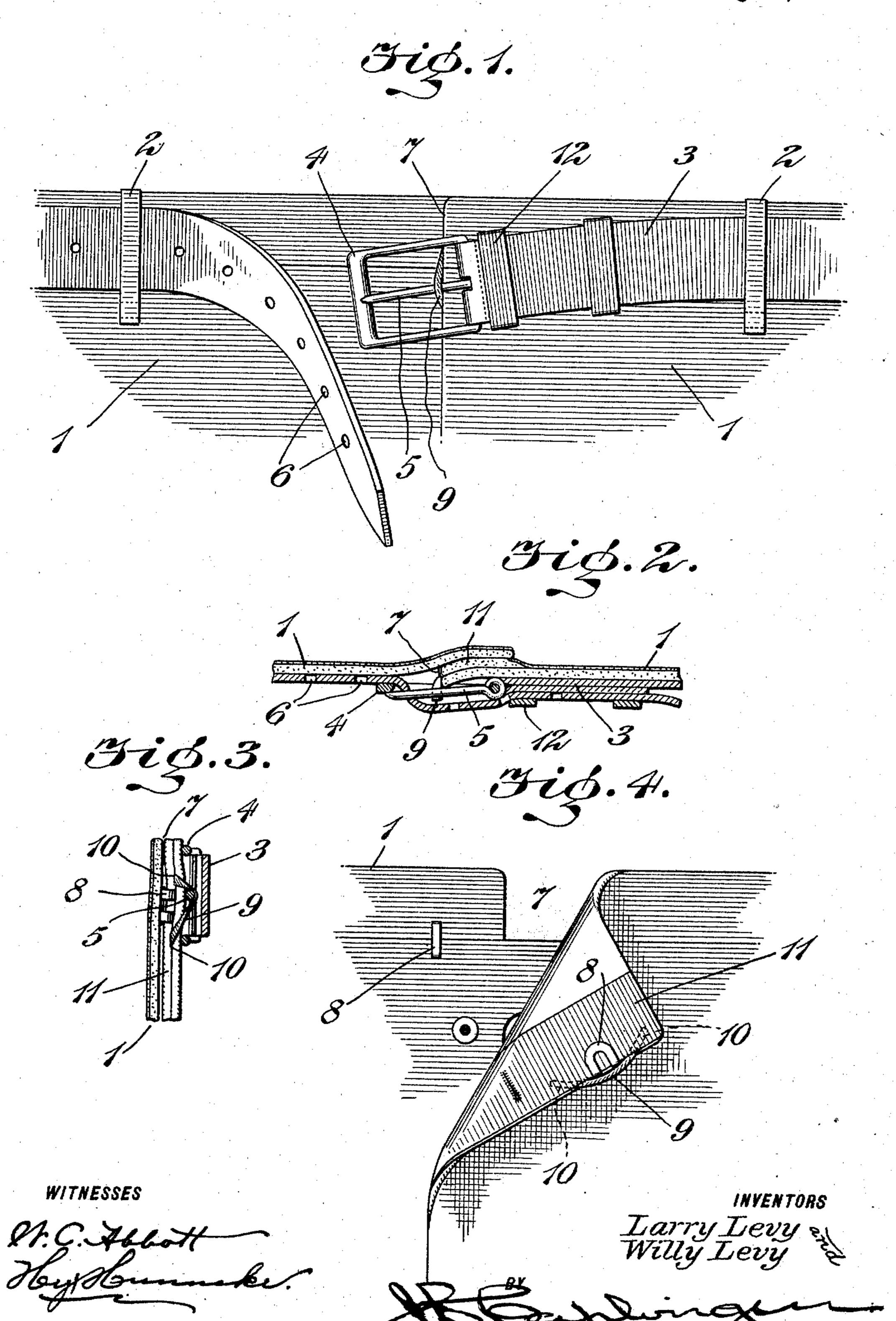
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, Lazarus Levy and William Levy, both citizens of the United States, and residents of the city and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Trousers, of which the fol-

lowing is a specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in trousers, and more particularly in such trousers as are intended to be supported by waist belts and the like, and the object of the invention is to provide such trousers with means of a novel and improved construction for maintaining the forward portion of such waist belt in proper relation to the trousers waist band in such a manner as to prevent slipping or creeping of the belt upward above the waist band during wear.

The invention consists in certain novel features of the construction and arrangement of the improved belt holding means whereby certain important advantages are attained, and the waist belt is securely maintained in proper relation to the trousers waist band, and said holding means is rendered simpler, less expensive and otherwise better adapted and more convenient for use, all as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

The novel features of the invention will

30 be carefully defined in the claim.

In order that our invention may be the better understood we will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the ac-

companying drawings, wherein—

fragment of the waist portion of a pair of trousers provided with our improved belt holding means; Fig. 2 is a fragmentary sectional view taken horizontally through the trousers waist band and waist belt, and showing the belt holding means engaged with the latter; Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view taken vertically through the parts at one side of the trousers fly, and Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view somewhat similar to Fig. 1, but showing the trousers with the fly partly opened and the waist belt omitted.

In these views 1 represents the waist portion of the trousers to which our improvements are applied, and 2, 2 represent belt loops applied along the waist band thereof in a well known way, while 3 represents a waist belt threaded through said loops and provided at one end with a buckle of any

preferred kind, provided with a tongue 5 adapted for interchangeable engagement with one or another of a series of apertures 6, produced in the opposite end of said belt 3, so as to permit the same to be securely 60 strapped about the waist of the wearer for the support of the trousers in the customary manner.

7 represents the front fly of the trousers, provided with detachable securing means 8 65 of the usual or any preferred kind, and 9 represents our improved belt holding means which, as herein shown is made in the form of a short length of tape, cord or webbing, the opposite extremities whereof are secured 70 as indicated at 10 in Figs. 3 and 4, between the trousers material forming the outer ply of the fly, and the inner facing strip 11 of said outer ply, the central portion of said tape, cord or webbing being extended par- 75 allel with the edge of said outer ply of the fly 7, but being free therefrom in such a way as to permit of being engaged over the tongue 5 of the belt buckle 4, so as to operate to hold that end of the belt whereon said 80 buckle is carried securely in relation upon said outer ply of the fly, irrespective of whether or not the buckle is secured to the apertured end of the belt. By this construction and arrangement of the parts, the tape, 85 cord or webbing 9 affords a loop of unobtrusive size and arrangement which in no way detracts from the appearance of the trousers even when the waist belt is not worn, being practically concealed by reason 90 of its location along the edge of the outer ply of material at the fly of the trousers, while when the belt is worn, the engagement of the buckle tongue 5 with said loop effectively holds that end of the belt whereon such 95 buckle is carried against excessive movement upon the waist portion of the trousers so that when the trousers are taken off, the belt is held in relation thereto and is prevented from slipping endwise through the loops 2, 100 2 and when the trousers are worn, said loop effectively prevents the front part of the belt from slipping or creeping upward over the trousers waist band and by reason of the formation of said loop the buckle tongue is 105

It will also be evident that during wear of the trousers the free extremity of the 110

adapted to slip or play freely through the

same, so as not to interfere, in any way with

convenient adjustment of the belt.

apertured end of the belt is passed over the loop or tape 9 before engagement with the usual retaining loop 12 so as to completely cover and conceal said loop from view.

From the above description it will be seen that the improved belt holding means constructed and arranged according to our invention is of an extremely simple and comparatively inexpensive nature, and is par-10 ticularly well adapted for use by reason of the security and convenience with which the belt is held in place whether it be buckled or unbuckled, and it will also be obvious from the above description that the device 15 is susceptible of some change without material departure from the principles and spirit of the invention, and for this reason we do not desire to be understood as limiting ourselves to the precise formation and arrange-20 ment of the loop or tape herein shown in carrying out our invention in practice.
Having thus described our invention, what

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we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

In combination with trousers having a 25 waist portion provided with a front fly formed of a plurality of plies, a flexible member arranged in alinement with an edge of the fly, the extremities of the flexible member being secured between the plies of 30 the fly, the intermediate portion of the flexible member being free of the fly edge and in close proximity thereto and disposed in a curve, said intermediate portion being capable of movement beyond a side of the 35 edge of the fly.

In witness whereof we have hereunto signed our names in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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