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(54) **BUCKLE** 

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(57) **CLAIM** The ornamental design of a buckle, as shown and described.

### DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a first embodiment of a buckle in accordance with the present invention; FIG. 2 is a rear perspective view thereof; FIG. 3 is an end view thereof; FIG. 4 is a front side elevational view thereof; FIG. 5 is a rear side elevational view thereof; and, FIG. 6 is a top view thereof. FIG. 7 is a front perspective view of a male member of the first embodiment of the buckle in accordance with the present invention; FIG. 8 is a rear perspective view thereof; FIG. 9 is a first end view thereof; FIG. 10 is a second end view thereof; FIG. 11 is a front side elevational view thereof; FIG. 12 is a rear side elevational view thereof; and, FIG. 13 is a top view thereof. FIG. 14 is a front perspective view of a female member of the first embodiment of the buckle in accordance with the present invention; FIG. 15 is a rear perspective view thereof; FIG. **16** is a first end view thereof; FIG. 17 is a second end view thereof;

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FIG. 18 is a front side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 19 is a rear side elevational view thereof; and,
FIG. 20 is a top view thereof.
FIG. 21 is a front perspective view of a second embodiment of a buckle in accordance with the present invention;
FIG. 22 is a rear perspective view thereof;
FIG. 23 is an end view thereof;
FIG. 24 is a front side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 25 is a rear side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 26 is a top view thereof.
FIG. 27 is a front perspective view of a male member of the second embodiment of the buckle in accordance with the present invention;



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FIG. 28 is a rear perspective view thereof;

FIG. 29 is a first end view thereof;

FIG. **30** is a second end view thereof;

FIG. **31** is a front side elevational view thereof;

FIG. **32** is a rear side elevational view thereof; and, FIG. **33** is a top view thereof.

FIG. **34** is a front perspective view of a female member of the second embodiment of the buckle in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 35 is a rear perspective view thereof;
FIG. 36 is a first end view thereof;
FIG. 37 is a second end view thereof;
FIG. 38 is a front side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 39 is a rear side elevational view thereof; and,
FIG. 40 is a top view thereof.

FIG. 55 is a rear perspective view thereof; FIG. 56 is a first end view thereof; and, FIG. **57** is a second end view thereof; FIG. **58** is a front side elevational view thereof; FIG. **59** is a rear side elevational view thereof; and, FIG. **60** is a top view thereof. The features shown in broken lines in the various Figures are for illustrating environmental structure and are not part of the claimed design or the design sought to be patented. The buckle in each of the first, second and third embodiments has two ends including a first end view shown in FIGS. 3, 23 and 43, wherein the second end view is identical to the first end view. With respect to the top views of the first, second and third embodiments of the invention for the buckle, shown in FIGS. 6, 26 and 46, respectively, the bottom view of each embodiment is identical to the respective top view shown. A top view of the male member of each of the first, second and third embodiment of the buckle is shown in FIGS. 13, 33 and 53, respectively; and, a bottom view of each such member, for each embodiment, is a mirror image of the respective top view shown. A top view of the female member of each of the first, second and third embodiments of the buckle is shown in FIGS. 20, 40 and 60, respectively; and, a bottom view of each such member, for each embodiment, is a mirror image of the respective top view shown. More generally, the invention pertains to an ornamental design for an article of manufacture. The article is not limited to the scale shown herein. As indicated in the title, the article of manufacture to which the ornamental design has been applied is a buckle, or the like, that may be used to connect one or more straps, or other articles.

FIG. **41** is a front perspective view of a third embodiment of a buckle in accordance with the present invention; FIG. **42** is a rear perspective view thereof;

FIG. 43 is an end view thereof;

FIG. 44 is a front side elevational view thereof;

FIG. **45** is a rear side elevational view thereof; and, FIG. **46** is a top view thereof.

FIG. **47** is a front perspective view of a male member of the third embodiment of the buckle in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 48 is a rear perspective view thereof;

FIG. 49 is a first end view thereof;

FIG. 50 is a second end view thereof;

FIG. **51** is a front side elevational view thereof;

FIG. **52** is a rear side elevational view thereof; and, FIG. **53** is a top view thereof.

FIG. 54 is a front perspective view of a female member of the third embodiment buckle in accordance with the present

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FIG. 50 FIG. 51 FIG. 52



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