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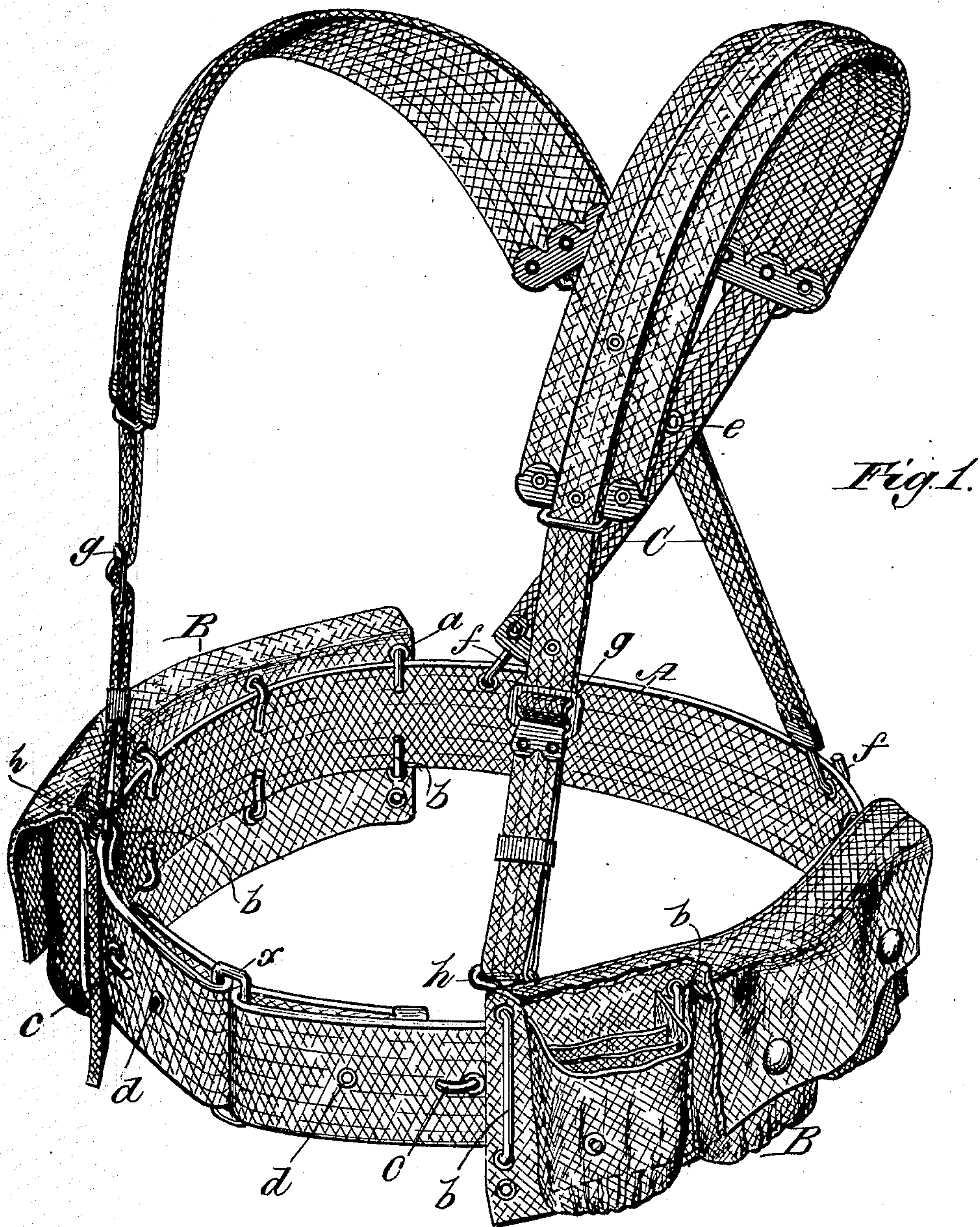


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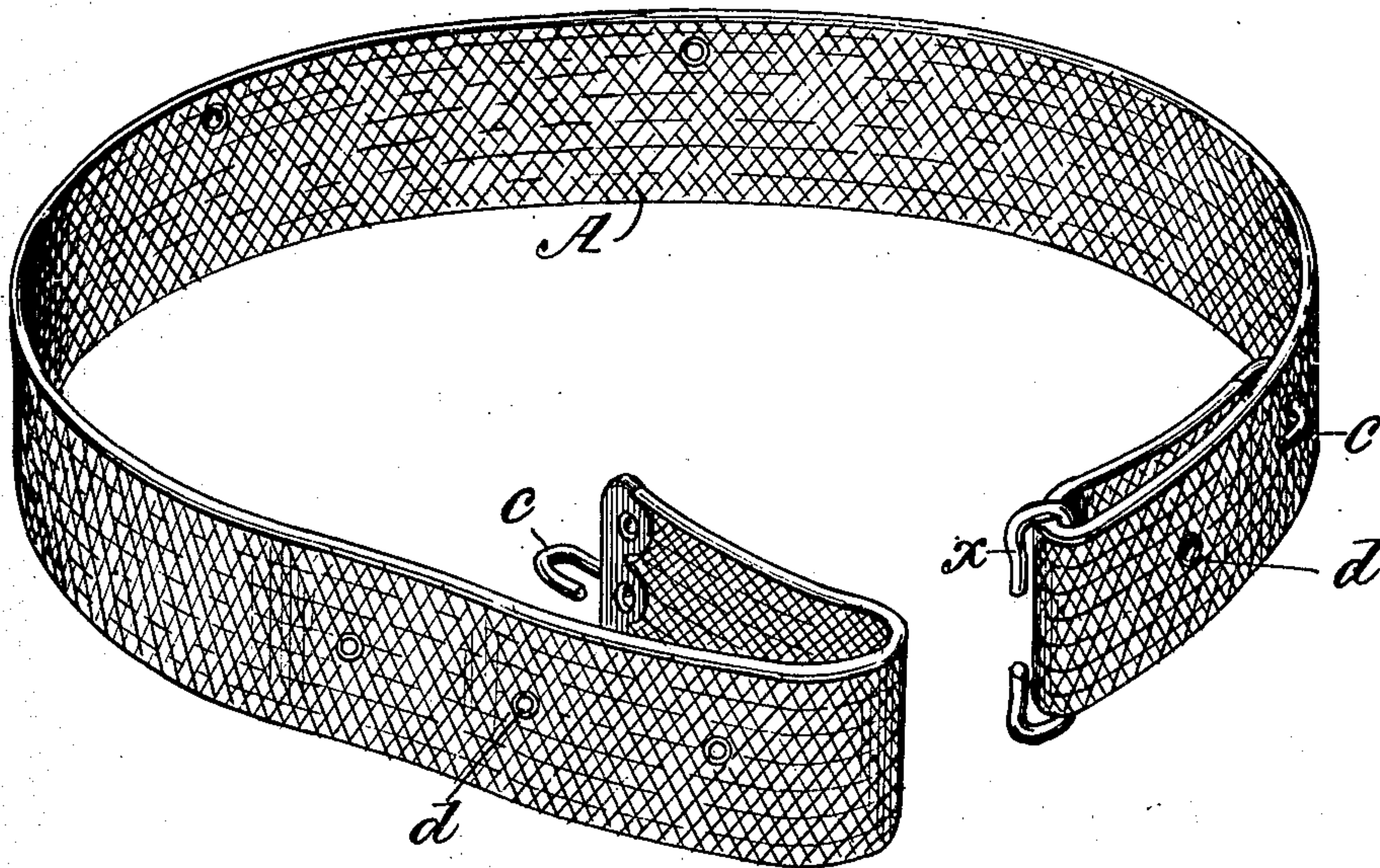
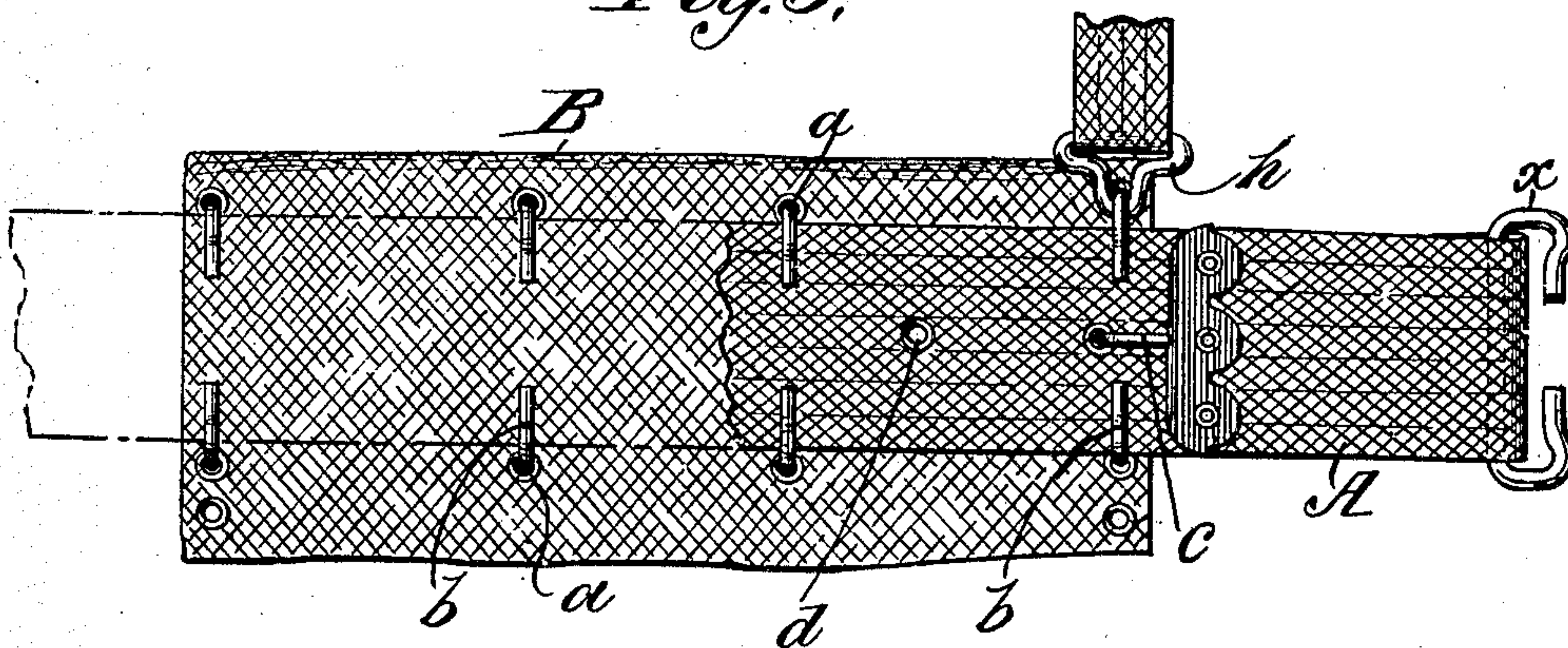


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM LINDSEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cartridge-Belts, of which the following is a specification.

The cartridge belt in which my improvements are embodied is one in which the belt proper is combined with cartridge receiving pockets removably connected with and adjustable on and lengthwise of the belt. The pockets are thus held to the belt by fasteners which pass through eyelets in the pocket fabric, and are provided with inner hook ends which catch over the edges of the belt. The opposed ends of these double hook fasteners are separated from one another by an interval, and on the body of the belt opposite this interval are located the end fasteners, by which the ends of the belt are maintained in folded condition to receive the center fastener by which the belt is fastened around the waist of the wearer. By thus locating the end fasteners the pockets have the widest possible range of longitudinal adjustment on the belt, inasmuch as the hook ends of their fasteners, can slide by the end fasteners of the belt, freely and without becoming entangled therewith.

When suspenders are worn with this belt, I provide the front straps thereof with eyes, or their equivalent, which engage the hooks that hold the pockets in the belt (the hooks being formed to permit of this engagement) and in this way the front straps of the suspenders are enabled to follow the movement of the pockets in their different adjustments, while still retaining their operative connection.

In the accompanying drawing to which I shall now refer for a better understanding of my invention—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a belt embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a view of the belt proper. Fig. 3 is a view of one group of pockets looking at it from the rear.

The belt and the pockets in practice are made of woven fabric. The belt is designated A and the groups of pockets are designated B. For purposes of illustration there are two groups of pockets, with three pockets in each group—these groups being considerably wider than the belt proper. The pockets are designed in the present instance to hold cartridges in clips, and for this purpose they may be woven as described in Mills patent No. 787,851 of April 18, 1905, that is to say with partitions in the several pockets to separate the cartridge clips from one another; but any other desired or suitable form or construction of pockets may be employed. In each group of pockets there are eyelets *a* in pairs in the body fabric, at the ends of the group and in the intervals between the several pockets of the

groups. Through these eyelets pass the hook ends of fasteners *b*, which are so located as to pass over the edges of the narrower belt proper and down on and crosswise of the inner face thereof, as seen in Fig. 1. In each fastener the opposed hook ends are separated from one another by an interval as seen. On the belt proper A, opposite this interval, is located the end fastener by which each end of the belt is held folded back. This fastener consists of a hook *c* on each end of the belt, and a number of eyelets *d* arranged in a row in body of the belt, in the interval between the opposed hook ends of the fasteners *b* which hold the pockets to the belt. The belt end fastener it will be noted is thus confined to the interval which separates the hook ends of fasteners *d*, and as a consequence of this the pockets can be slid forward to the very center of the belt, if desired; the hook ends passing the belt end fastener *c* without any obstruction whatever. I do not limit myself to the use of the hook *c* and eyelet *d*, these parts being typical of any suitable belt-end fastener of such width and so located as not to meet or interfere with the fasteners *b*. The loops formed by the folded back ends of the belt A are provided with and engaged by any suitable form of center fastener, typified at *x*.

Both the belt, and the body fabric of the groups of pockets, can be provided at proper points with eyelets for the attachment of various articles of equipment. The same remark will apply also to the suspenders, which will be presently described.

Each group of pockets is in the present instance provided with a covering flap integral with the body fabric, as in the Mills and Orndorff patent No. 654,475, of July 24, 1900. But any other suitable or desired form of cover can be employed.

I have shown in Fig. 1, suspenders applied to the belt. They consist of two straps C which cross one another on the back, being swiveled together at that point by a rivet-like connection *e*. They are provided at their rear ends with hooks *f*, to engage eyelets in the back of the belt; and at the front each one is provided with means *g*, for adjusting its length, such as customary in suspenders, and a terminal eye or loop *h*, or its equivalent, to catch into and engage the upper hook end of the selected fastener *b* of the appropriate groups of pockets, as seen in Fig. 1—the hook ends of the fasteners *b* being of a size to receive this suspender engaging device *h*. In this way the suspenders take the weight of the cartridges, they can readily move to conform themselves to the various positions of the pockets and they can be most readily disengaged and removed whenever desired.

Having described my improvements and the best way now known to me of carrying the same into ef-

fect, what I claim herein as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is.

1. The combination of the belt proper, the cartridge pockets, fasteners *b* secured to the pockets and provided with hook ends which pass over the edges, and down onto and part way across the inner face, of the belt, and belt-end fasteners for securing the folded-back belt-ends to the belt body, located opposite the interval which separates the opposed hook ends of the fasteners *b*, and of a width to pass through that interval without engaging said hook ends, substantially as and for the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

2. A cartridge belt comprising a belt proper, groups of woven fabric cartridge pockets, each provided with hook end fasteners *b* which extend through eyelets in the body fabric of each cartridge group and thence over the edges, and down onto and partly across the inner face, of the belt proper, and belt end fasteners *c d* located on the body of the belt opposite the interval which separates the

opposed ends of the fasteners *b*, and of less width than that interval, substantially as and for the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

3. The combination, a cartridge belt proper, groups of woven fabric cartridge pockets each provided with hook end fasteners *b* which extend through eyelets in the body fabric of the groups of pockets, and detachably and adjustably engage the belt-proper as described, and suspenders attached at their rear end to the belt-proper, and at their front ends provided with means to detachably engage the upper hook ends of the fasteners *b*, by which the pocket groups are held to the belt proper, as and for the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

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

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