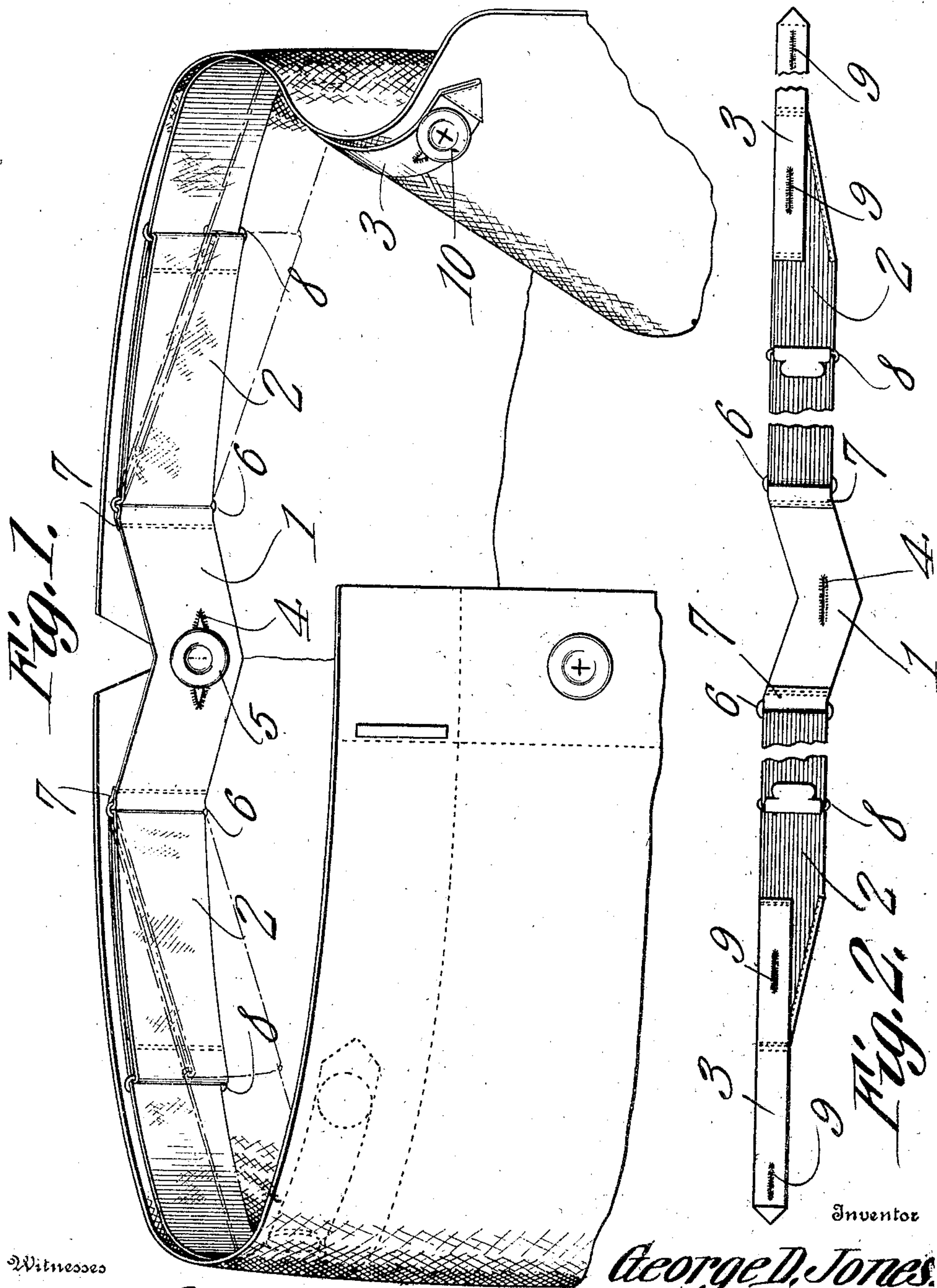


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. JONES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kokomo, in the county of Howard and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Trousers-Belt, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices for supporting trousers in position upon the wearer, and the object of the invention is to provide a light and simple device which will be concealed from view when in use and by which the trousers will be comfortably supported in proper position without the use of suspenders and without the belt passing over the abdomen. This object is attained by the use of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and the invention consists in the novel features of the same which will be hereinafter first fully described and then specifically pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a pair of trousers showing my improved belt or supporting device in position therein the full lines showing the position of the devices when worn and the dotted lines showing the position when not in use. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the belt or supporter removed from the trousers.

In carrying out my invention I employ a belt consisting of a central inelastic member or tab 1, elastic adjustable members 2 extending from the ends of the central inelastic tab, and terminal tabs or securing members 3 at the ends of the said elastic members or sections. The central inelastic tab or securing member 1 is provided with a button hole 4 adapted to engage a button 5 secured on the inner side of the trousers at the back of the same and slightly below the waist band, the securing member 1 being substantially V-shaped and the button hole being located at the center of the said member whereby when the device is in position with the elastic straps 2 over the hips the said tab or member will exert an upward pull upon the back of the trousers and consequently hold them closely to the person. The extremities of the central tab or securing member 1 are inserted through loops or rings 6 and formed into hems 7 whereby they will be secured to the said loops or rings. The adjustable elastic straps or members 2 are inserted through the said rings or

loops 6 and are doubled upon themselves around the said rings or loops, as clearly shown in Fig. 1, the main portion of each strap passing through a clasp 8 and the end of the strap being secured to the said clasp, as shown and as will be readily understood. The said clasps permit the straps to be adjusted so that the belt may be made longer or shorter to accommodate waists of various measures. To the free end of the said straps the securing tabs or members 3 are permanently secured by stitching or other means. The securing tabs or members 3 are composed of inelastic fabric and are provided with button holes 9 adapted to engage buttons 10 secured on the inner side of the waist band of the trousers near the front of the same. In order to prevent an uncomfortable accumulation of the fabric of the belt at the front of the trousers and over the abdomen the front extremities of the straps 2 are tapered upwardly and forwardly and the securing tabs 3 are made narrower than the rest of the belt so that the material will be sufficient to firmly hold the trousers but will not be so wide as to produce an uncomfortable warmth of the body of the wearer. It will also be noted that the buttons 10 within the waist band of the trousers are set each a little distance to one side of the center so that the tabs 3 do not extend across the abdomen at all, and this construction further avoids undue warmth or accumulation of material at that point.

In applying the device to a pair of trousers the securing tabs 3 are engaged upon the buttons 10 and the belt is carried around the inner side of the waist band and adjusted to the waist measure so as to fit snugly and comfortably upon the wearer. The central tab or securing member 1 is fastened to the back of the trousers by the single button 5 and buttonhole 4. The device being thus adjusted, when the trousers are donned and drawn together in front the elastic straps 2 will be distended as shown by the dotted lines and will rest upon the hip bones and will thereby support the trousers without requiring the use of the unsightly and uncomfortable ordinary suspenders. Moreover the trouser band will not necessarily be drawn tightly over the hips and hence need not be wrinkled at any point, and the use of a single attaching member at the rear carries out this idea. By having the central securing tab or member of a substantially

V-shaped outline the point of attachment of the same to the trousers is carried slightly below the waist line so that an upward pull is exerted upon the trousers when the belt is stretched which will counteract the tendency of the trousers to sag and at the same time a sufficient pressure is exerted upon the wearer's shirt to hold the same in its proper position without any excessive strain on the fabric of the garment or any uncomfortable pressure upon the body of the wearer.

When the trousers are unbuttoned in front the elastic members contract, yet there are no free ends of this device such as a belt would have at that time as the ends of my belt when it is in use remain attached to the buttons 10.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

A trouser belt comprising a flexible in- 20
elastic back piece of V-shape having a central buttonhole adapted to engage a single button beneath the waist band of the trousers at the rear, elastic straps leading from its' extremities, means within their length 25
for adjusting them, and inelastic tabs secured to said straps and having buttonholes adapted to engage two buttons inside of the waist band at the front and remote from the center thereof, for the purpose set forth. 30

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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