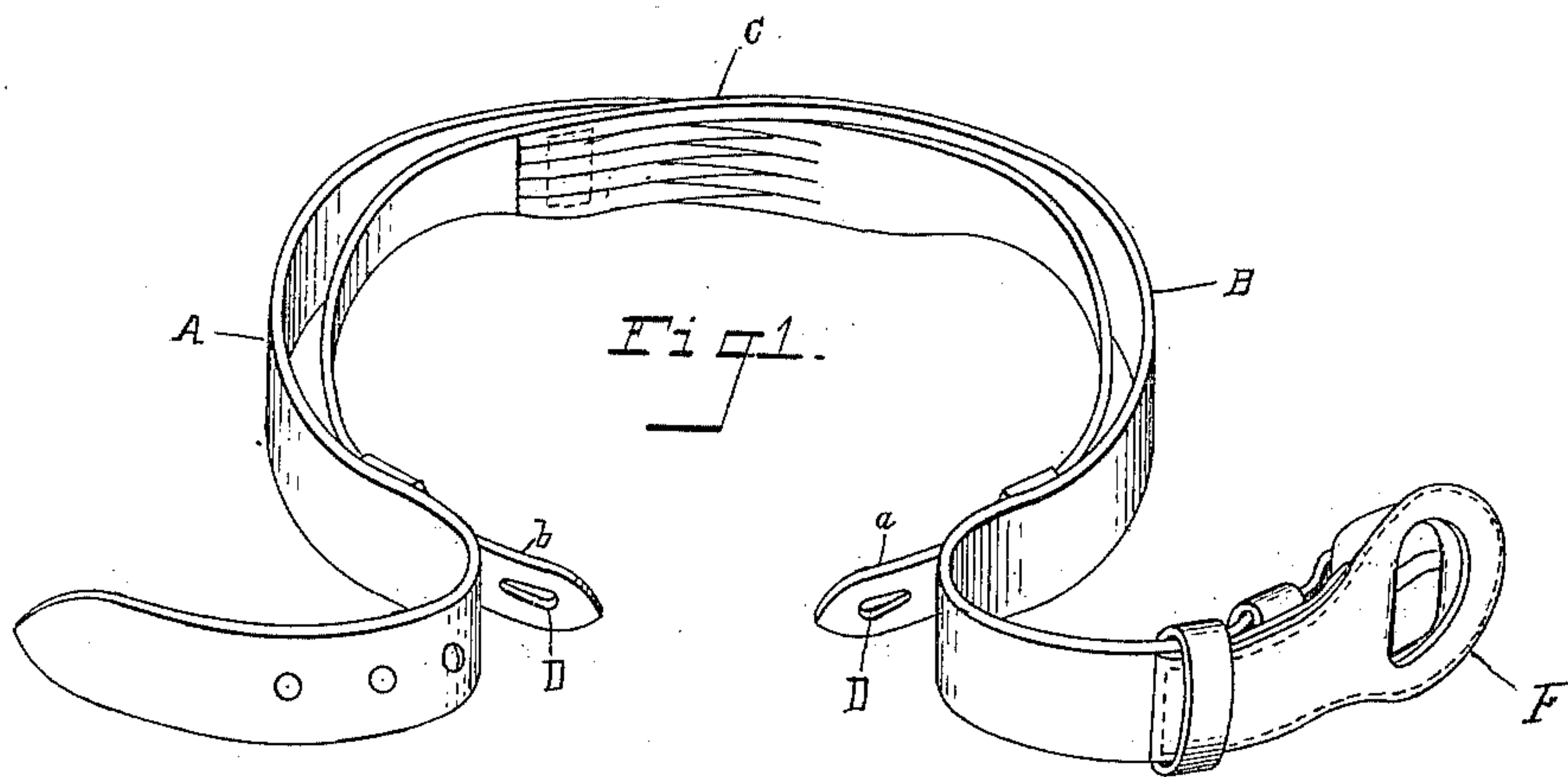
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APPAREL-BELT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY POLAK, formerly a subject of the Emperor of Germany, but now a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, borough of Brooklyn, county of Kings, State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Belts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates specifically to a belt or band separable from and in no way a part of the garment to which it is adapted to be attached, and it is intended by reason of this to secure a belt which will at all times when in use and properly adjusted maintain the garment in its proper and most comfortable position.

To this end my invention consists in what I shall term a "two-part belt," the two parts having a sliding connection and attachment to each other and being provided at their inner ends (hidden terminals below the belt proper) with means of securing the same to the waistband of the garment to which the belt is adapted to be attached and in combination with which it is to be utilized. I also employ any form of adjustable fastening device at the front and joining ends of the belt. The result of my invention is the production of a belt which can be easily attached to or detached from the garment of the wearer and which will when in use and properly adjusted draw the waistband of the garment backward, placing all the fullness at the rear and securing at the front a neat appearance, at the same time effecting the greatest degree of comfort, as will be explained.

I will proceed to describe my invention in connection with the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 represents a view of one of my improved belts opened, so as to display the form and structure of all the parts. Fig. 2 represents a front view of the belt in use. Fig. 3 represents a rear view of the belt in use. Fig. 4 represents a view of the belt in position.

Referring to the drawings, A and B represent, respectively, the two parts of the two-part belt aforesaid. These two parts or members are interlaced, as shown at C. The inner or smaller ends *a* and *b* take positions beneath the parts A and B, as will be seen, when the

belt is in use, being hidden by the parts A and B. The ends *a* and *b* are provided with buttonholes D. These buttonholes may be several in number and are intended to afford means of securing the belt to the band of the garment at the sides thereof. The front terminals of the belt meet at E and are provided with any of the usual adjustable means of attachment, such as a buckle F. When in use the buttonholes are secured to the waistband of the garment and the front ends are drawn around in front of the wearer. The pull upon the two parts A and B of the belt causes the smaller ends *a* and *b* to draw backward on the waistband of the garment, taking all the fullness of the garment to the rear, and when in a satisfactory position the fastening attachment at the front can be secured, to the comfort of the wearer.

I have shown one form providing for the sliding connection of the two-part belt at the rear; but other means may be employed, and I do not limit myself to this particular method. Also instead of the buttonholes on the smaller and inner ends of the belt other means of securing the same to the waistband of the garment may be employed without departing from the spirit of my invention. Also, as aforesaid, any adjustable attachment at the front meeting ends of the two-part belt may be employed.

Of course it is to be understood that where the expression "two-part belt" or "a belt of two pieces" is employed two parts are meant having relative movement one with the other, as the parts or pieces may be made of different pieces assembled together. Keepers for the ends are also provided and attached.

I am aware that garments, such as drawers, have heretofore employed bands formed in one with and as a part of the garment interlaced at the back and having means of attaching and adjusting the loose ends of the bands to the garment, such as is shown in United States patent of H. Borkim, No. 196,780, dated November 6, 1877, and I do not claim such an article, the fundamental and important distinctions in my invention being, first, the detachability of the article, constituting thereby a belt and not a waist-

band or forming in any manner a part of the garment, and, second, the capacity of my improved belt to permit the garment in connection with which it is employed to be held in
5 the set position, while the belt itself can play freely around the front of the waistband.

My invention is limited to a belt which includes the following specifications: first, a separate article from the garment in connection with which it is to be used; second, it is
10 composed of two parts connected to each other at the rear and having relative movement; third, the inner ends lie under the belt proper and have means of fixture to the garment,
15 and, fourth, the forward ends are free from the garment and have means of attachment to each other. I hereby disclaim any structure not employing all of these features in combination and limit myself to such a combination.

20 Having thus described my invention, the

following is what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A belt composed of two parts connected to one another by a sliding connection, said parts having means of detachably securing
25 same to a garment at their inner and smaller ends as described, and the outer ends provided with means of attachment to each other.

2. A belt arranged to be detachably connected to a garment, consisting of two parts
30 or pieces adjustably secured to each other and having their inner and smaller ends located beneath or under the belt for the purposes set forth, and an adjustable fastener for securing the other ends to one another.

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