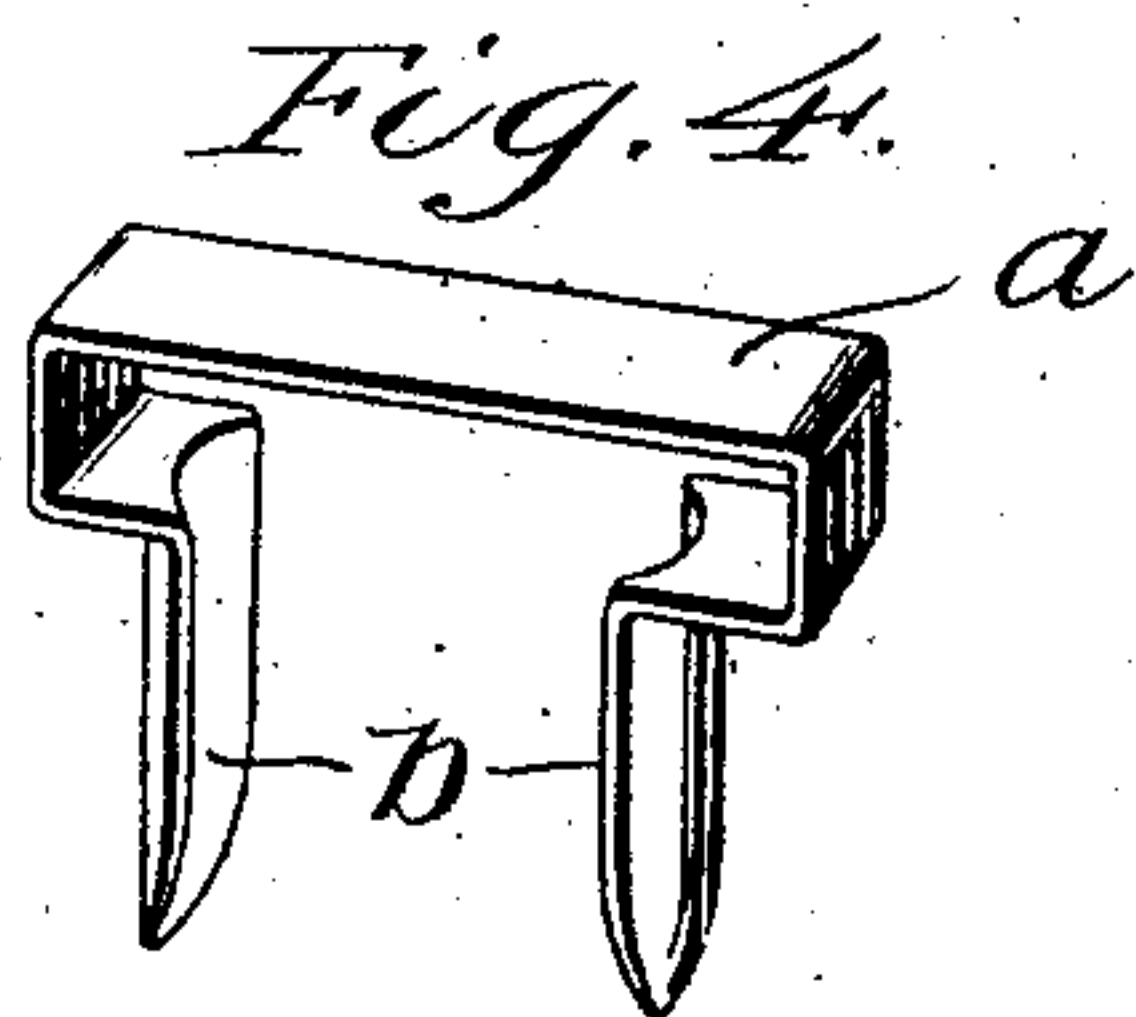
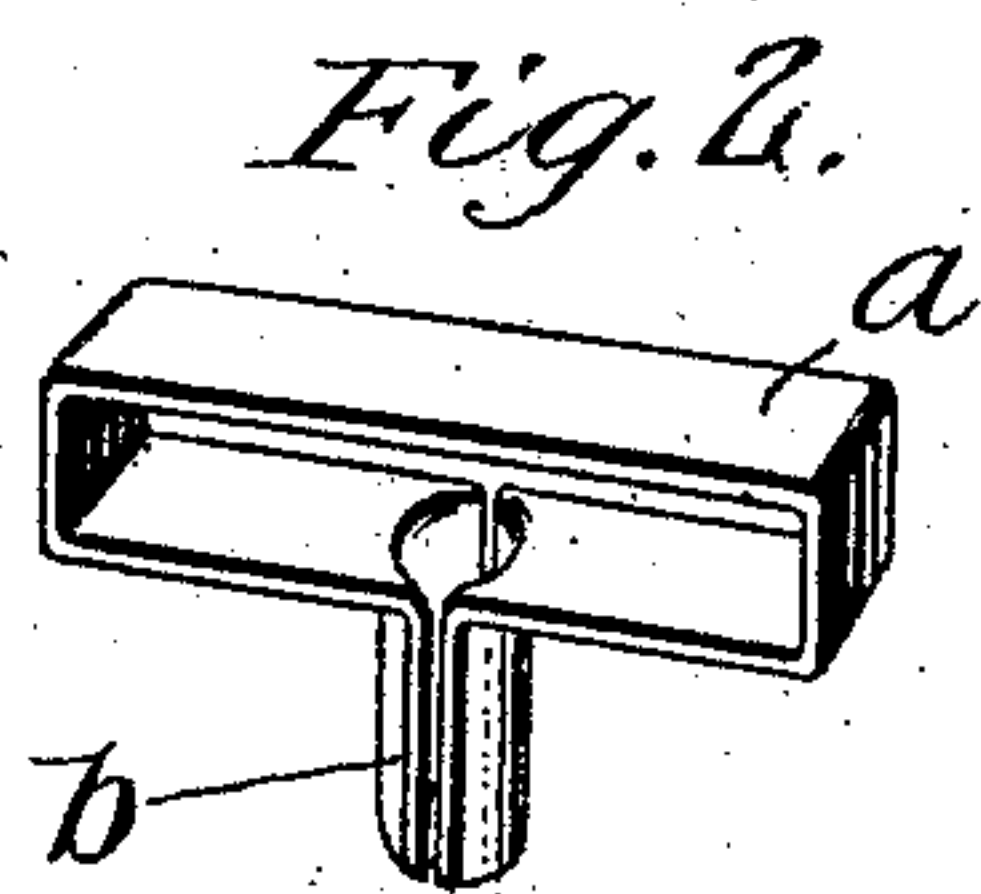
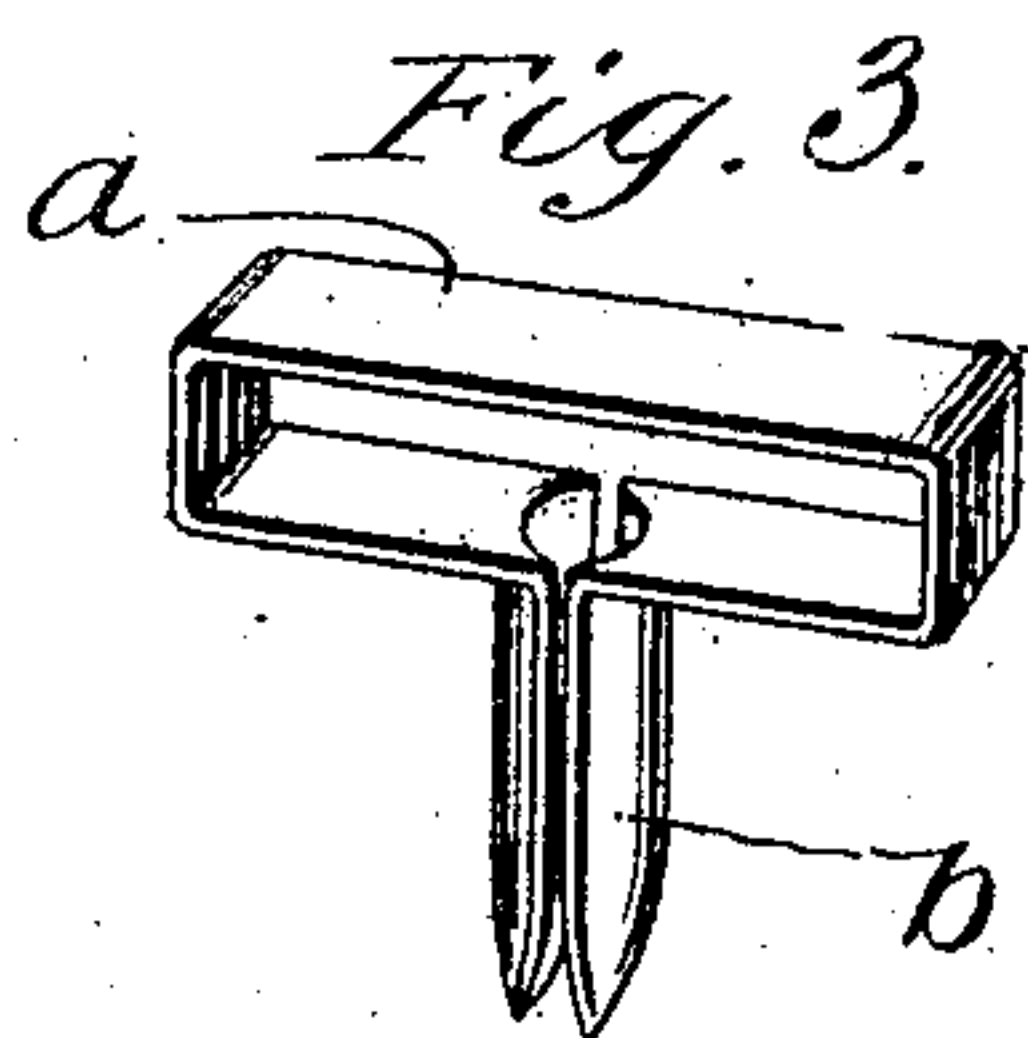
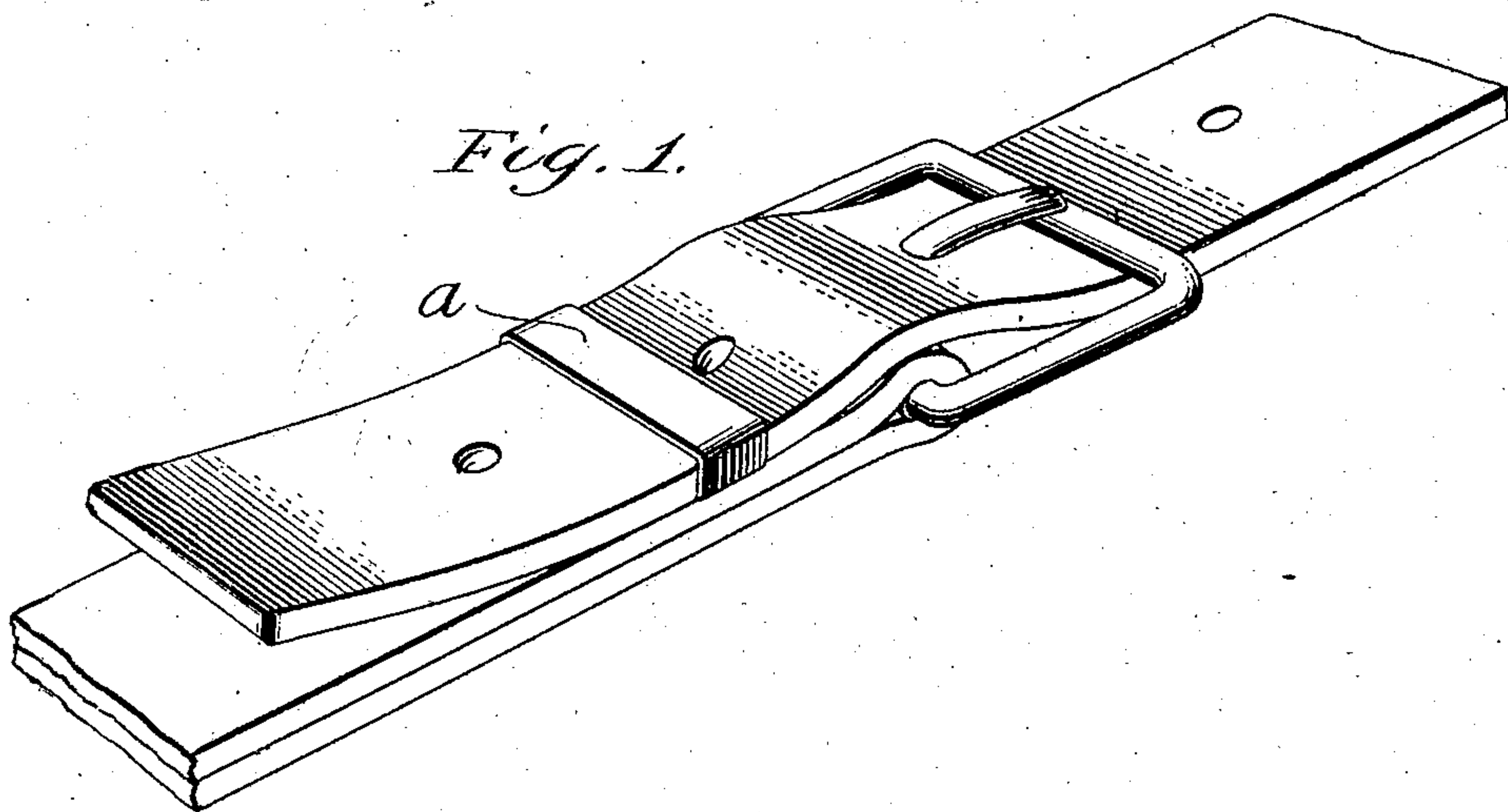


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM ROBERT MEDEARIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nashville, in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Strap-Loops; 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 is a combined strap-loop and rivet-fastener, made as an integral article from sheet metal and used for securing together the end portions of a strap around the cross-bar of a buckle, while at the same time providing a neat loop or keeper for the return-strap to run through when buckled.

The device is of course adapted for application to various objects, either of leather or other material—such as various parts of harness, straps of all kinds, trunks, valises, and other articles in which strap-loops or keepers are employed.

In the accompanying drawings, which are to be taken as a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a strap provided with a buckle and having its looped portion which holds the buckle secured together by one of my improved devices, providing a strap-loop or keeper of substantially the width of the strap and through which the end of the buckled strap is shown inserted. Fig. 2 shows one form of the device embodying my invention; and Figs. 3 and 4 show other forms thereof.

The device is bent or formed by appropriate means from a blank or strip of sheet metal of suitable strength or stiffness—such, for example, as sheet-brass. It comprises virtually a loop-shaped head *a*, having a bifurcated or bipronged shank *b* similar to a split tubular rivet, the legs or members of the shank being set inwardly under the head or loop portion and being rounded or partially cylindrical in cross-section with their inner or confronting surfaces concave and their outer surfaces convex.

In attaching the device to a strap or other article its shank is driven through the leather or material and against a suitable anvil, which upsets or clenches the shank after the manner of upsetting, swaging or clenching a split tubular rivet, the arrangement and semitubular form of the prongs giving strength and stiffness to the device and enabling the prongs to be forced through the leather or material without bending or turning and to be upset or clenched in the manner specified. When properly attached to a strap, as in Fig. 1, the portion of the strap that is looped around the cross-bar of the buckle is firmly and securely fastened, as if riveted together, while at the same time the loop or head extending over or beyond the shank at both sides provides a strap loop or keeper of the full width of the strap. The preferred shape of the head or loop portion proper is substantially rectangular, as shown in the drawings. The shank may be of several forms.

Fig. 2 shows the shank like that of an ordinary split tubular rivet having blunt lower extremities. Fig. 3 shows a similar form, with the lower ends of the prongs or legs of the shank rounded to more easily penetrate the leather or other material. Fig. 4 shows a similar form with the prongs set at a wider space apart than in the preceding figures.

I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

An article of the character described formed from a sheet-metal strip or blank bent into a loop-shaped head portion with a bipronged shank set inwardly thereunder and comprising semitubular legs having their concave surfaces confronting, thereby adapting the shank to penetrate leather or other material and to be upset or clenched after the manner of a split tubular rivet.

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

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