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FIG. 1.

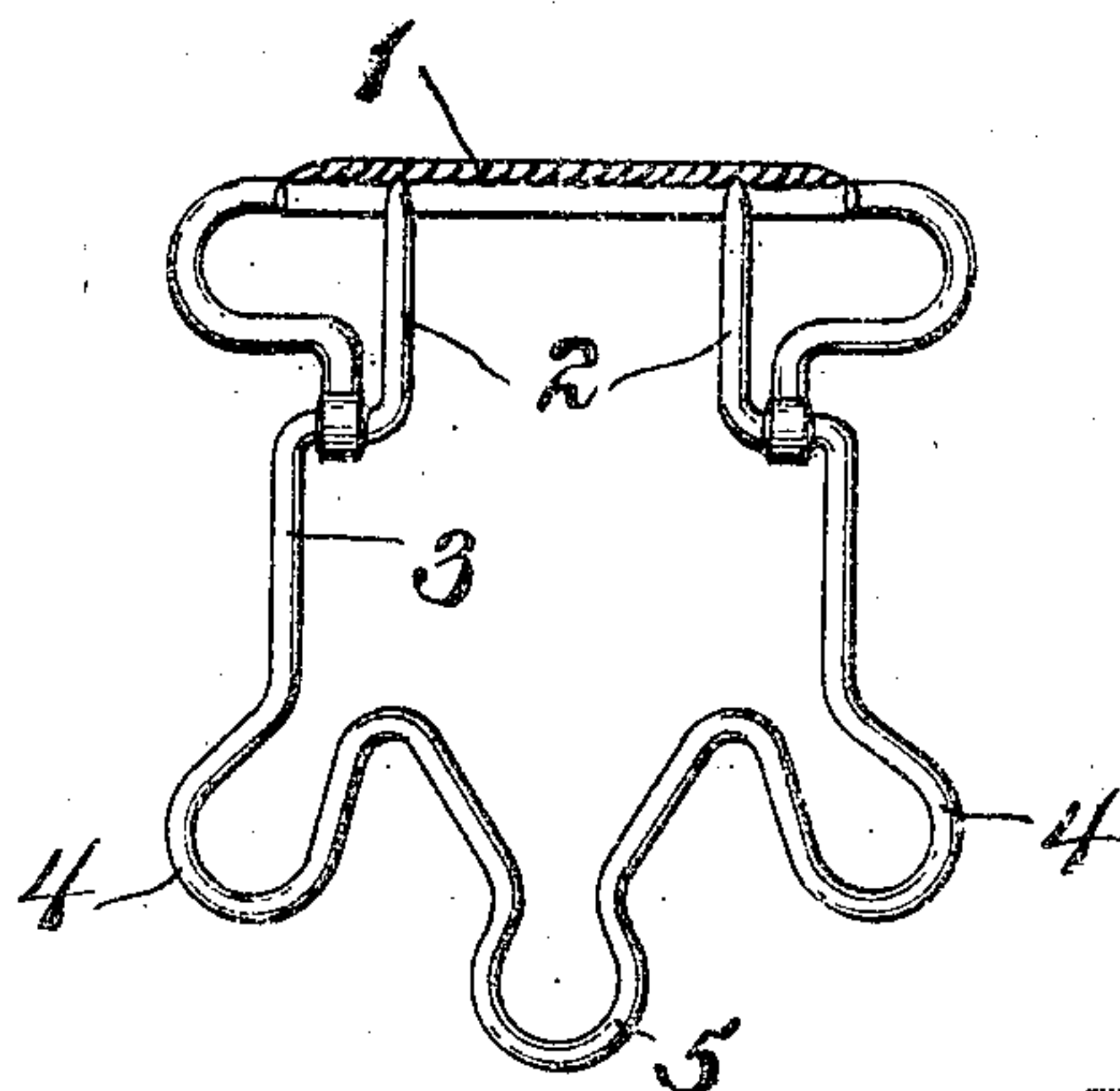


FIG. 2.

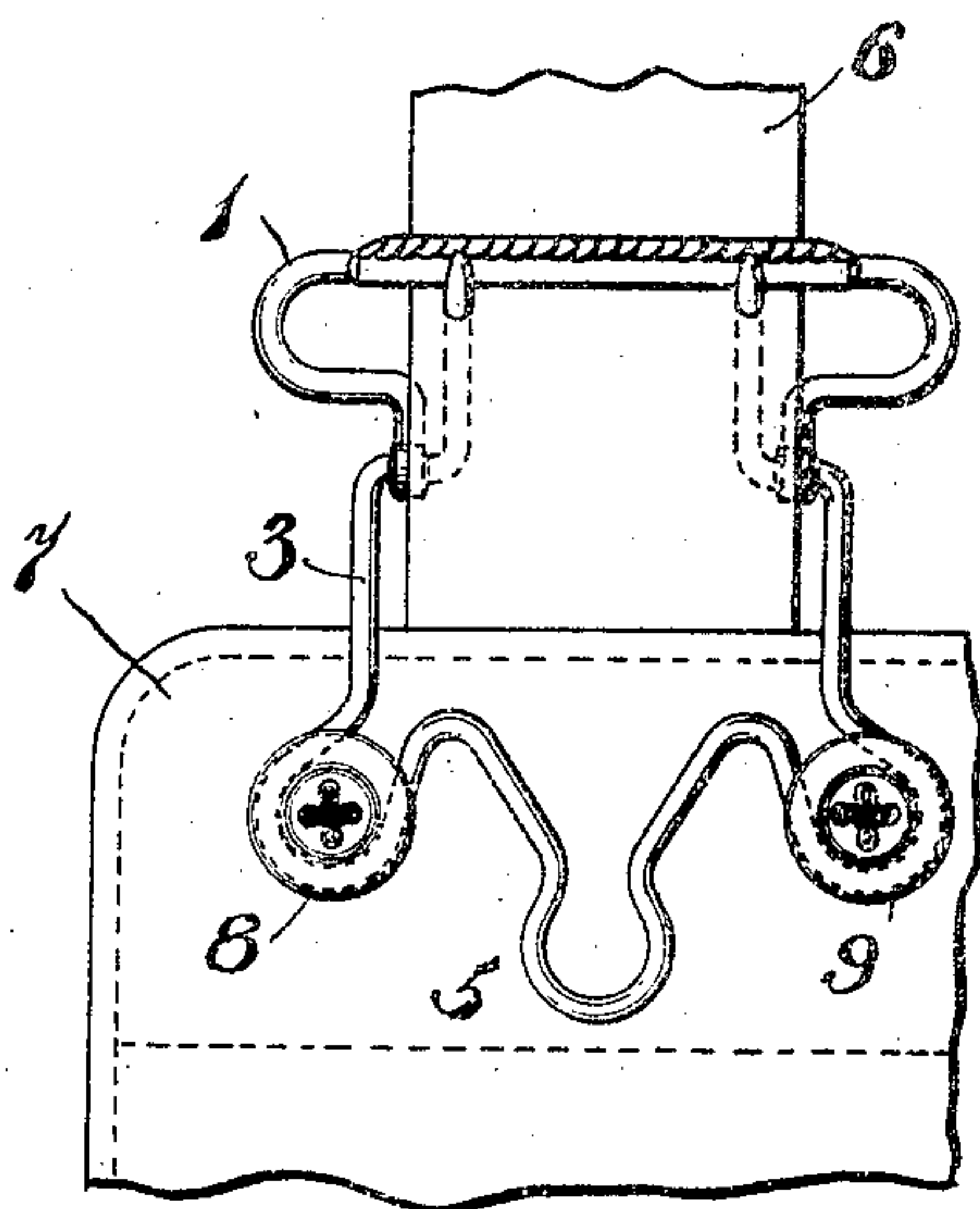


FIG. 3.

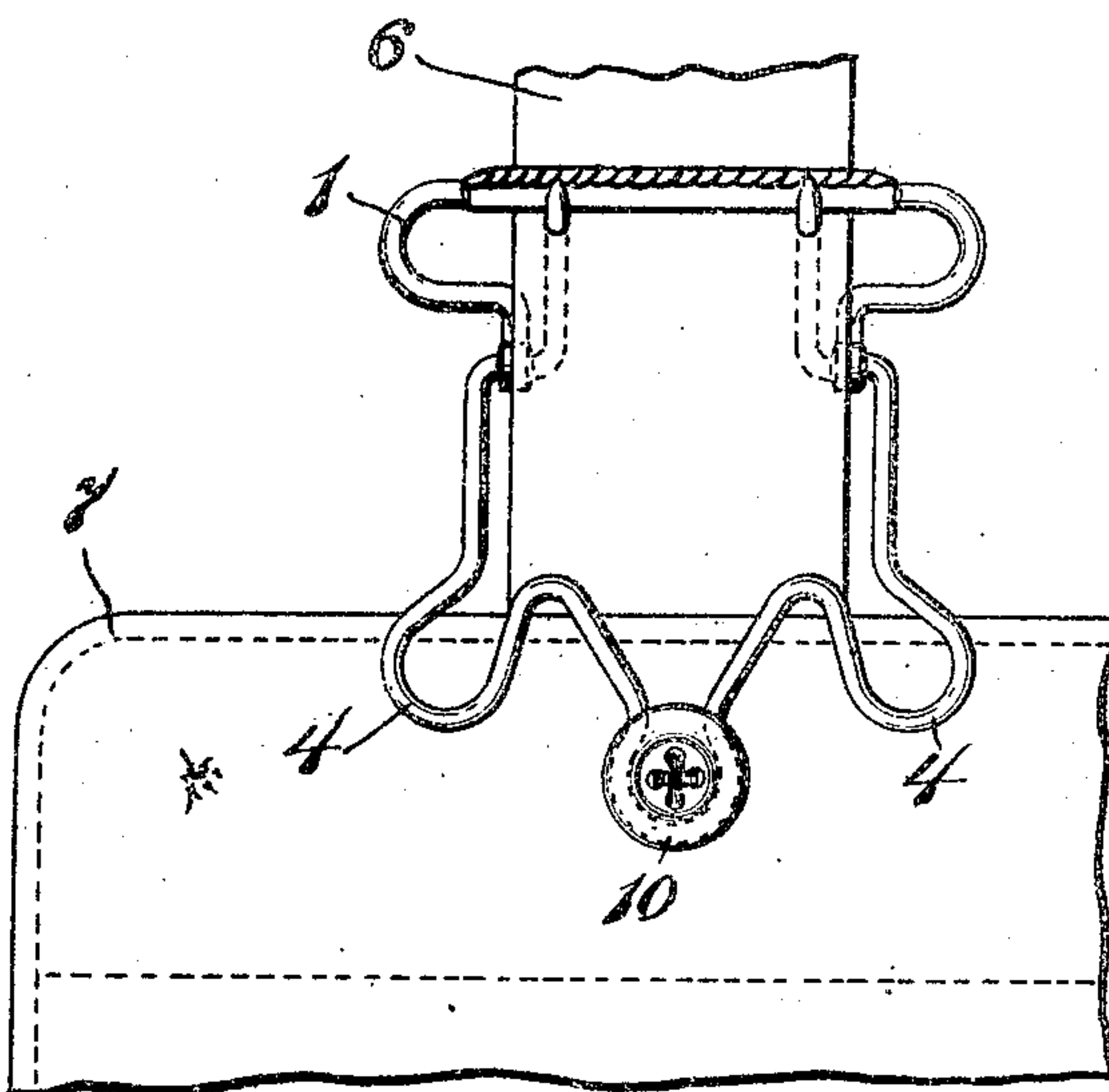
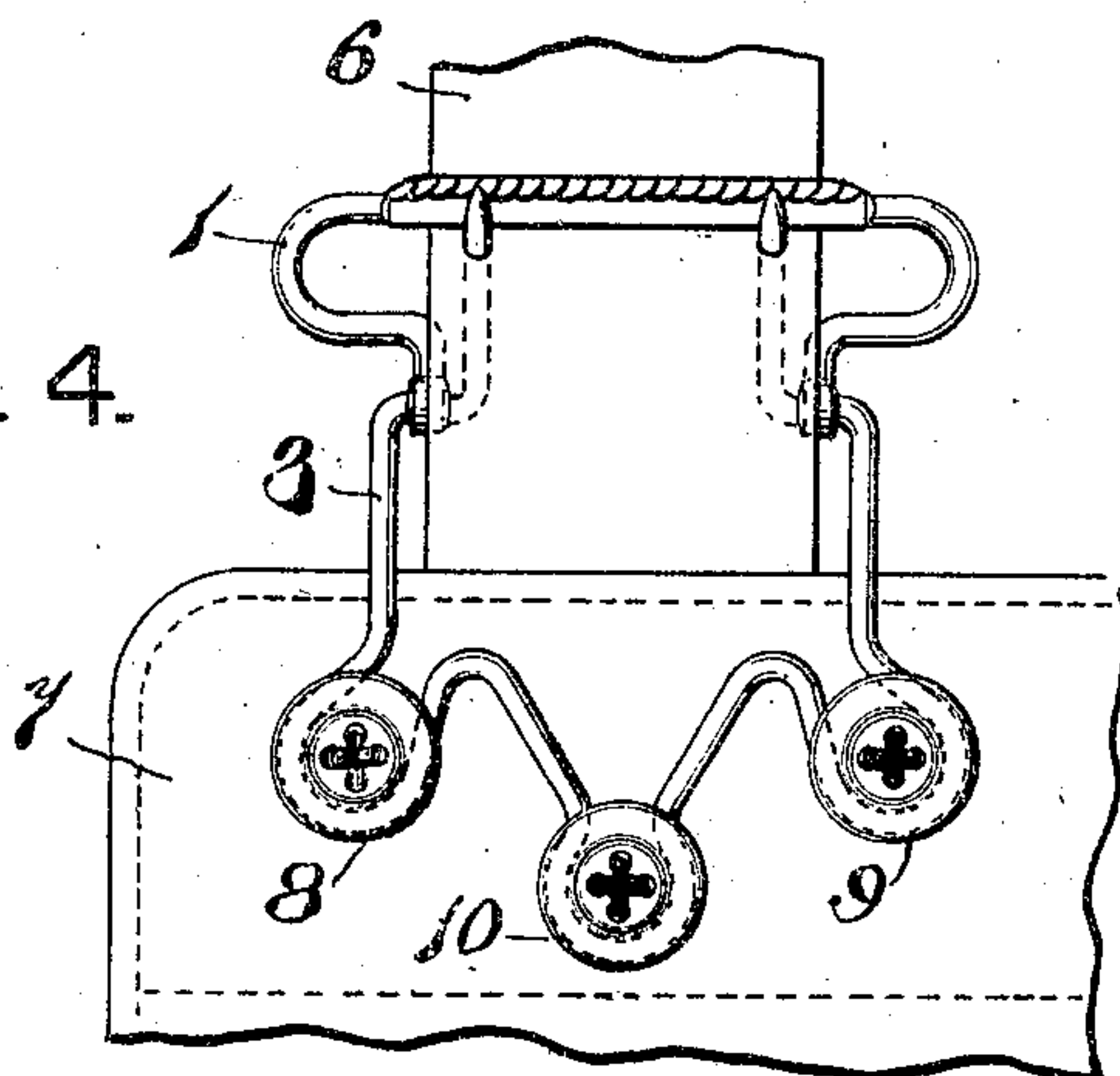


FIG. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM L. LONDON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Buckles, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to buckles and particularly to those designed for use on overalls between the flaps and the supporting straps therefor. The invention has for its primary objects; the provision of a buckle which may be used either with a plurality of buttons or with a single button with-out twisting; the provision of a buckle which will hold the flap of the overall flat and engage the buttons in such a way that they will not be easily disengaged; and the provision of a buckle which may be adjusted laterally with respect to the flap so that the position of the strap on the shoulder may be varied to suit the requirements. One embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the buckle,

Figure 2 is a view of the buckle as applied to the article with which it is to be used, the lower portion of the buckle being shown as engaging two buttons on the flap of the overalls,

Figure 3 is a view similar to that of Figure 2, but with the lower portion of the buckle engaging only a single button on the flap of the overalls, the other button having been removed, and

Figure 4 is a view of the buckle as applied to a flap on which there are three buttons, one for each of the loops.

Referring to the drawings, 1 is the bow or strap engaging portion of the buckle, 2 are the teeth, 3 is the button engaging portion of the buckle, which button engaging portion is provided with the two laterally projecting side loops 4, and the central loop 5, 6 is one of the straps of the overalls, 7 is the flap of the overalls, and 8, 9 and 10 are the buttons secured to the flap. The buckle is ordinarily intended to be used as shown in Figure 2, wherein the two loops 4—4 engage the two buttons 8 and 9. When one of the buttons, as 8, is torn off however, the buckle is engaged as shown in Figure 3 wherein the

central loop 5 is placed about the button 9.

By this construction the buckle is made to hang straight instead of swinging sidewise, as is the case where buckles employing only two side loops are used. If desired, the buckle may be used with three buttons as shown in Figure 4, but ordinarily the buckle will be used with two buttons as shown in Figure 2. From the foregoing it will be seen that one of the chief advantages of my buckle over the two loop form heretofore provided, resides in the fact that it will hang straight as indicated in Figure 3, when only a single button is available, which was of course not the case with the old two-loop form of buckles. Another advantage incident to the construction as applied in Figure 3, resides in the fact that the two loops 4 press against the top edge of the flap and hold it flat, the extending of the loops 4 laterally permitting them to engage a greater length of the upper edge of the flap than would be the case if they were downwardly directed, and their position above the loop 5 insuring an engagement with the flap at a point where it will be held most effectively. The projecting of the loop 4 laterally also secures another advantage when two buttons are employed, as shown in Figure 2, viz, an inward movement of the buttons toward the center of the buckle is necessary in order to release them, and the necessity of this movement prevents their being easily disengaged from the loops. The contracting of the openings of the loops also materially assists in preventing the accidental displacement of the buttons. The lateral extension of the side loops 4 also tends to prevent the disengagement of the bottom button 10 when the buckle is used in connection with a flap having three buttons as shown in Figure 4, as the portions of the side loops 4 lying above the buttons 8 and 9 prevent a vertical movement of the flap with respect to the buckle and so prevent the button 10 from being moved vertically to disengage it from the loop 5. Other advantages resulting from the construction will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

Having thus described my invention and illustrated its use, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is the following:—

An article of the character described, comprising a strap engaging portion and a flap engaging portion constructed of wire and provided with a central button loop and
5 two other loops arranged one on either side of the central loop.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto

signed my name in the presence of the two subscribed witnesses.

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