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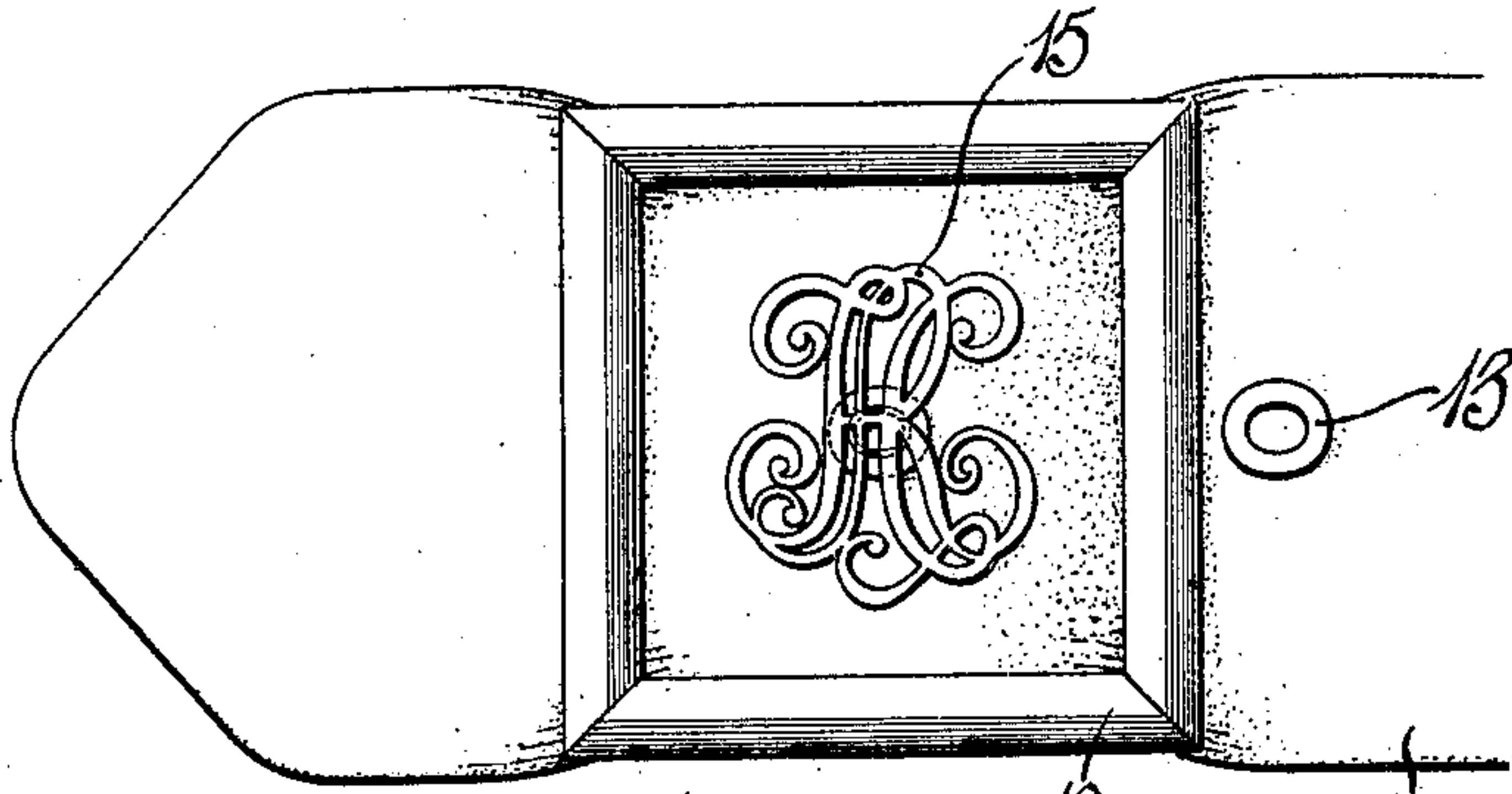


Fig. 1.

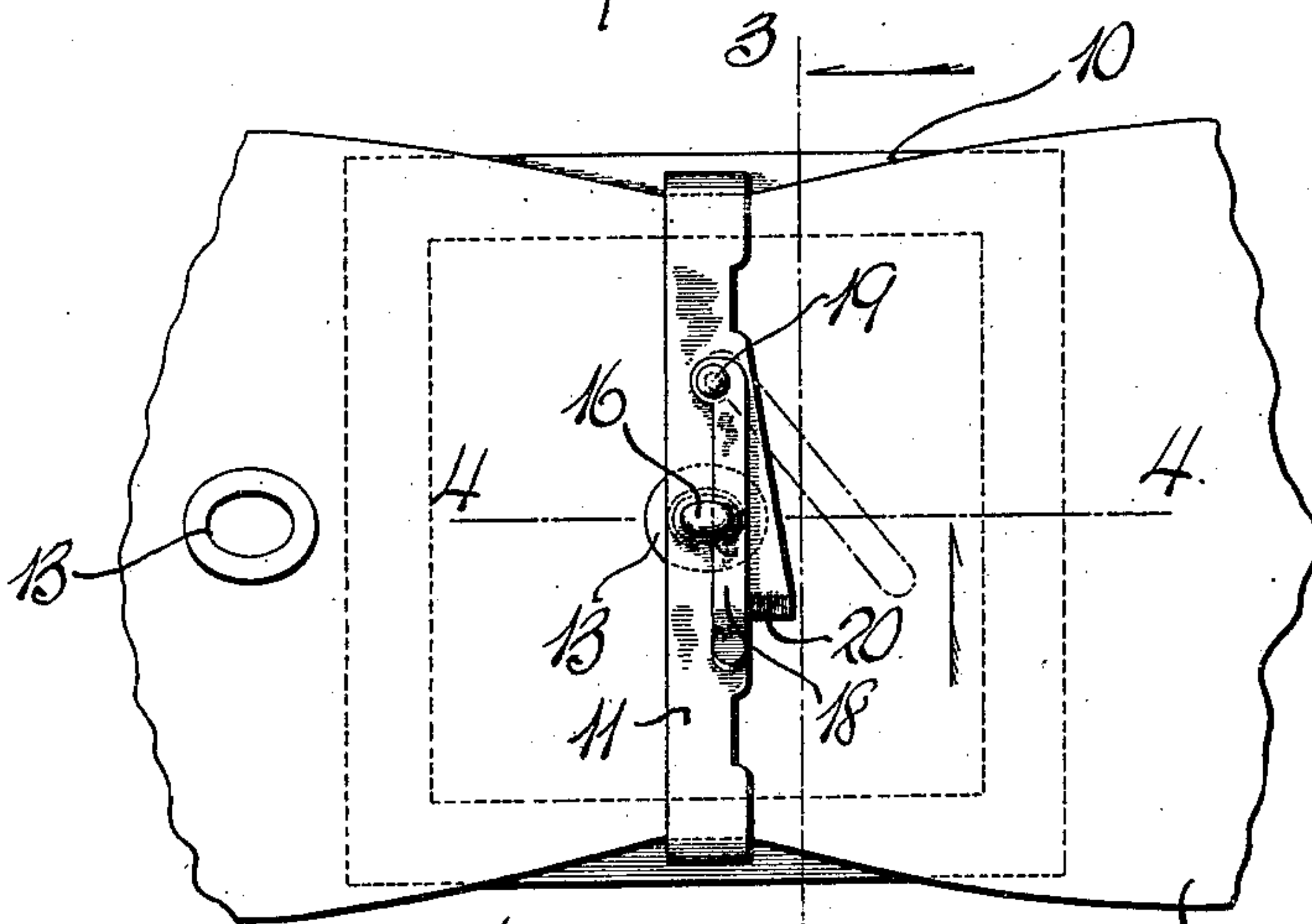


Fig. 2.

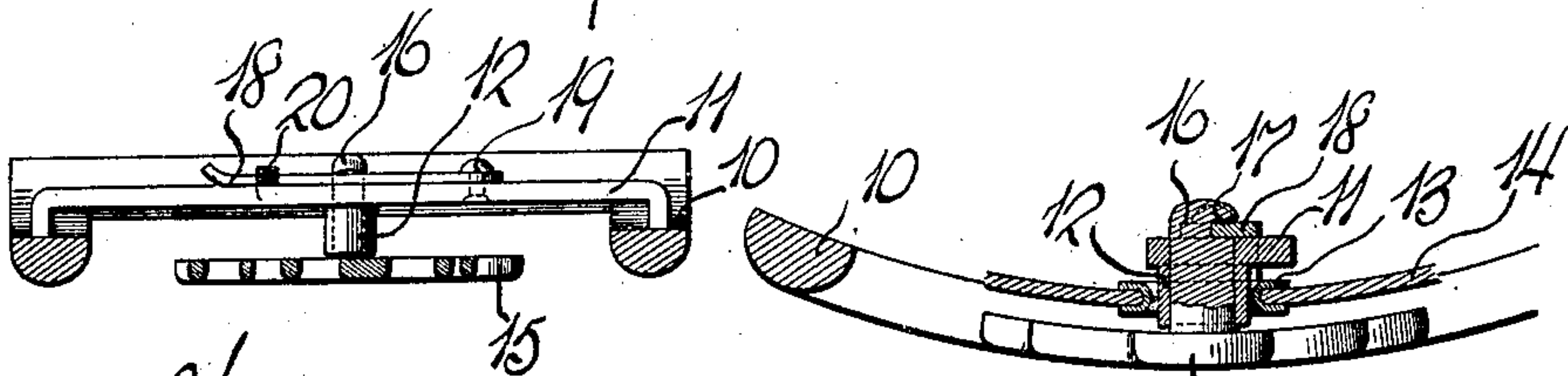


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT FASIG, of Jersey City, Hudson county, State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Buckles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in buckles, and more particularly to ornamental buckles such as are worn on waist belts. With such buckles it is often desirable to have a monogram or other ornamental member on the face, and especially centrally on the face. It is also customary to make up the more ordinary monogram combinations in stock, and it is desirable to have a convenient means of attaching any preferred monogram to the buckle and belt.

The object of my invention is to produce a very simple and positive means of attaching and detaching monograms, ornamental plates, or other members to or from buckles and belts of this character, to the end that the monograms, plates, or other members may not only be easily attached or detached, but any desired member can be substituted for another.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a face view of a buckle showing my improvements, the buckle being attached to a belt. Fig. 2 is an inside view of the belt and buckle showing especially the fastening device. Fig. 3 is a cross section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is a broken longitudinal section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

The buckle frame or body 10 can be of any preferred style or make, and this part of the structure has nothing to do with my invention. I have shown a conventional buckle having the customary bridge 11 across the back, over which the belt 14 hereinafter referred to runs in the usual way. The bridge 11 has, however, a hole therethrough and a sleeve 12 registering with the hole and forming an extension of the walls thereof, this sleeve being adapted to enter any one of the eyelets or perforations 13 in the belt 14, which latter can be of any usual type or style. The member 15 is detachable, and as shown represents a conventional monogram, but the monogram can

be of any preferred style, or instead of a monogram it can be an ornamental plate or other member which lies essentially parallel with the surface of the belt. The member 15 has on its back a stud 16 which is adapted to enter the sleeve 12 and extend through the sleeve so as to project from the back of the bridge as shown best in Fig. 4. Obviously the sleeve 12 and stud 16 can be of any preferred cross section, but it is better that these parts should not be circular in cross section, as in such case the member 15 has a tendency to turn, but by making the parts oblong in cross section, or of some other shape than circular, the member 15 is held in its correct relative position.

The stud 16 is notched on one side as shown at 17 in Fig. 4, so as to receive the spring latch 18 which is pivoted on the back of the bridge as shown at 19, and has preferably its free end turned up so that it can be readily grasped by the thumb or finger. The pivot 19 is placed far enough from the stud 16 so that the right spring action can be had in the latch 18 to enable it to slide easily over the detent or catch 20. The catch 20 as best shown in Fig. 2 is placed a little one side of the stud 16 so that when the latch 18 is in engagement with the stud, the forward edge of the latch will abut with the inner edge of the catch or ledge 20. The catch 20 has an inclined back so that the latch 18 can be pushed up over the incline, its springyness permitting this, and as it passes over the top of the catch the latch springs downward into position snug against the back of the bridge 11. The mouth of the slot 17 can be rounded or opened slightly so that the latch will enter the slot readily, and it rides up over the catch 20, so there is no difficulty in adjusting the parts.

It will be seen that by manipulating the latch 18 the member 15 can be readily released or fastened, and that when the member is removed the sleeve 16 can be adjusted in any desired hole of the belt and the member 15 easily put back in place. It will be noticed further that the fastening is secure and also inexpensive as well as easily manipulated.

While I claim the special fastening device shown, I do not limit my invention to this, and the essential thing is the combination of the buckle and the detachable mono-

gram or member connected in such a way that the member can be easily adjusted in any hole of the belt, and the fastening device readily operated to attach or release the said member.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. A belt receiving buckle having a sleeve thereon at right angles to the belt, a detachable member having a stud to enter the sleeve, and a fastening device to secure the stud in the sleeve.

2. A belt receiving buckle having a detachable member lying opposite the face of the buckle and outside the belt, means on the said member for piercing the belt, and a fastening device to secure the said member in place.

3. A belt buckle having a bridge, a detachable member on the face of the buckle adapted to lie outside the belt, a stud on the member adapted to extend through the belt and bridge, and means on the bridge to engage and lock the stud.

4. The combination with a belt buckle having a bridge with a hole therethrough, of a detachable member on the face of the

buckle having a stud to extend through a belt and through the aforesaid hole, and a locking device on the back of the bridge to engage and secure the stud.

5. A belt buckle having a bridge with a stud thereon adapted to enter holes in a belt, a detachable member adapted to lie outside the belt and having a stud extending through the sleeve, and a lock on the bridge back to engage and secure the stud.

6. The combination with the buckle having a bridge, of the detachable member having a stud extending through the bridge, a spring latch secured to the bridge and adapted to engage the stud, and a catch to secure the latch in locked position.

7. A belt buckle having a bridge with a sleeve thereon, a detachable member having a stud to extend through the sleeve and the bridge, a laterally swinging latch pivoted on the bridge and engaging a slot in the stud, and a catch to secure the latch in locked position.

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