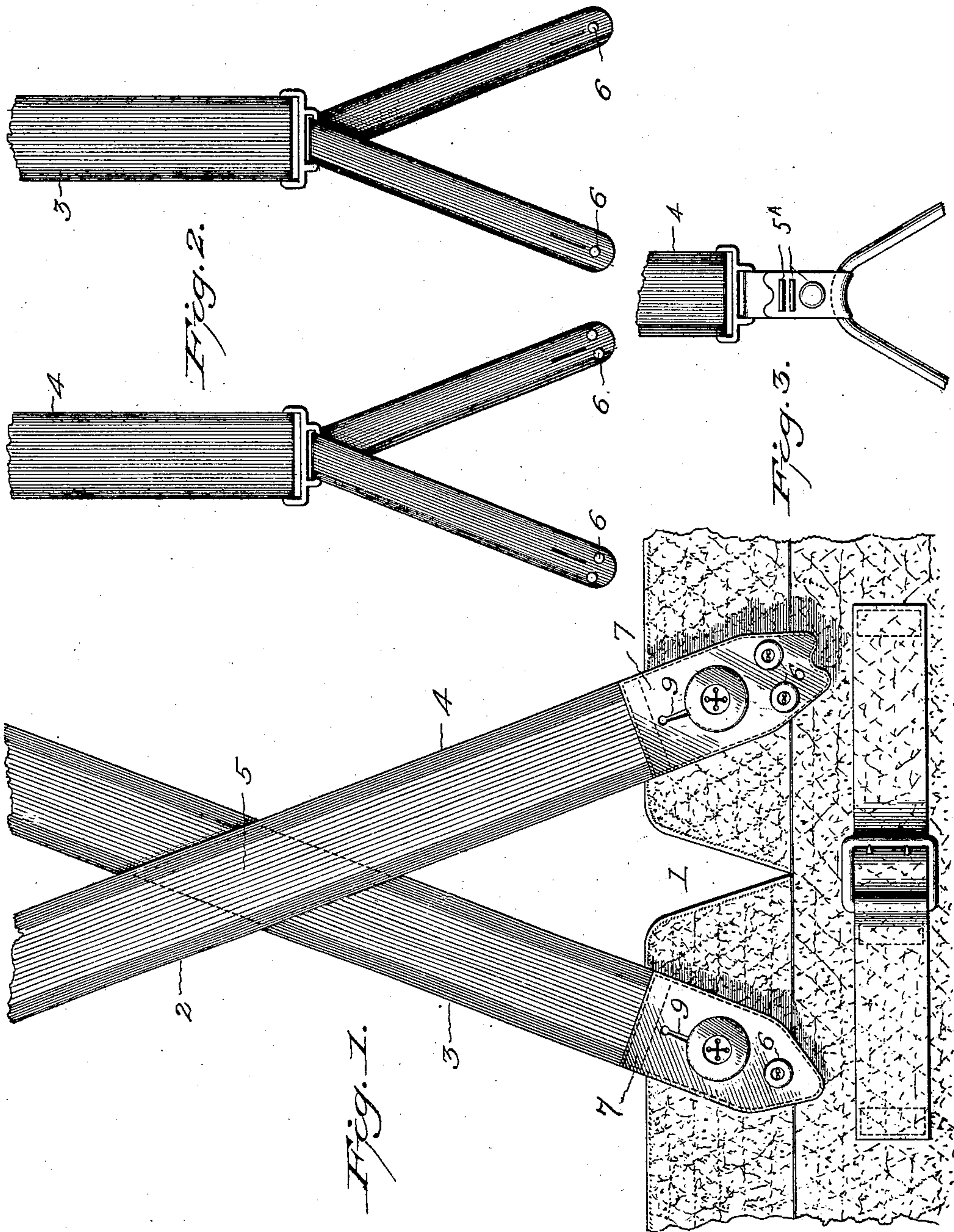


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE K. COLVIN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in the city and county of Denver and State of Colorado, have invented new and useful Right and Left Hand Distinguishing Suspenders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new article of manufacture, and comprises the construction of suspenders for men's trousers in such a manner that the right and left hand ends of the suspenders are plainly indicated to the wearer. I attain this object by the construction of suspenders substantially as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1, is a back view of a pair of suspenders attached to a pair of trousers embodying my right and left hand indicating and distinguishing invention. Fig. 2, is a front view of a pair of suspenders. And Fig. 3, shows a different form of right and left hand indicating marks the upper distinguishing marks consisting of two horizontally arranged slots, and the lower mark consisting of a round hole.

Similar letters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1, designates men's trousers; 2, designates a pair of men's suspenders, which consists of straps 3 and 4, which are crossed and connected in the back at 5 in a well-known manner, thus presenting two pairs of ends. I preferably designate that pair of the ends of the shoulder straps that are to be buttoned on the right hand of the man as the right hand ends, and those that are to be buttoned on the left side as the left hand ends of the suspenders; and the essential object of my invention is to place upon each pair of ends of suspenders some distinguishing mark or object that will positively and quickly indicate to the touch of the wearer's fingers the true right hand and left hand ends, and also to distinguish the outside surface of the ends from the inside surface of the suspenders, so that in buttoning the ends of suspenders to the buttons of the trousers, the wearer may not make a mistake and button the left hand end of the back of the suspenders on the right hand side button of the trousers, or the right

end on the left hand button. The same mistake is apt to take place with the front ends of the suspenders, when they are unbuttoned only from the front side of the trousers, and are thrown over the shoulders of the wearer, when they are gathered up and lifted up over the back and shoulders to be again buttoned to the front side of the trousers.

My invention contemplates the use and application to all of the four ends of suspenders or to the rear ends only as may be desired, of any kind or character of a distinguishing element, mark, object, or device that will indicate to the wearer the right hand end or ends from the left hand end or ends, and such a distinguishing mark may consist of one opening or hole or slot 5^a of any desired shape in one end or pair of ends, and two apertures or holes or slots in the other end or pair of ends, or of a depression or raised surface or of eyelets or of any object or pieces of any kind or character of any suitable material secured to or formed in the ends of the suspenders at the time they are manufactured, or applied by the purchaser; or such distinguishing and indicating elements may consist of buttons, knobs, raised or sunken apertures of the material of which the suspenders are made, and of any shape or form, and of any suitable material.

I preferably illustrate a small disk or button 6, which I secure to the ends 7 of suspenders, by any suitable means, such as by a rivet or by sewing with a thread, and in order to arrange the ends of the suspenders so that the wearer can conveniently detect by the touch of the fingers the distinguishing marks, I extend the ends of the suspenders below the button holes 9, forming them into any suitable form of terminal end, which on account of being close to the button hole is loose and free and the fingers of the wearer naturally find them when taking hold of the ends of the suspenders to button them; and I preferably place one of the distinguishing buttons on the left hand side of both ends of the left hand ends of the suspenders, and two buttons on the right hand side ends of the suspenders.

In Fig. 1 I illustrate the back ends of a pair of suspenders, provided with my improved right and left hand distinguishing buttons buttoned to a pair of trousers at their back

ends; and in Fig. 3, I have illustrated the front ends of a pair of suspenders provided with a right hand distinguishing element or device and have preferably illustrated this
5 device attached to the front end of the strap of the suspenders, but if desired they can be attached directly to the front ends of the button hole strap, as shown in Fig. 2, in addition to being attached or formed on the ends
10 of the straps above the double button hole straps. Consequently, I preferably place one button in each end of the left side strap; and two buttons in the ends of the right hand strap of suspenders, and whenever a wearer
15 takes hold of the end of a pair of suspenders provided with my right and left hand indicating buttons to button them to a pair of trousers, his fingers naturally come in contact with the indicating buttons, as they are
20 placed so close to the button holes that it is impossible to grasp the ends without the fingers coming in contact with them, and the wearer knows by the touch of the buttons whether it is a one or two button end strap,
25 and consequently whether he has hold of a right or left-handed end and of the right side, and whether or not instantly it is the one that should be buttoned on that side to his trousers.

Having described my invention, what I 30 claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A new article of manufacture, comprising suspenders provided with right and left hand indicating marks on their right and left 35 hand ends.

2. Right and left hand indicating suspenders, comprising suspenders provided with one indicating element, such as a button, on the left hand ends of said suspenders, and 40 two indicating elements on the right hand ends of said suspenders.

3. Right and left hand indicating suspenders, comprising suspenders, provided with a member adapted to be felt by the touch of 45 the fingers of a wearer, positioned close to the button holes in the ends of said suspender, the indicating element being arranged on the right hand side of the ends of the suspenders in a form easily distinguished by the touch 50 from the form on the left hand side end of the suspenders.

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

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