

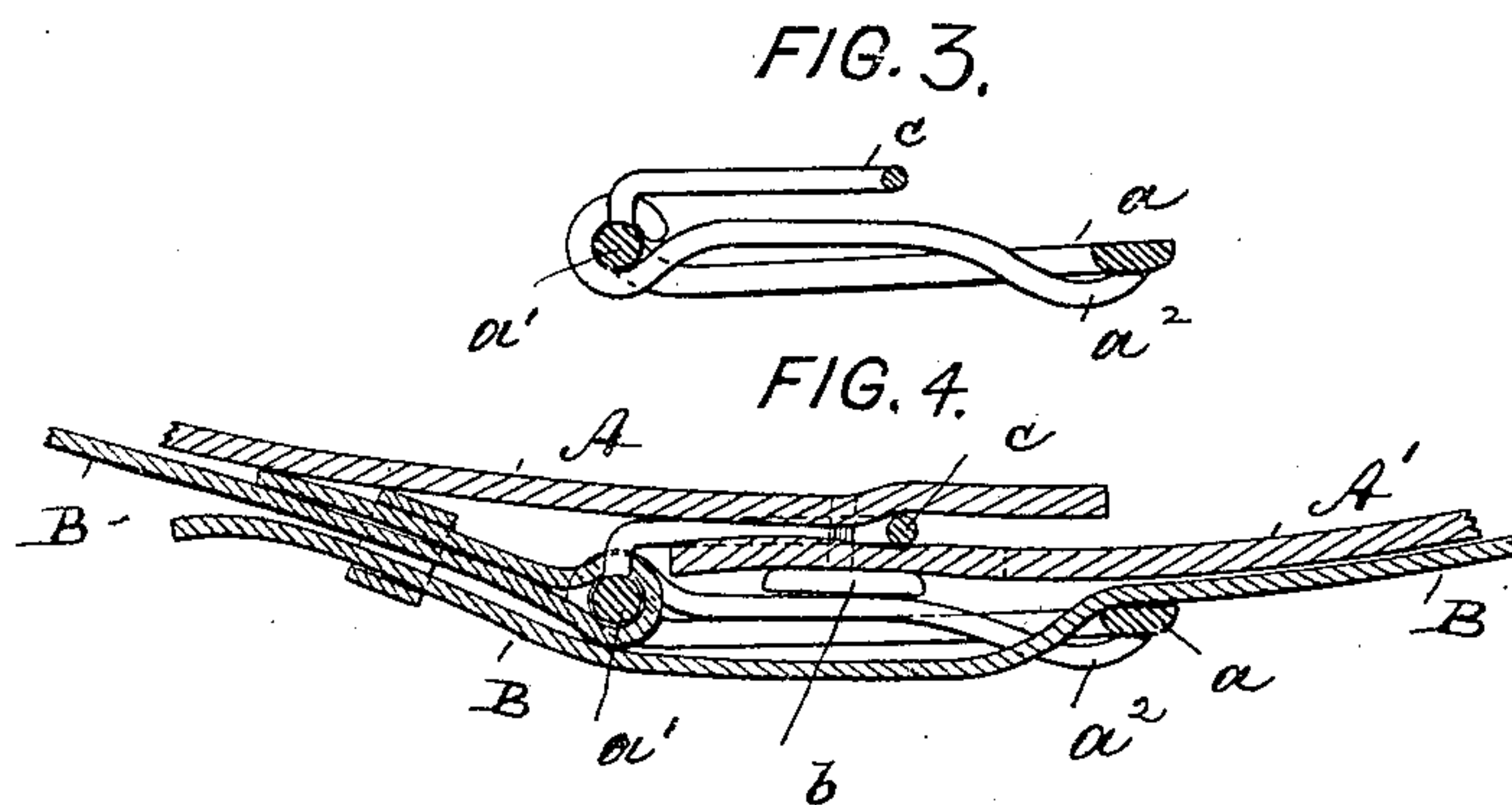
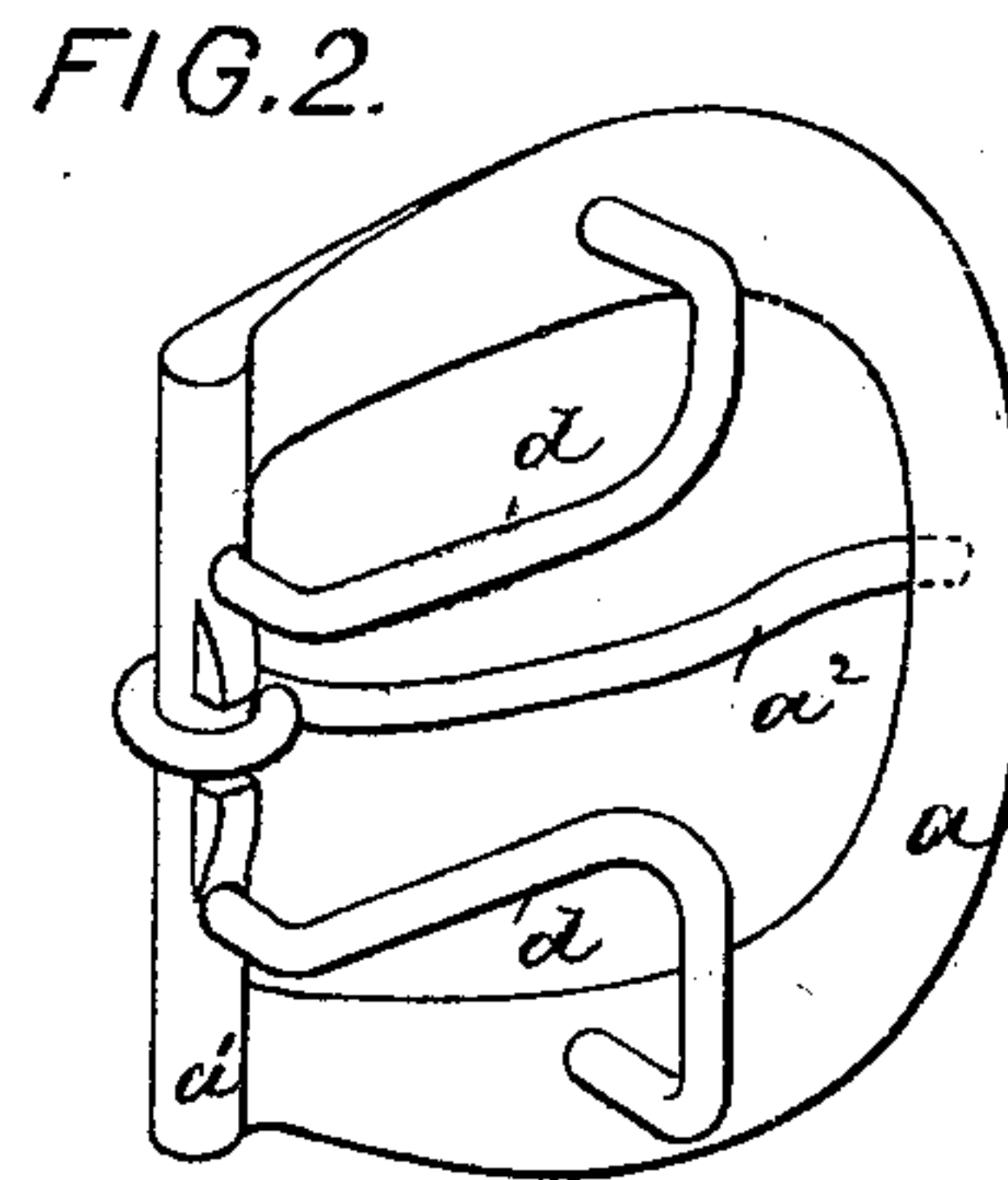
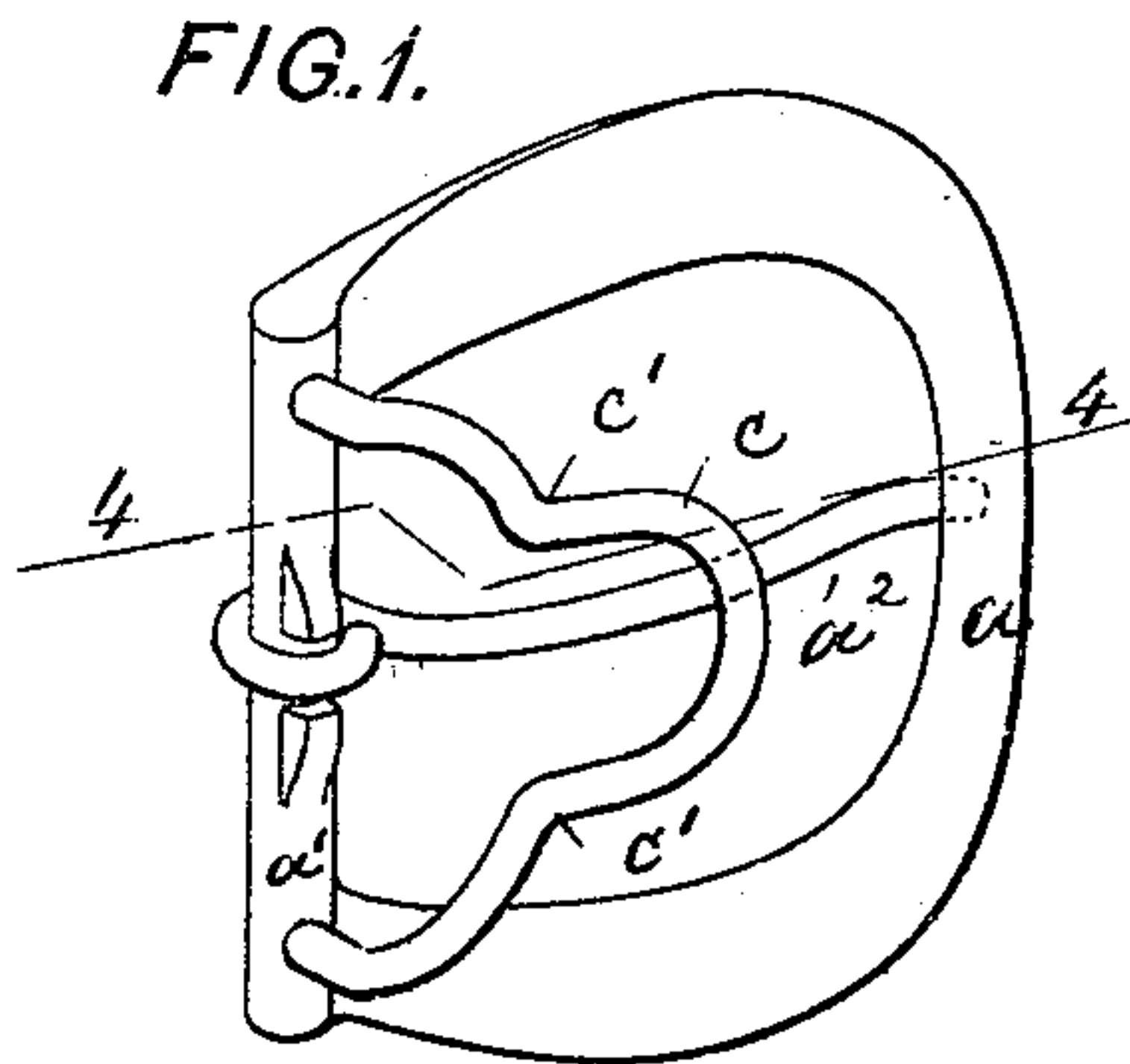
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## BELT-BUCKLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RALPH SCHEUER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, county and State of New York, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belt-Buckles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved buckle more particularly designed for men's  
10 belts and which is so constructed that it may be coupled to the uppermost button of the trousers and will thus hold the belt in position.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is  
15 perspective view of my improved buckle; Fig. 2, a perspective view of a modification; Fig. 3, a section on line 4 4, Fig. 1; and Fig. 4, a section through the buckle, showing it applied to a garment.

20 The letter *a* represents the frame of a buckle of suitable configuration and having the usual rear bar *a'*, upon which turns the tongue *a''*. To the buckle I secure a slotted keeper which is adapted to engage the upper-  
25 most button *b* or other fastening of the trousers. The keeper projects first rearwardly from the inner side of the buckle and extends then parallel thereto, so that it is located in a plane parallel to and in the rear of the  
30 buckle. The shape of the keeper should be

such that it may removably engage the button *b*. Thus in Fig. 1 it is shown to be made in the form of a loop *c*, projecting from the tongue-bar *a'* and having a contracted neck  
35 *c'*, by means of which a better hold upon the button is obtained. In Fig. 2 the keeper is formed of two diverging longitudinal bars *d*, secured at one end to bar *a'* and at the other end to the buckle-frame *a*.

In use the keeper is slipped over the but-  
40 ton *b*, the flaps *A A'* of the garment are closed, and then the belt *B* is buckled around the body of the wearer in the usual manner. Thus it will be seen that the belt is maintained  
45 in position to cover the upper edge of the trousers and any displacement of the belt is prevented.

What I claim is—

A buckle composed of a frame, a tongue, and of a slotted keeper which is secured to  
50 the tongue-bar of the frame, and extends first rearwardly therefrom and then parallel to the frame, substantially as specified.

Signed by me at New York city, county and State of New York, this 23d day of August,  
55 1900.

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