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Fig. 1.

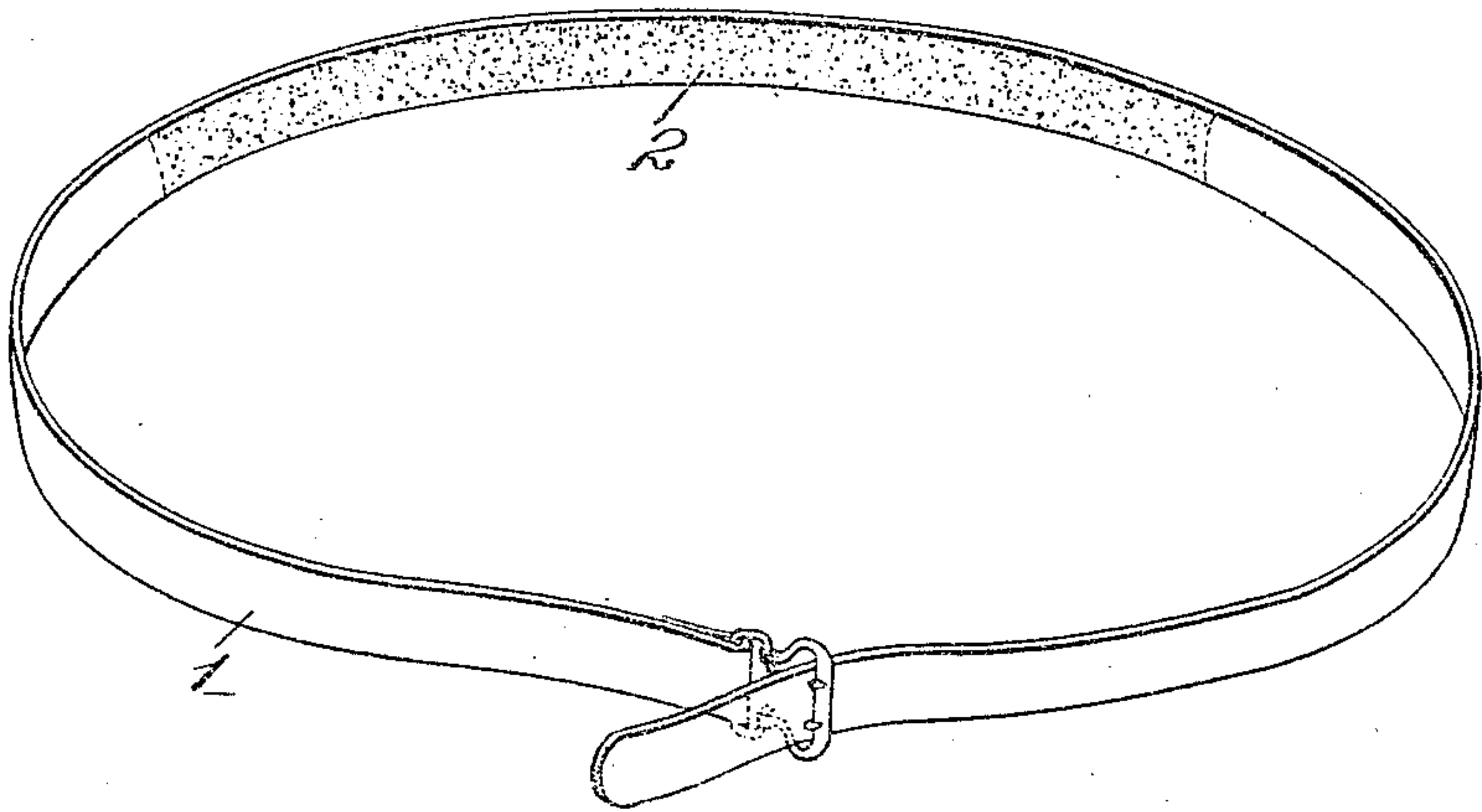


Fig. 2.

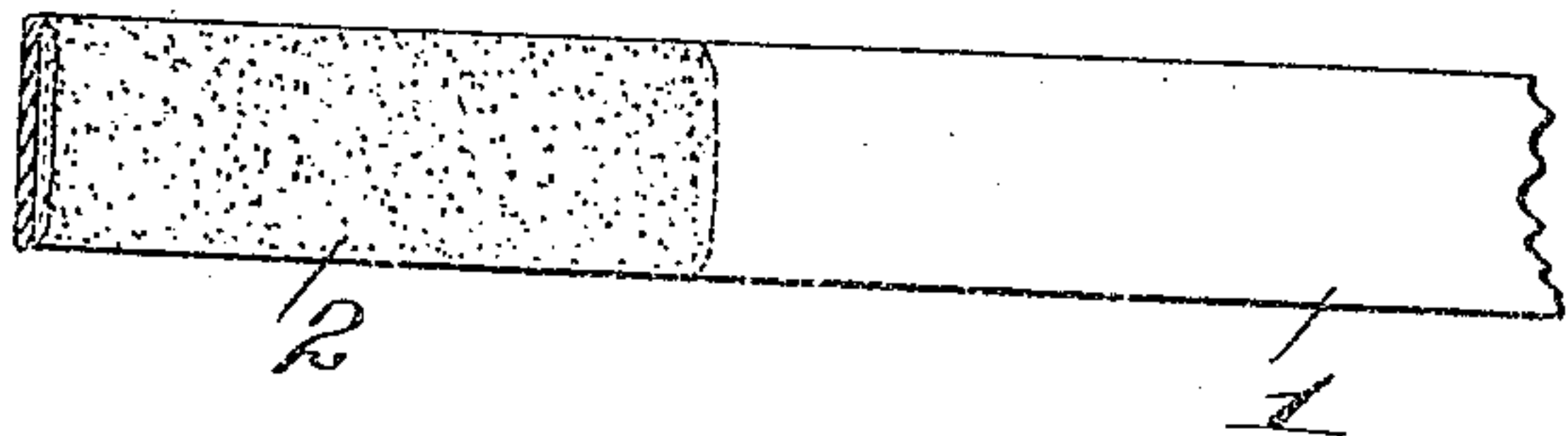
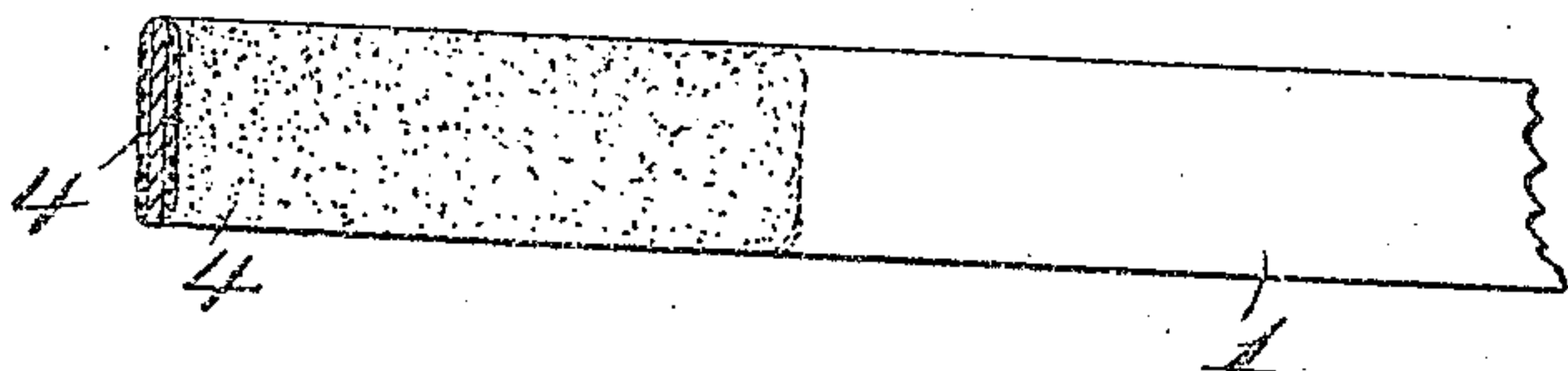


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH ASKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lima, in the county of Allen and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Belts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a belt, and the primary object of the same is to provide a device of this character adapted to perform its usual functions, or of drawing the garment inwardly at the waist line, and also to serve as a means for holding a waist down in position at the back without resorting to the usual hooks, pins and clasp devices ordinarily employed for this purpose.

The belt body is constructed preferably from a woven web of cotton or other material and on one or both sides of a portion thereof is a roughened surface which is brought into contact with the waist and adheres to the latter to such degree as to prevent loosening of the back of the same.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a belt embodying the features of the invention. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section through a portion of the belt shown by Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, illustrating a slight modification.

Similar characters of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in the views.

The numeral 1 designates a belt composed of a woven fabric or any other suitable material provided with the usual fastening means, as shown. In the form of the belt shown by Figs. 1 and 2, the inner side, for a portion of the length thereof, is provided with a roughened surface, or has gritty material applied thereto, as at 2. As shown by Fig. 3, the opposite sides of the belt for a portion of the length of the latter is provided with the roughened or gritty surface, as at 4.

The invention admits of a variation in the nature of the roughened or gritty surface of the belt, and such surface may be continuous or unbroken throughout its length, or the belt within certain limits may have the roughening material applied thereto only at intervals, the essential feature of the invention being the application to a portion of the belt of a material that will grip or closely

adhere to a waist or analogous garment which it is desired to hold in place.

One of the simplest methods of providing the roughened or gritted surface or surfaces as explained, is to first cover the portion of the belt with a piece of material having glue thereon and apply to the glue a gritty substance, such as emery, carborundum, sand, or finely ground glass. Another method is to use emery or sand paper which may be cut to proper width or prepared in strip form and secured to the belt at the proper place. The cheapest and most economical method of providing the belt with the roughened or gritty surface is to apply the glue and emery or other analogous gritty material directly upon the belt itself. In the form of the belt as shown by Fig. 3, a piece of material bearing the gritty substance is applied around the portion of the belt to provide a gritty surface on both sides of the belt, so that the latter may be used inside or outside of the garment.

After a waist has been put on, the belt is applied and secured preferably with the roughened or gritty surface or side of the belt next to the waist. The waist is drawn down into proper form and the belt tightened, and the roughened surface or gritty substance carried by the belt engaging the waist firmly holds the latter against change of position.

The addition to the belt will not materially modify the cost of production, and the extent of the gritty substance over the sides of the belt may be varied at will.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed, is:

1. A belt having a portion of the same at the back provided with a thin covering of gritty substance.

2. A belt having both sides of the back portion provided with a thin covering of gritty substance.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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