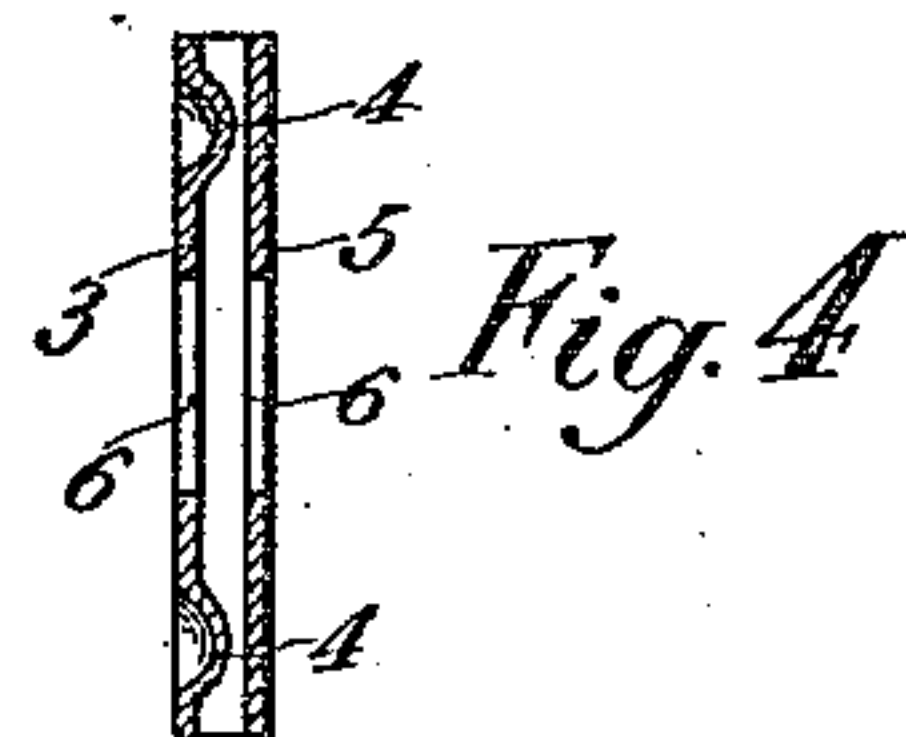
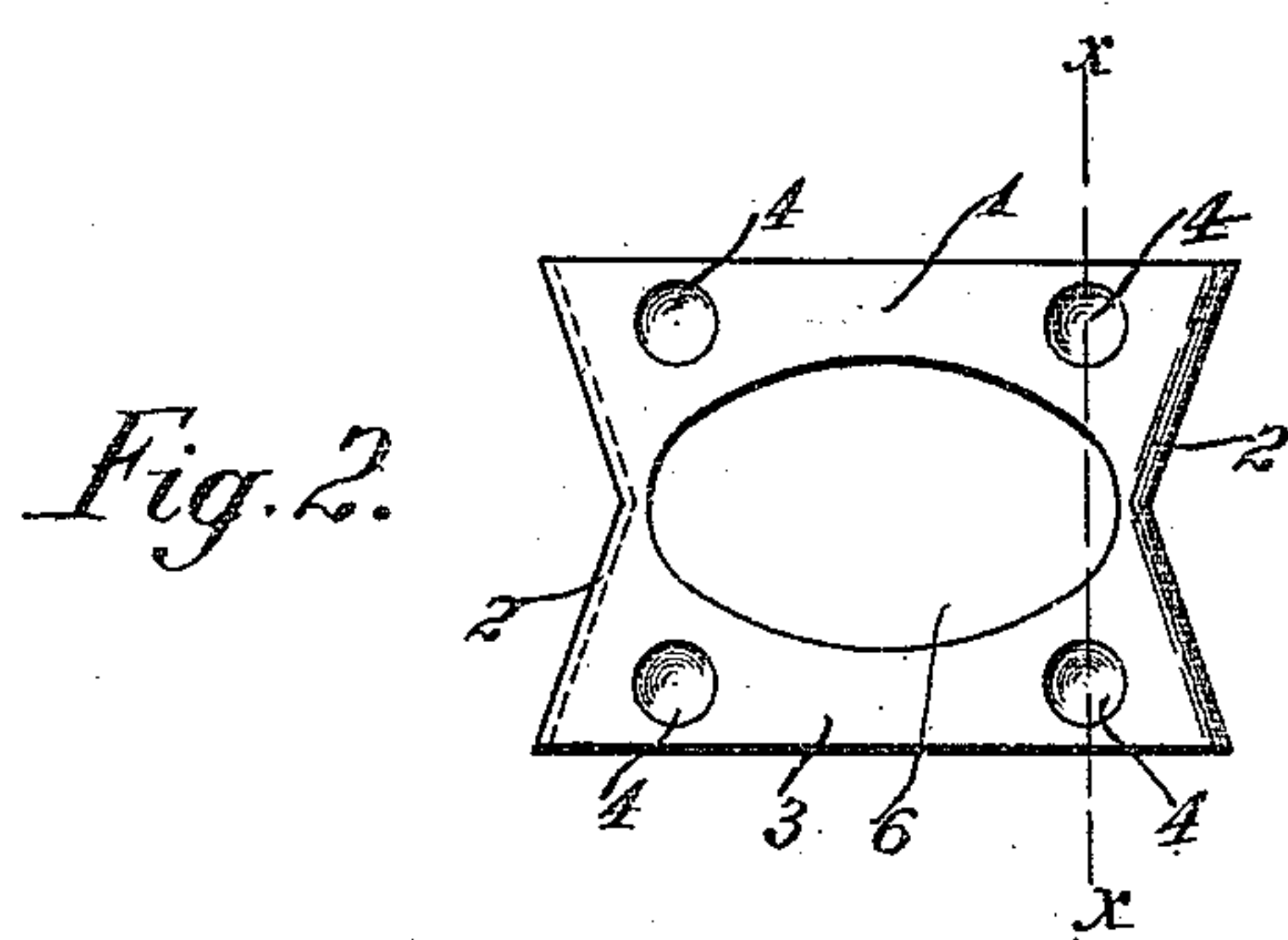
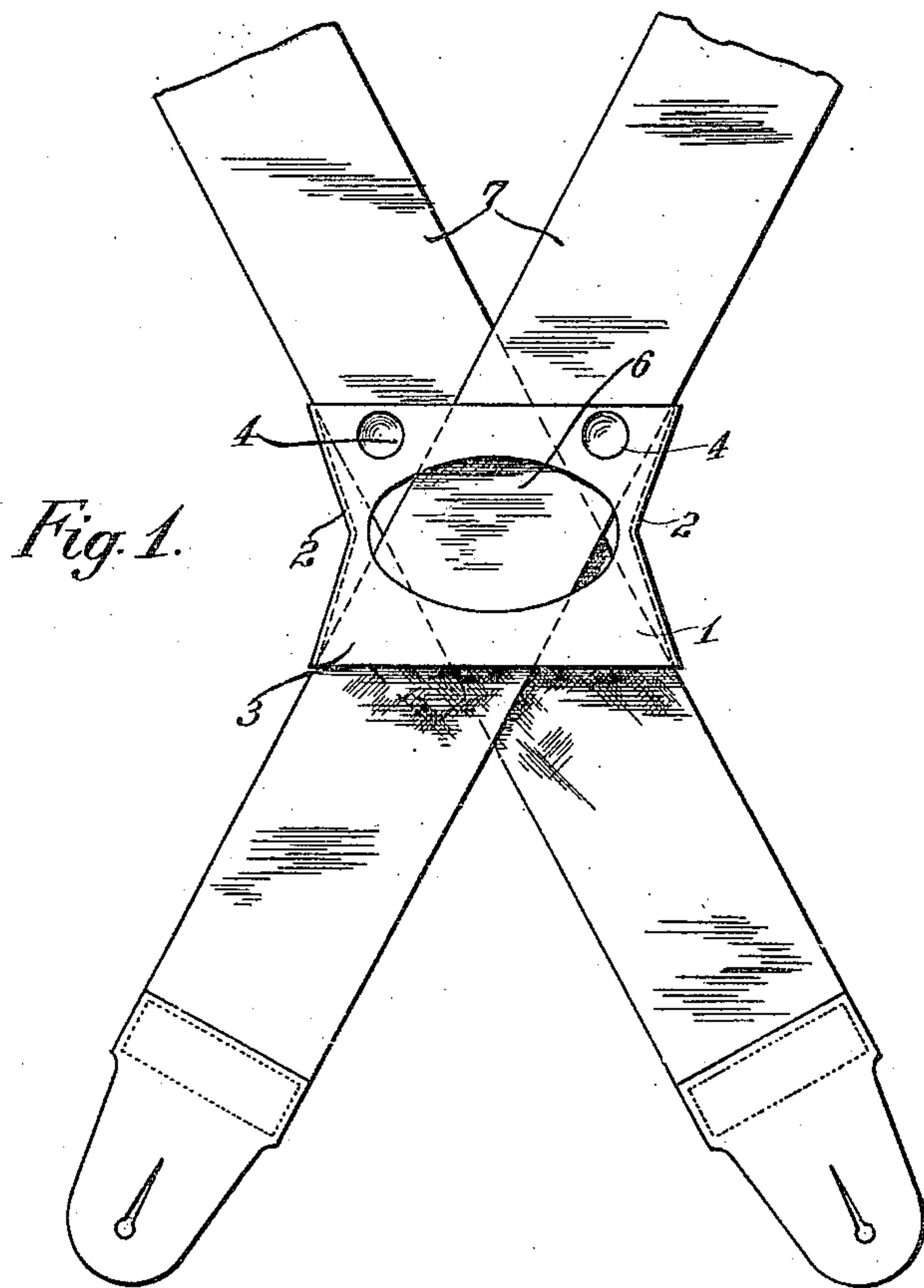


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB H. YOUNG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable Fastening Devices for Suspender-Straps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to suspenders, and more particularly to devices designed to be arranged at the point of intersection of the suspender straps at the back of the wearer, to facilitate holding the same in place.

The object of my invention is to provide a device of the character mentioned which will be of such construction as to be adapted to be arranged upon a pair of suspenders at the intersection of the straps thereof so as to act in the capacity of an adjustable keeper therefor.

Suspenders in common use at the present time, are, to some wearers, not infrequently very uncomfortable, inasmuch as the straps thereof, at the point of their intersection are usually sewed or fixed together, hence allowing for no adjustment as to the position of the intersection point. All suspenders for men being made of a substantially uniform size, it is evident that because of the variations in builds and dimensions of different men, suspenders, in which the point of intersection of the straps thereof is fixed, as before stated, are unfit or unsuited, and hence uncomfortable for a great number, upon a man of small stature such intersection point being too high and vice versa with reference to a man of large stature such intersection point is too low, thereby obviously making it uncomfortable for both.

It is therefore the object of my invention to remedy such objection by providing, as before mentioned, a device for holding the suspender straps together at the point of their intersection, which may be readily adjusted, and, which when adjusted, will be adapted to remain in such position with relation to the suspender straps.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the character stated which will be of great efficiency and which will be simple of construction, hence of low cost to manufacture.

With these objects in view, my invention consists in a device characterized as above mentioned, and in certain details of con-

struction which will be hereinafter fully described and particularly pointed out in the claim.

My invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 illustrates the application of the preferred form of my device. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of a modified form thereof. Fig. 3 is a top plan view thereof, and Fig. 4 is a vertical transverse section taken on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 2.

Referring now to the drawings, my invention consists simply in a preferably sheet metal sleeve or tubular member 1, the lateral edges 2 of which are angularly formed as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The front wall 3 of said member is formed with a number of indentures 4, the inner surfaces of the extremities of which are in close proximity with the inner surface of the wall 5 of said member. In order to increase the flexibility and reduce the weight of the device, I form the walls 3 and 5 thereof with large openings or perforations 6, such perforations being of any ornamental or fancy design.

In applying the device the suspender straps 7 are inserted into the narrow passage or slot 8 formed by the member 1, as shown in Fig. 1, said straps, in which event, are engaged by the indentures 4 of said member, thereby serve as a means of locking the latter in position relative to the straps 7. As shown in Fig. 1 the member 1 is provided with but two indentures, such being deemed adequate to securely hold the same in position upon the straps of a pair of suspenders. In order to more positively insure a secure gripping of the suspender straps, I may provide the member 1 with four indentures, as shown in Fig. 2, however that form shown in Fig. 1 is the preferable form of my device, as it is thought two indentures will suffice. By the provision of a device of a construction as described, it is evident that the adjustment as to the position of the intersection point of the straps of a pair of suspenders may be readily and easily effected.

While I have shown what I deem to be the preferable form of my device, I do not wish to be limited thereto, as there might be minor changes made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit of my invention. And although I have de-

signed my device with special reference to suspenders, I may use the same in any other connection to which it is applicable.

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

A device of the class described comprising a tubular member to receive the crossed
10 straps of a pair of suspenders, the passage through said member being narrow and elongate in cross section, indentures provided in one of the walls of said member, the inner
extremities of said indentures being in close proximity to the opposite wall and each
15 adapted to permit frictional passage of a suspender strap between it and said oppo-

site wall, each of said indentures being adapted to engage but one of the straps and said tubular member having a large opening in the wall thereof at the point of intersec- 20 tion of the straps whereby a portion of the frictional pressure at the point of intersection is dispensed with, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my
25 name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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