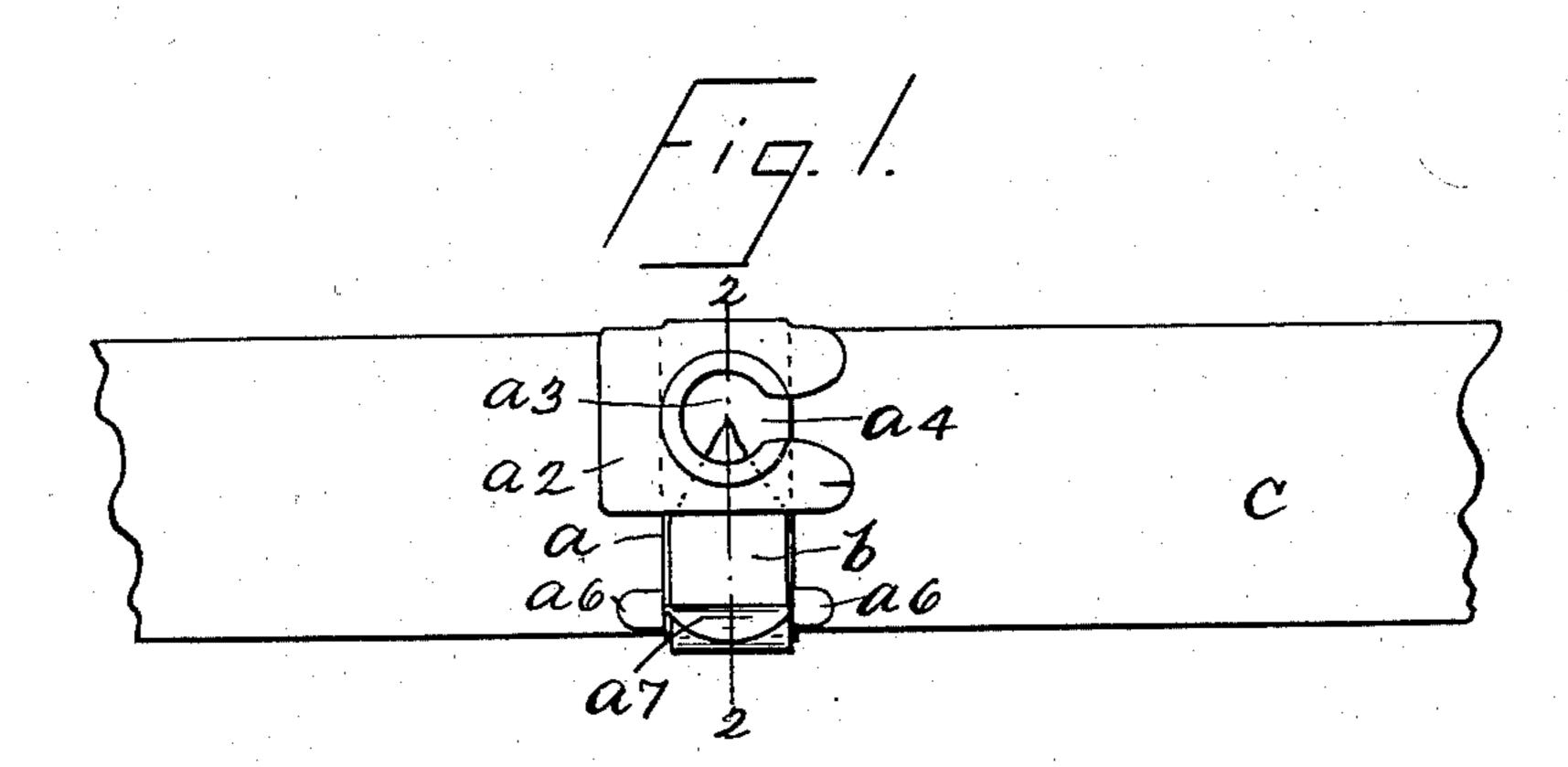
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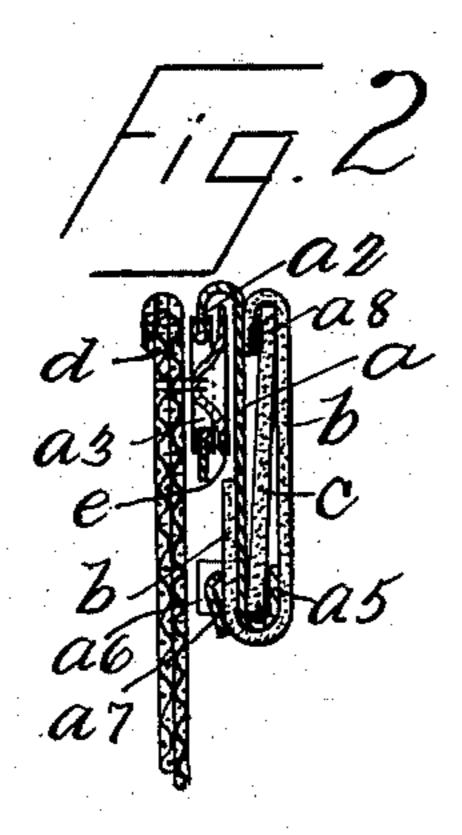
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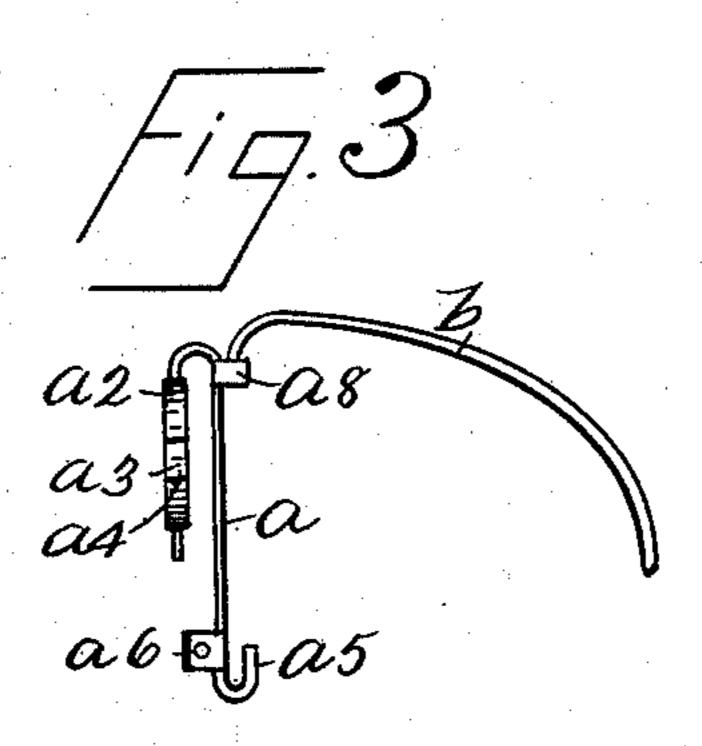
## BELT HOLDER OR ATTACHING DEVICE.

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## BELT-HOLDER OR ATTACHING DEVICE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Howard Parkes, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belt-Holders or Attaching Devices, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a belt-holder or attaching device; and the object thereof is to provide an improved device of this class which is particularly adapted for use in connection with gentlemen's belts; and with this and other objects in view the invention consists in a belt attaching or holding device constructed as hereinafter described and claimed.

This invention is also an improvement on that described and claimed in United States Letters Patent No. 693,058 granted to me February 11, 1902, and is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is an inside view or back elevation of my improved belt attaching or holding device and showing a part of a belt therein; Fig. 2, a transverse section on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1, showing also the application of the invention; and Fig. 3 a side view of the device detached.

In the practice of my invention I provide a belt attaching and holding device consisting of a plate a, which is provided at its upper end with a backwardly and downwardly directed member  $a^2$ , having a central opening or eyelet  $a^3$ , which opens laterally by means of a passage  $a^4$ , and at the bottom end of the plate a is a forwardly and upwardly directed hook member  $a^5$  and backwardly-directed side jaws  $a^6$ , in which is pivoted a clamp  $a^7$ , and to the upper end of the plate a and secured thereto by means of a keeper  $a^8$  or in any other desired manner is a strap b.

In practice the belt c is passed over or around the plate a, with the bottom edge thereof resting in the hook  $a^5$ . The strap b is

then folded downwardly around the bottom 50 edge of the belt and around the hook  $a^5$  and passed up between the clamp  $a^7$  and the back of the plate a, as shown in Fig. 2, and said clamp  $a^7$  is turned down into position and operates in the manner of an ordinary suspender-55 clamp or similar device, and this securely holds the holding or attaching device to the belt.

In Fig. 2 I have shown at d a part of the waistband of a pair of trousers and with which 60 is connected the ordinary suspender button or buttons e, and in practice after the attaching or holding device has been connected with the belt, as hereinbefore described, the belt is passed around the waist in the usual manner 65 and is so manipulated as to pass the button e into the eyelet or opening  $a^3$  in the back member  $a^2$  of the attaching or holding device, and this, as will be understood, will hold the belt in proper position and prevent it moving upwardly or downwardly on the waistband of the trousers.

Two or more of these devices may be used on a belt, and instead of first connecting the belt with the holder or attaching device the 75 latter may be first connected with the button e and the belt afterward secured thereto.

The object of employing the flexible strap b is to provide means whereby belts of different widths may be used. It will be undersood that the bottom edge of the belt always rests in the hook portion  $a^5$ , and the belt may extend above the upper end of the plate a; but it will be understood that the strap b is always passed around the belt, as shown and described, and by employing the strap b I provide means whereby the device may be used in connection with belts of any desired width.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters 9° Patent, is—

1. A belt holding or attaching device, comprising a plate provided at its upper end with a backwardly and downwardly directed member having a central opening and a laterally-95 directed passage, said plate being provided at its lower end with an outwardly and upwardly directed hook, and with backwardly-directed

side jaws and a clamp pivoted therein, sub-

stantially as shown and described.

2. A belt holding or attaching device, comprising a plate provided at its upper end with a backwardly and downwardly directed member having a central opening and a laterally-directed passage, said plate being provided at its lower end with an outwardly and upwardly directed hook, and with backwardly-directed side jaws and a clamp pivoted therein, and a

strap secured to the upper end of said plate, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 12th 15 day of May, 1903.

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