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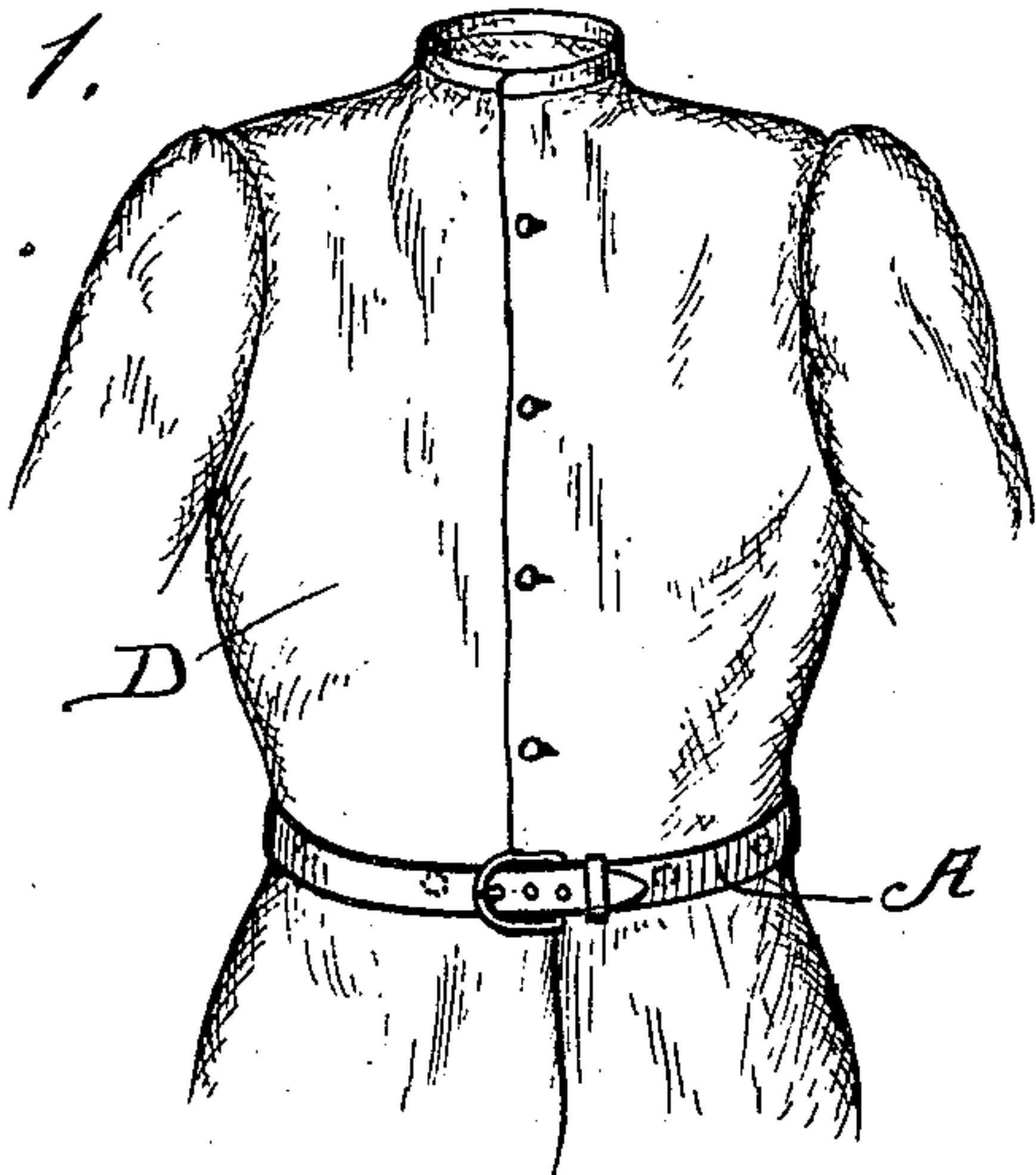


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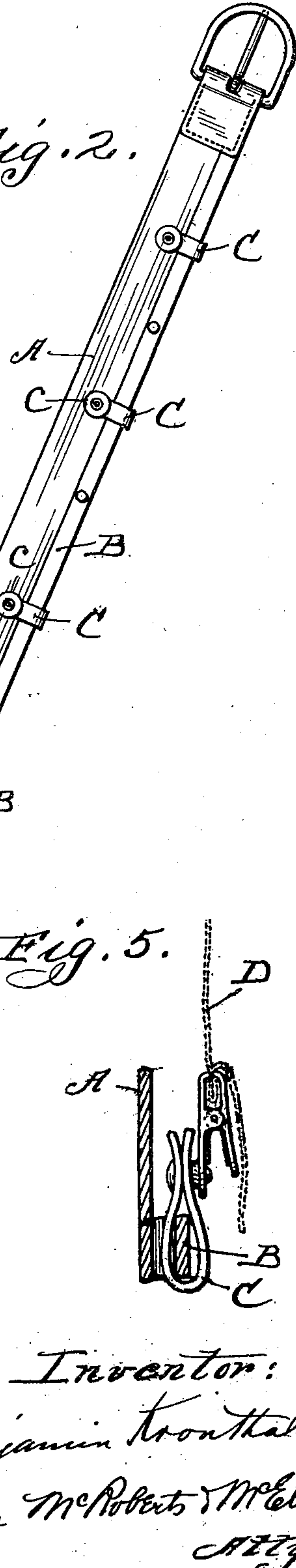


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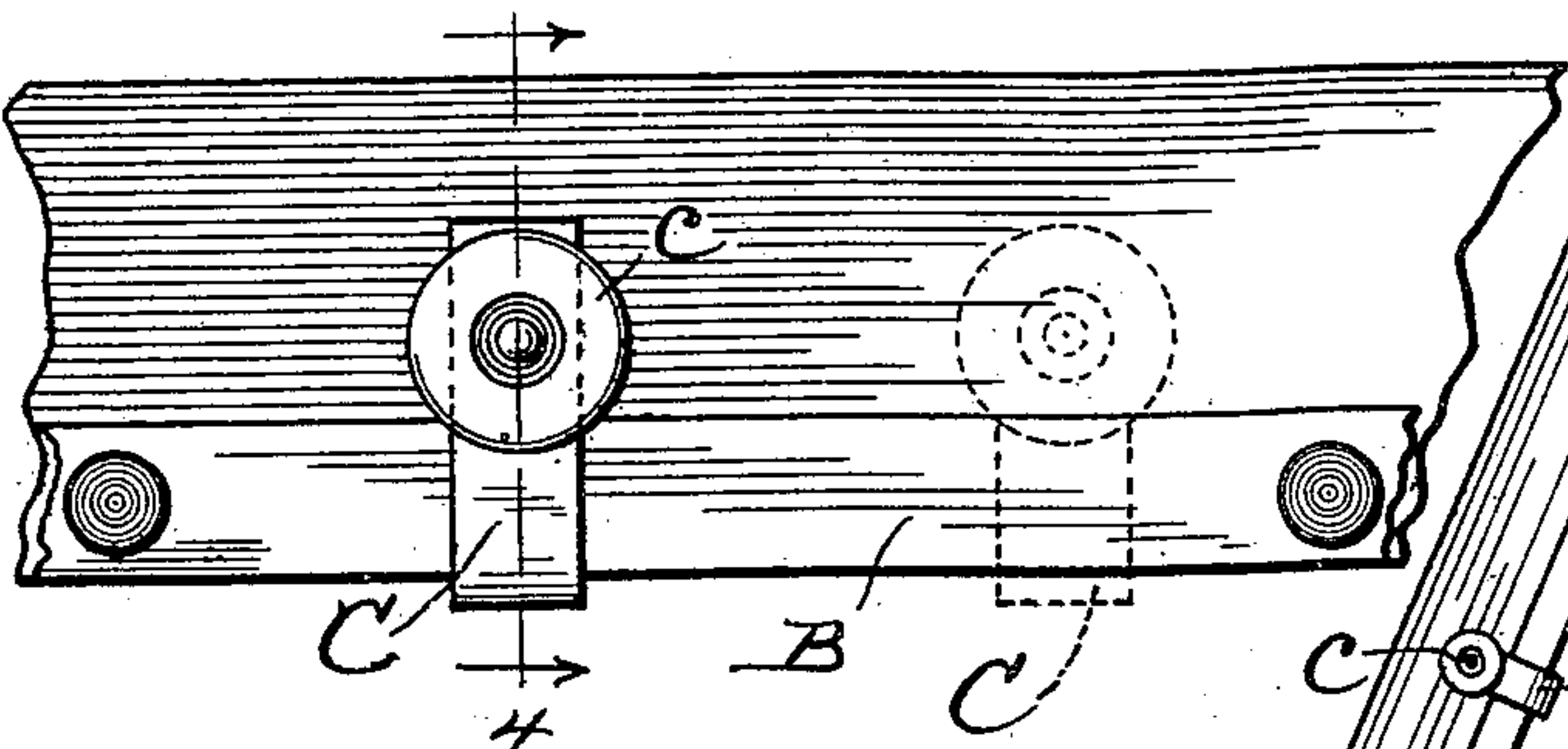


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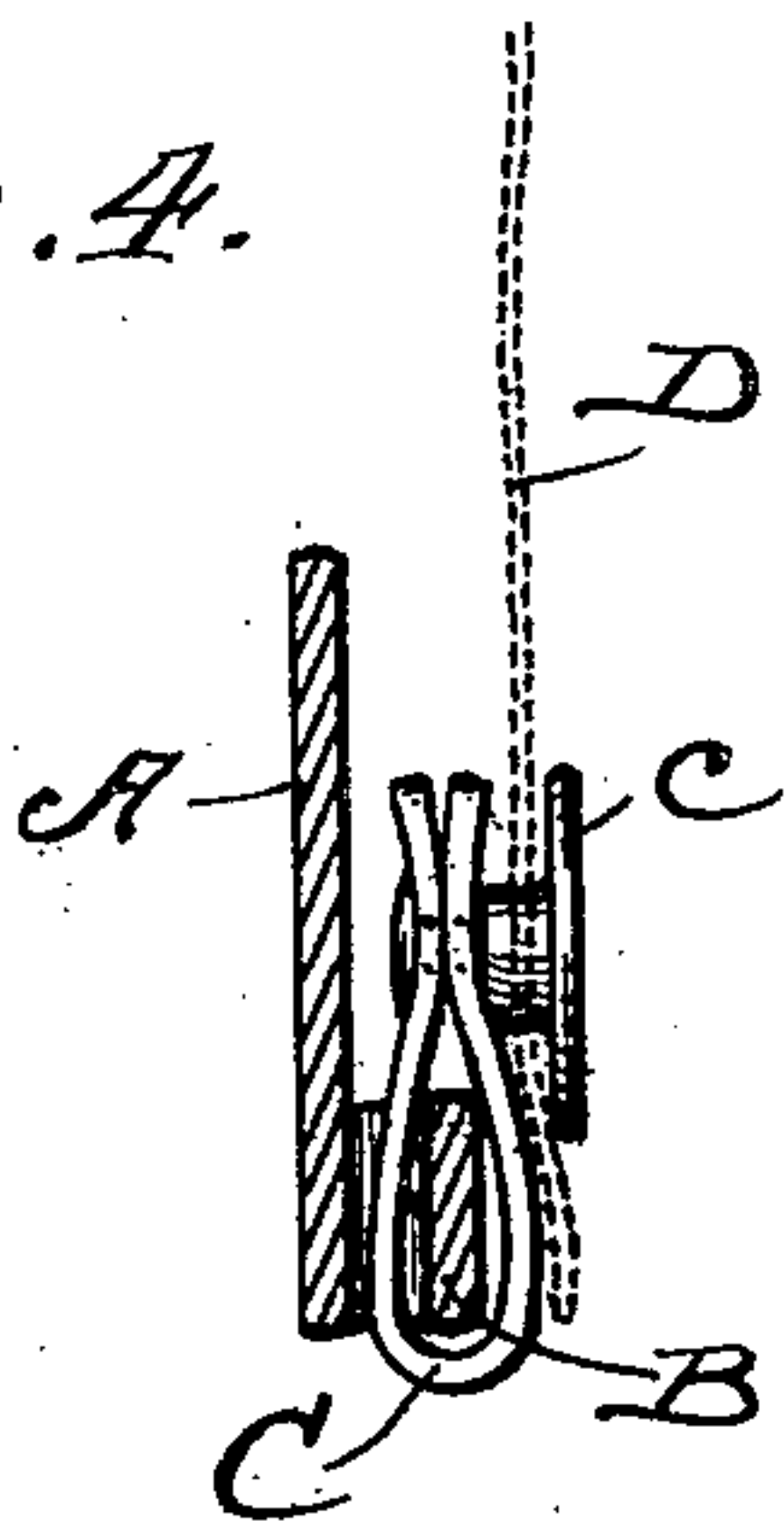
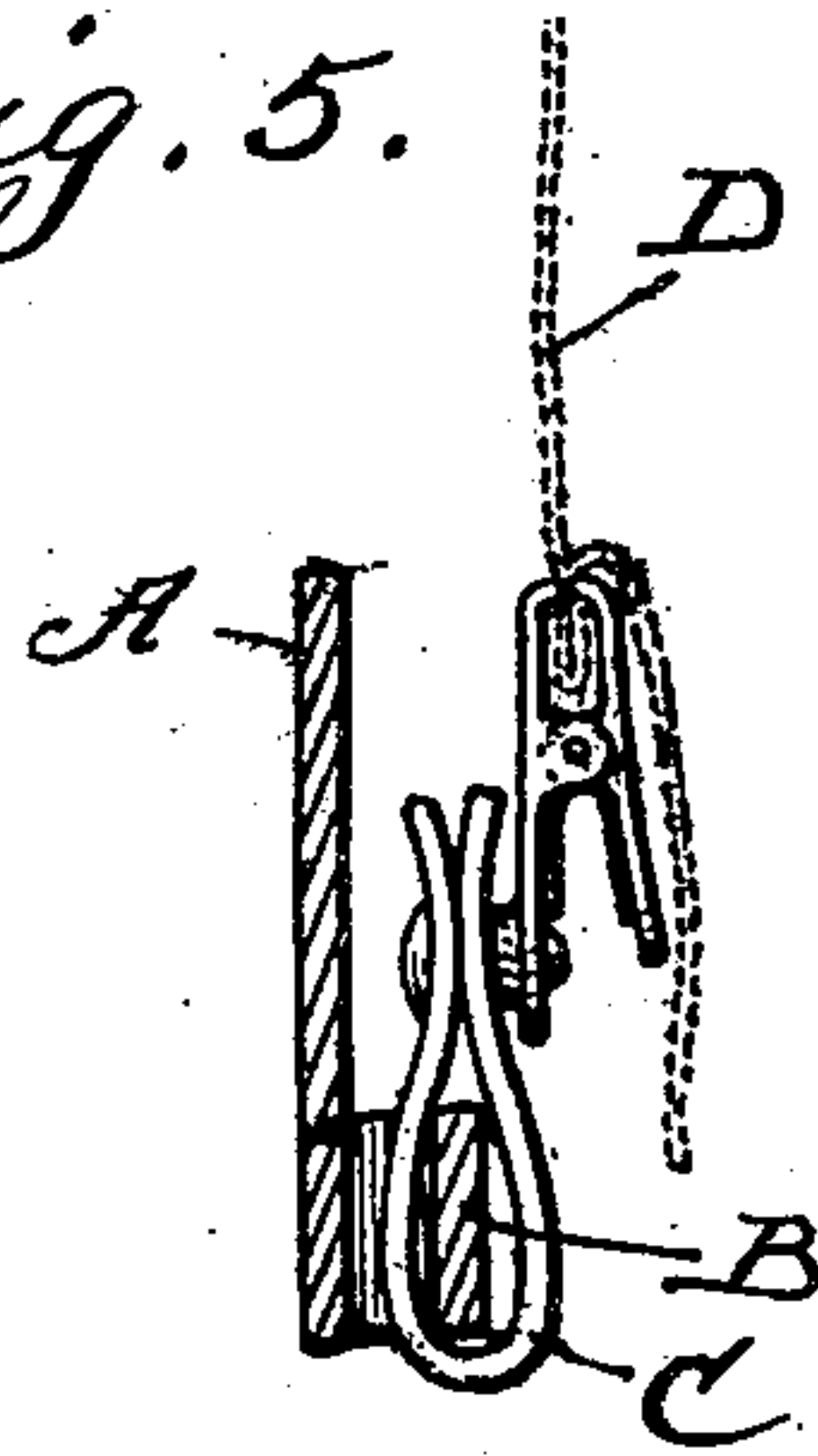


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN KRONTHAL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Waist-Belts, of which the following is a complete specification.

My invention relates to belts for use in connection with shirt-waists, and is designed to be connected with the waistband thereof in such a manner as to provide convenient means for holding the band and belt in the desired position relatively to each other, so that the garment cannot work above its proper position with relation to the belt, and to conceal from the outer view of the belt the existence of such connecting means and leave the outer face of the belt with the appearance of an ordinary belt.

My invention further provides means for allowing each button or other connecting means employed in securing the belt and waistband together to adjust itself laterally to the requirements of the user, whereby a belt of a given size may be employed in connection with a wide range of sizes of waistbands.

My invention consists of certain novel features of construction, that will be more fully hereinafter set forth and then pointed out in claims.

The accompanying drawings form a part of this specification and represent what I consider to be the best embodiment of my invention.

Figure 1 is a front view, on a small scale, of a belt provided with my improvements in use in connection with the waistband of a shirt-waist. Fig. 2 is a view of the inner face of the belt in an extended condition. Fig. 3 is an elevation on a larger scale, showing a portion of the inner face. Fig. 4 is a cross-section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 shows a modification.

In the accompanying drawings the reference-letter A represents the belt proper, made of leather or other suitable material, of fixed length when extended and having the appearance of an ordinary belt upon its outer surface or face, as shown in Fig. 1. The belt A may be formed of a single length of

material, or it may be formed of several lengths joined by rings in the manner now well understood in the making of such articles. It is adapted to be secured around the waist of the wearer by a buckle in the ordinary manner.

The belt A is provided with an inner band or strip B, which is much narrower than the belt and which is secured thereto at suitable intervals by means of rivets or other securing means. The strip B extends substantially the entire length of the belt A when the latter is composed of a single piece, or the inner band may be made up of a number of narrow strips corresponding in length with the several lengths of material comprising the outer length of belt when the latter is made of several pieces joined by rings.

The strip B lies along the inner face of the belt A at or near its lower edge, and it is secured in place by rivets, stitching, or other means arranged at suitable intervals, so that the two parts shall always remain together. A number of loops C are secured upon the strip B in such a manner as to be adjustable along the length thereof between the securing means. These loops are provided with any suitable means at their tops for attachment to the band of the waist, such means being preferably in the shape of buttons; but of course it is understood that other equivalent means may be employed, such as small spring-clips, as in Fig. 5. The loops C in the preferred form of my construction consist of short lengths of leather or other suitable material which are passed about the strip B and are connected together at their tops, preferably by the means of the securing portions of the buttons, whereby the loops are closed at their ends around the strip or band and the buttons are integrally secured together. These loops are preferably of less length than the width of the belt A, whereby the buttons or other securing means will be concealed from view by the material composing the belt. The buttons on the loops face inwardly and are adapted to be passed through suitable buttonholes in the band of the waist D, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. The loops, with their corresponding buttons or equivalent fastening means, may be of any



desired number and preferably correspond with the number of buttonholes in the waistband.

When the belt is in use, the buttons or other fastening devices are first secured to the band of the waist, the buttons being passed through the buttonholes thereof when such construction is employed, after which the belt is secured about the body of the wearer by the usual buckle. The buttons or other fastening means will adjust themselves to the location and position of their points of attachment to the waistband by the reason of the adjustability of the loops upon the band B, whereby the belt may be employed with waists having different sizes of bands.

As the buttonholes in the waistband are liable to be considerably varied in position, owing to the varying sizes of the bands, it is important that the buttons on the interior band shall be capable of being adjusted in position so as to correspond therewith, and this is provided by means of the slidable loops arranged upon the inner narrow band B. It is apparent that when the belt is in position the means for securing the belt and waistband together may adjust themselves to the requirements of each particular use and, moreover, are concealed from view by the width of the outer belt A.

It is apparent that various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit of my invention. For example, the inner strip B may be made of a single piece of material, or it may be composed of a series of pieces secured along the inner face of the belt A by stitching or otherwise, and the form of the loops C and of

the attaching means carried thereby may be changed within the scope and spirit of my invention.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, an outside belt composed of a suitable length of material provided with a fastening means to connect its ends, a narrower strip upon the inner surface thereof and secured thereto at intervals, loops of less length than the width of the belt surrounding and permanently but adjustably mounted on the inner strip so as to be invisible when the belt is in use, and a fastening means on each loop adapted to be secured to the band of the garment with which it is employed.

2. As a new article of manufacture, an outside belt comprising a suitable length of flexible material having suitable means thereon to connect its ends, a relatively narrower strip of flexible material upon the inner surface thereof along its lower edge and secured thereto at intervals, loops of less length than the width of the belt surrounding and permanently but adjustably mounted on the inner strip so as to be invisible when the belt is in position, and inwardly-facing buttons secured to the upper ends of the loops; substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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