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Suspender.

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Fig. 3.

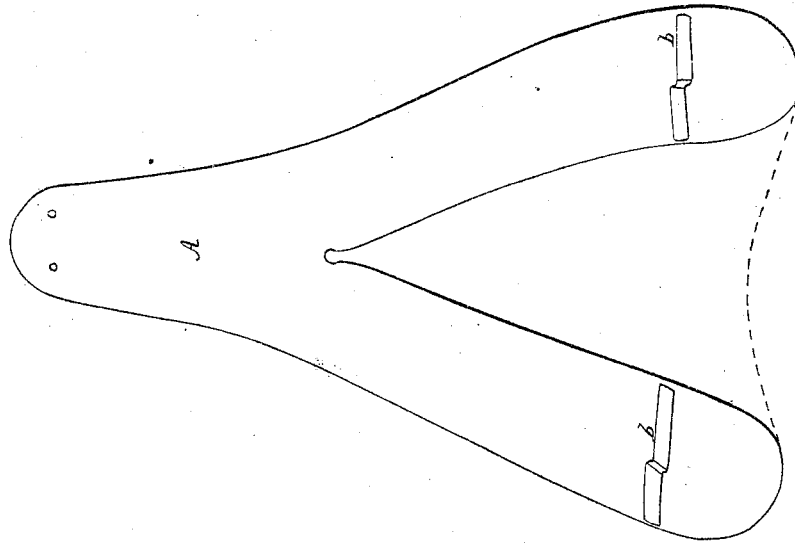


Fig. 1.

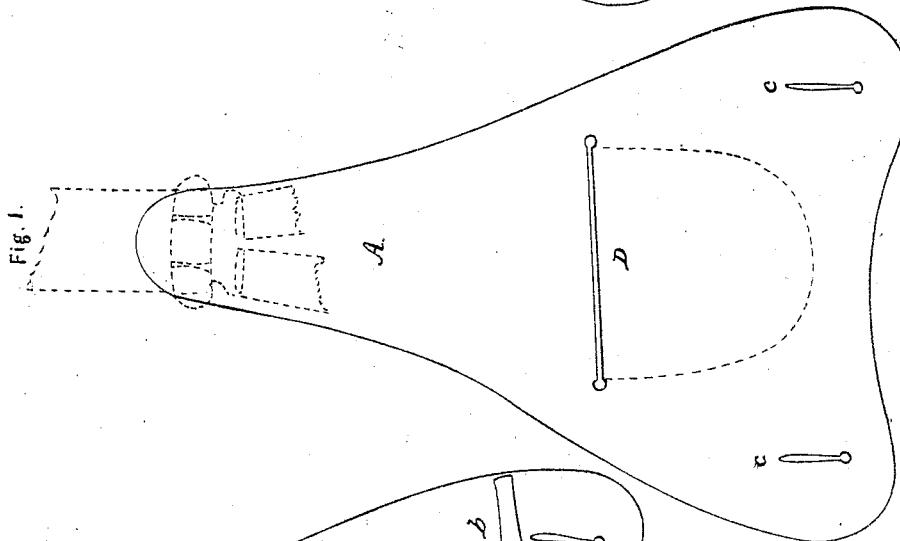
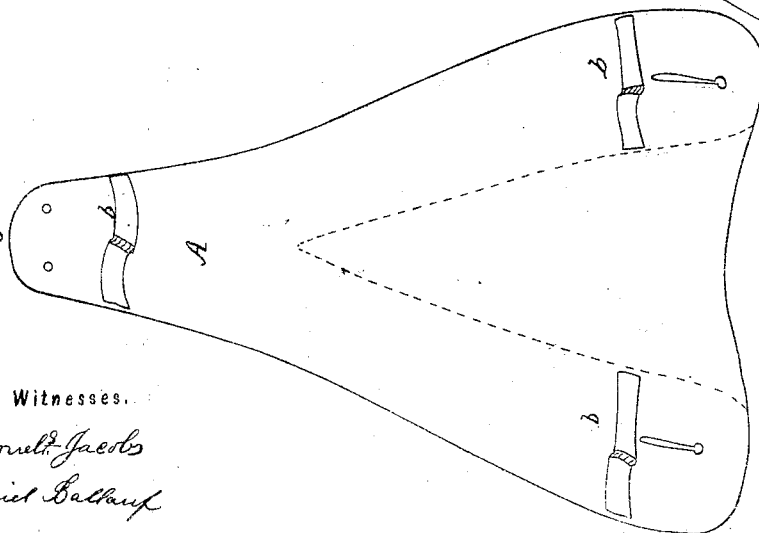


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SUSPENDER-POCKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. CLARK, of the city and county of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Suspenders, consisting of an appendage which is termed a "guard" or "case;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my improvement in suspenders consists in the addition, to the suspenders now in use, of a guard or case for covering the straps or loops of the suspenders liable to be soiled or disfigured, as they are covered from view by the case. In addition to this use I also, in some cases, make a pocket in the flap for holding a watch, thus affording great comfort and security in wearing that article.

To enable others to make and use my invention, which is so simple in its character as easily to be understood from an inspection of the drawings, of which—

Figure 1 shows the guard, A is the body; D, a watch or money pocket; *cc*, button-holes. In the reverse, Fig. 2, are shown loops *bbb*, through which the suspender-straps may be passed, thus

obviating the necessity of the button-holes. Fig. 3 is a modification of the flap or guard leaving out that portion for the pocket.

The taste of the workman may vary the shape, and the material may be such as fancy directs. When made of a material that will wash it will be suitable for summer.

At the upper end are small holes for fastening it under the suspender-buckle when one is employed; but where the suspenders are passed through a slide the strap *b* at the back of the case will keep it in place. In Fig. 1 is shown, in dotted line, the main strap of the suspenders, the buckle, and part of the front straps.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The addition to the common suspenders, of a guard or cover for the front straps thereof, in the manner and for the purposes substantially as set forth.

2. Attaching a guard, having a pocket for a watch or money, substantially as set forth, to suspenders.

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