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Fig. 1.

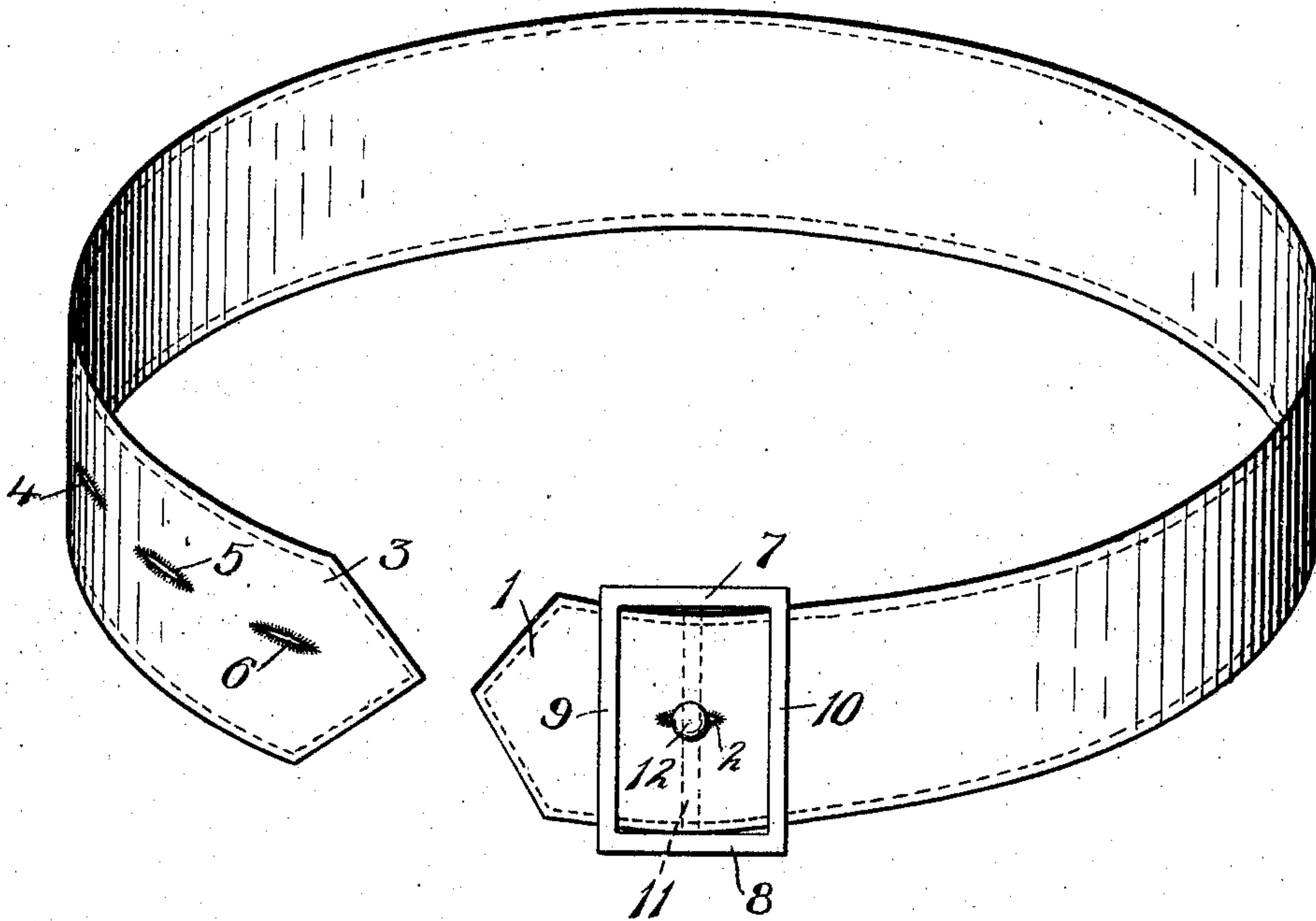


Fig. 2.

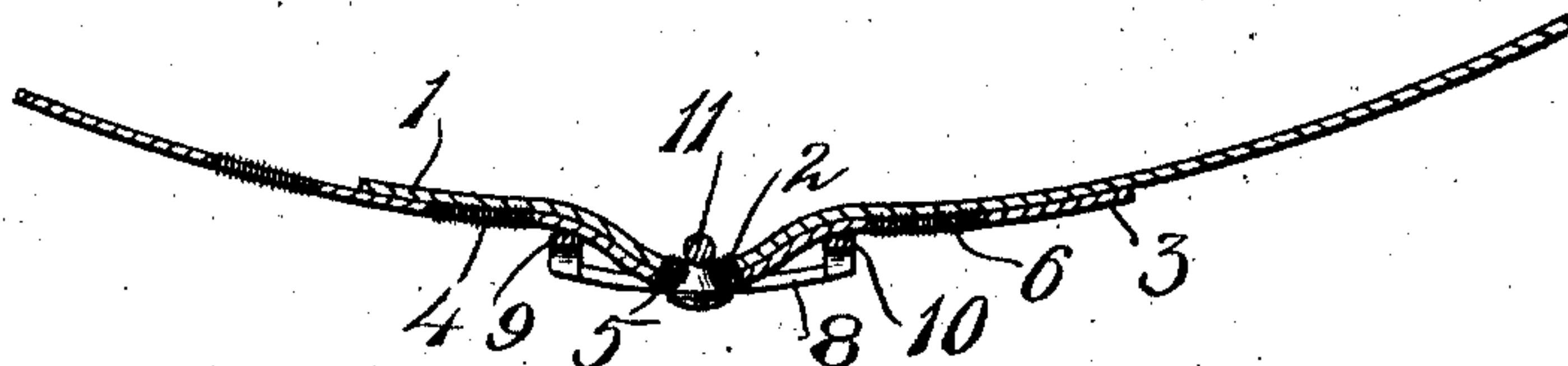
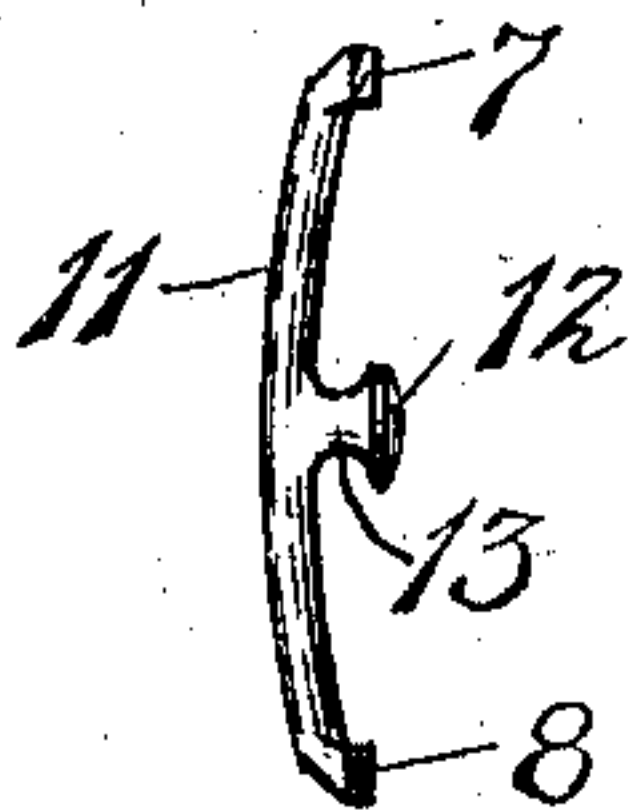


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM C. HYNARD and GEORGE F. MEEHAN, citizens of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Belts and Buckles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Our invention relates to wearing-apparel, and particularly a belt and buckle.

The object of the invention is to provide a neat-appearing simple cheap construction which may be readily adjusted, comfortable to wear, and in which the belt portion may be readily attached to the buckle portion or detached therefrom and laundered without being subject to injury to itself or laundering apparatus or machines.

The invention consists in a flexible cloth belt portion having buttonholes in the ends, in combination with a buckle comprising a frame having top, bottom, and side bars and a vertical button-carrying cross-bar connecting the top and bottom bars and located substantially midway between the side bars in a plane coincident with or forward of said side bars, all of the bars being properly shaped to fit smoothly to the body of the wearer.

The principles of the invention in the preferred form are illustrated in the accompanying single sheet of drawings.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a belt embodying the improvements of our invention, Fig. 2 is a horizontal section showing the buckle and fragments of the ends of the belt. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the buckle.

The belt portion is constructed of cloth, such as linen, preferably of two thicknesses and stitched along the opposite edges and around the ends. The end 1 is provided with a buttonhole 2, and the opposite end 3 is provided, preferably, with a plurality of buttonholes, such as 4, 5, and 6. All of these buttonholes are stitched with thread or silk or may be made in any other well-known way.

The buckle portion is constructed of metal,

and its frame comprises the top bar 7, bottom bar 8, and the side bars 9 and 10.

11 is a cross-bar connected to the top and bottom bars at the rear, located, preferably, midway between the side bars 9 and 10.

12 is a projecting head, stud, or button having a shank 13 of reduced diameter.

The top and bottom bars are curved convexly as viewed from the front, and the side bars 9 and 10 are curved concavely as viewed from the front. The cross-bar 11 is curved similarly to the side bars 9 and 10 and being offset from the centers of the top and bottom bars at its ends is substantially parallel to the side bars.

The belt portion is attached to the buckle portion by slipping the end 1 under the side bar 10, pushing the head of the stud 12 through the buttonhole 2, and tucking the end 1 beneath the bar 9. The opposite end of the belt may be adjusted in place in just the reverse order. The belt portion may be readily removed from the buckle portion when it is necessary to wash or launder it. The belt portion has no permanently-attached metallic portions which will stain the belt portion in the wash or which would tend to injure the laundering-machine. The belt portion may be ornamented in any way, if desired, and starched. In the preferred form the buckle portion is preferably simple in form, but may be ornamented, if desired, although any other form of belt may be used. It is preferably formed as an integral casting. The curvature of the side bars not only makes it comfortable to wear, but causes the flexible cloth belt portion to fit smoothly on each side. All the vertical bars are parallel, and there is no projection at the rear to cause discomfort or injury to the wearer. The button or stud 12 being integral with the other parts of the buckle is always in position when it is desired to attach, adjust, or detach the belt. Its smooth outer surface avoids any danger of catching on the clothing or hand.

What we claim is—

A combined belt and buckle, comprising a belt portion having one or more buttonholes in its opposite ends, and a buckle portion

comprising a frame having top, bottom and side bars, a vertical cross-bar connecting the top and bottom bars and located substantially midway between the side bars, and in a
5 plane coincident with or forward of said side bars and a short stud projecting forwardly from substantially the central portion of the cross-bar and having an enlarged head, the op-

posite ends of the belt portion being adapted to be secured on said stud and to lap over each other substantially in alinement.

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It is hereby certified that in Letters Patent No. 846,476, granted March 12, 1907, upon the application of William C. Hynard and George F. Meehan, of New York, N. Y., for an improvement in "Belts and Buckles," errors appear in the printed specification requiring correction, as follows: On page 1, line 39, insert the phrase *In the preferred form* at the beginning of the line and commence the following word "The" with a small *t* making a continuous sentence; line 42, after the word "ends" insert the clause *although any other form of belt may be used*; line 79, strike out the phrase "In the preferred form" and begin the following word "the" with a capital *T*, and lines 81-82, strike out the clause "although any other form of belt may be used"; and that the said Letters Patent should be read with these corrections therein that the same may conform to the record of the case in the Patent Office.

Signed and sealed this 2nd day of April, A. D., 1907.

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