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FIG. 1.

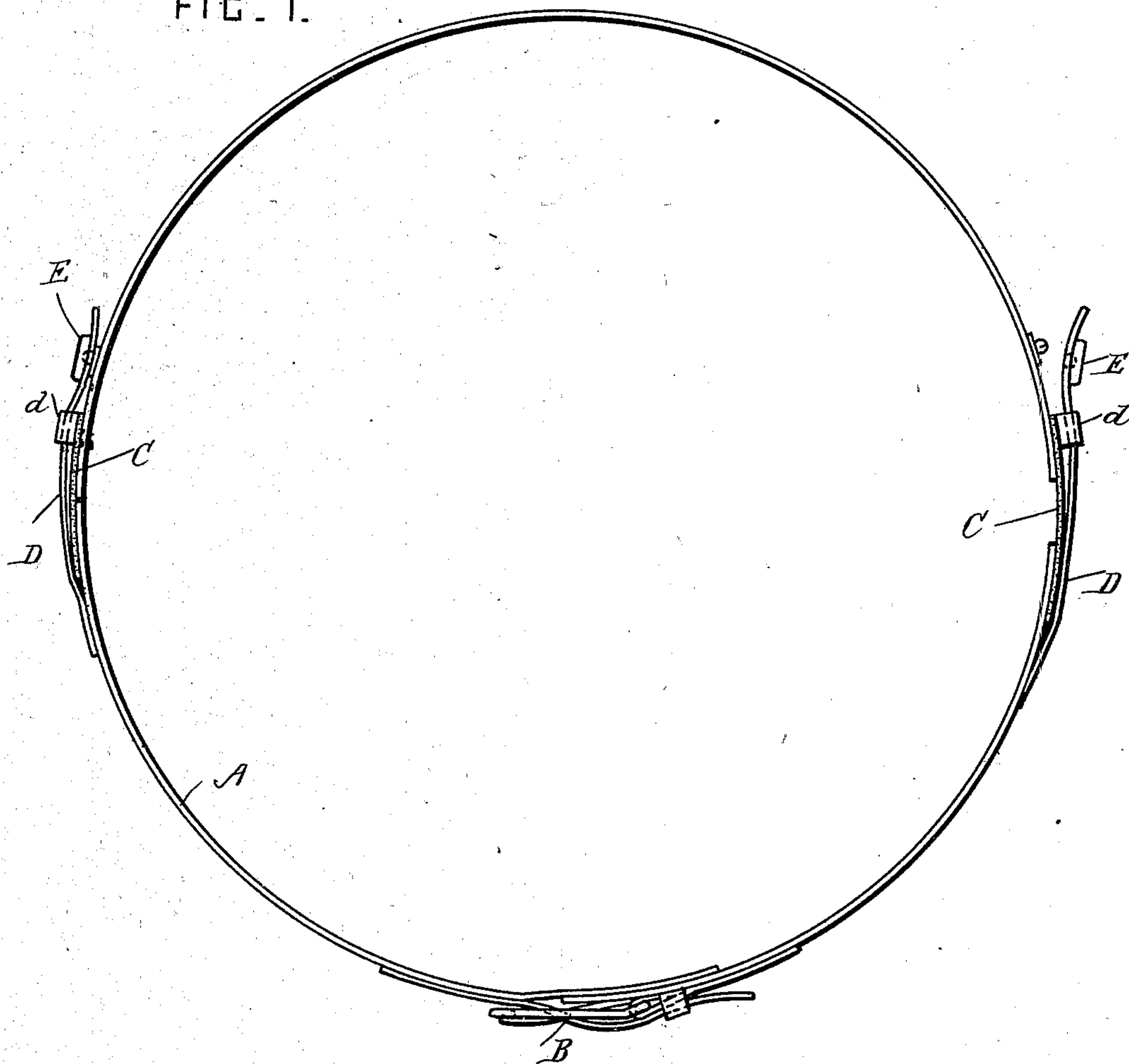
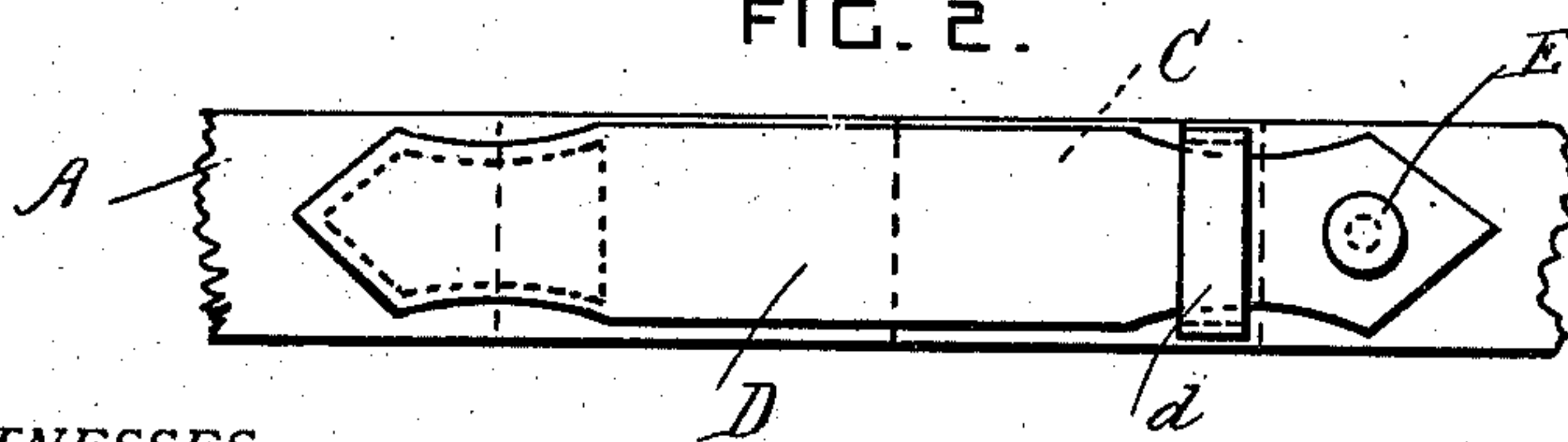


FIG. 2.



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## BELT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PHILLIP FRANCIS HAVILAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Weymouth, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to belts; and it consists in the novel construction and combination of the parts hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the belt. Fig. 2 is a side view of a portion of the belt.

A is the belt, and B is any approved buckle or fastening device at the front of the belt. The belt A is formed of sections, and C represents strips or bands of elastic material secured to the sections of the belt which are normally in abutment. Each belt-section has a strap D secured to it at one end and overlapping the band C and the end portion of the adjacent belt-section. The adjacent belt-section has a guide-loop *d* for the strap D to slide in, and E is a spring-clasp for connecting the free end portion of the strap D with the belt-section under it. The spring-clasp E is of any approved construction, such as used for fastening gloves.

The belt can be let out without using the buckle B by simply unfastening one or both

of the spring-clasps. The straps D then slide in their guide-loops, and the belt-sections are held connected by the bands of elastic material, which permit the ends of the belt-sections to separate, so that the belt adapts itself to the body of the wearer.

Two bands of elastic material C are preferably used and are arranged one at each side portion of the belt, with the spring-clasps at the rear portion of the belt.

What I claim is—

1. In a belt, the combination, with two belt-sections, of a band of elastic material connecting the adjacent end portions of the said sections, a strap secured to one belt-section and overlapping the said band, and a spring-clasp normally connecting the free end portion of the said strap with the other said belt-section, substantially as set forth.

2. In a belt, the combination, with belt-sections, of bands of elastic material connecting the adjacent end portions of the said sections and arranged at the sides of the belt, straps secured to the front belt-sections and overlapping the said bands, and spring-clasps normally connecting the free end portions of the said straps with the rear portion of the belt, substantially as set forth.

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

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