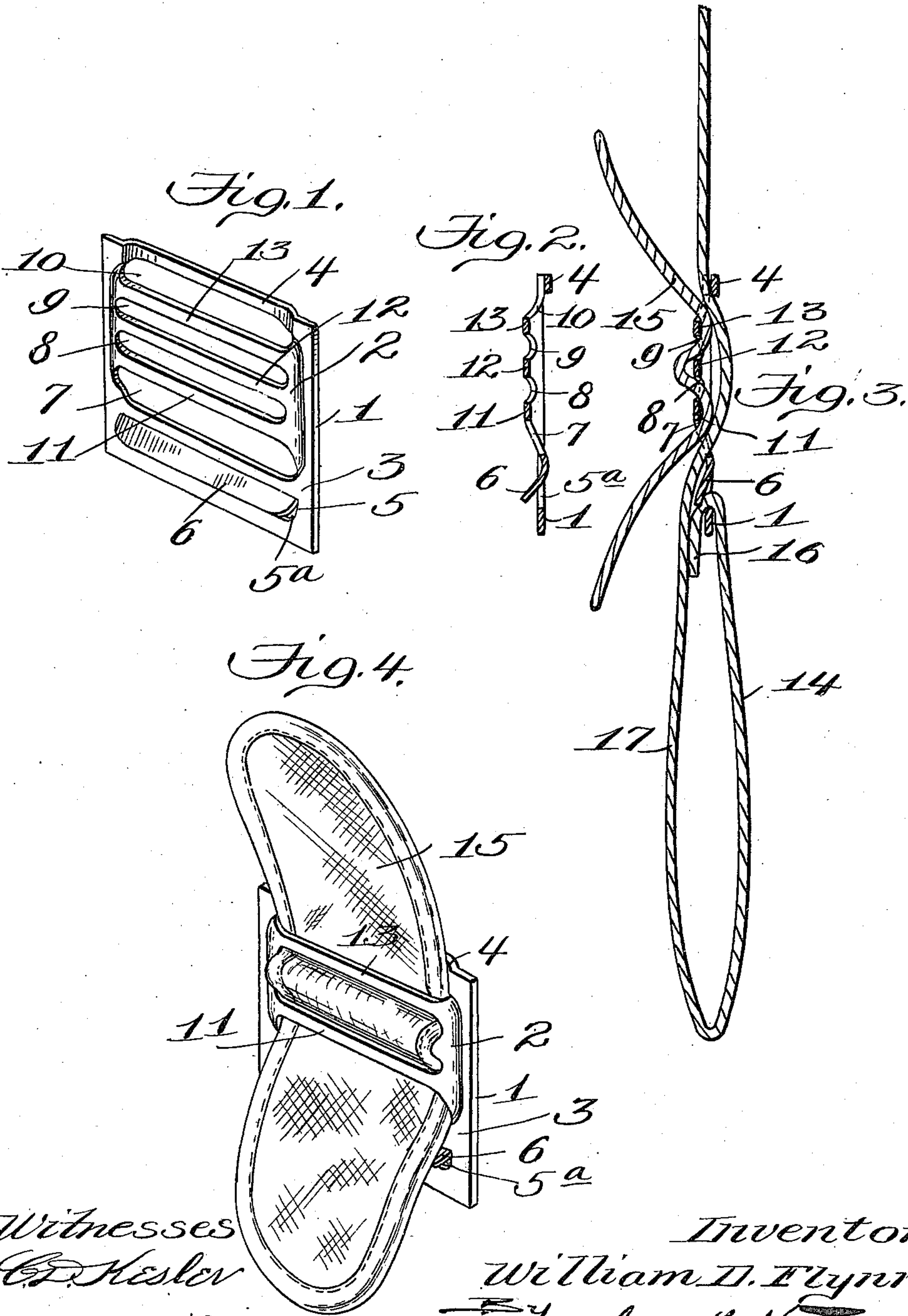


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM D. FLYNN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Spray, in the county of Rockingham and State of North Carolina, have invented new and useful Improvements in Buckles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to buckles adapted for use in connection with suspenders or for any purpose to which the buckle is applicable; and the object thereof is to provide a buckle of such form that the connection of a suspender strap to the buckle will be facilitated, and, furthermore, will overcome the necessity of stitching the overlapping portion of the strap to the buckle, the latter means of securement being the general mode of connecting a strap to a buckle.

A further object of the invention is to provide a buckle to which can be readily attached finger tabs without stitching to enable the buckle to be conveniently shifted in the desired direction upon the strap to lengthen or to decrease the length of the strap relatively to the supported part engaged by the strap.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel construction of buckle hereinafter more fully explained in preferred form.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a buckle in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of a buckle in accordance with this invention, showing the suspender strap and finger tab secured thereto. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the buckle with the finger tab attached.

Referring to the drawings in detail, a buckle in accordance with this invention comprises a body portion 1 having a part thereof offset as at 2 so as to project from the outer face 3 of the body portion 1. The latter at its top is provided with a depressed portion 4. Near the lower part of the body portion 1 the latter is slitted as at 5 to provide an opening 5^a and an outwardly extending angular and bendable securing tongue 6, the function of which will be hereinafter referred to. The offset portion 2 is formed with elongated slots 7, 8, 9, 10, the slots 7 and 10 being of greater width than the slots 9 and 8, and the said slots 7 to 10 form a series of bars 11, 12 and 13.

The depressed portion 4 constitutes a com-

bined seat and guide for the strap 14. The openings 7 and 10 allow for the passage of the strap through the buckle and the openings 8 and 9 provide means for positioning the tab 15 in position; and in this latter connection it will be stated that the tab is passed inwardly through the opening 10, then outwardly through the opening 9, then around the bar 12 and through the opening 8 and then outwardly through the opening 7. This manner of positioning the tab 15 connects the tab by means of friction to the buckle and either of the projecting ends of the tab can be engaged and operated by the wearer and the buckle shifted upon the strap 14. The latter is connected to the buckle in the following manner: The strap 14 is passed to the rear from the front through opening 10 and back to front through opening 7 and bent upon itself as at 17. The end 16 of the strap is passed from rear to front through the slit 5 and bent over the lower portion of the buckle. The tongue 6 is then compressed which securely fastens the end 16 to the lower portion of the buckle without the necessity of securing the end 16 of the strap 14 to the buckle by the transverse row of stitching which is usually employed for such purpose.

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

1. A buckle comprising a body portion having an intermediate outwardly offset portion formed with a plurality of transversely extending slots and bars, the upper part of the body having a transverse opening above the offset portion and an upper terminal depressed bar, said body being further provided in close proximity to its lower edge with a transverse slit and a compressible tongue for immovably securing the end of a suspender strap to the buckle, said transverse openings constituting means for the adjustable passage of the suspender strap therethrough and for the application of a tab.

2. A buckle comprising a body portion provided with a plurality of transversely extending slots and bars including an upper transverse slot and depressed bar, said body being further provided in close proximity to its lower edge with a transverse slit and a compressible tongue, a suspender strap having one extremity inserted through the said slit at the lower edge of the body and secured by the compressible tongue, the re-

maining part of the strap being inserted through one of the transverse slots next above the slit and also through the upper transverse slot over the depressed bar, and a tab also inserted through the transverse slot next above the slit and the upper slot and through the slots between the said upper and lower slots.

3. A buckle comprising a body portion
10 having a transverse opening near its top, and a transverse opening near its bottom and an intermediately outstruck portion formed with transverse openings and bars, said body further provided in close prox-
15 imity to its lower edge with a transversely extending slit and a normally outwardly

projecting bendable tongue, the transverse openings constituting means for the adjustable passage of a suspender strap there-through and the application of a tab, and the slit adapted to have the one end of the suspender strap inserted therethrough and secured by compression of the tongue there-against.

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