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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, James B. Sharp, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, 5 have invented new and useful Improvements in Suspender-Trimmings, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a buckle or equivalent device, which is provided with a cast-off to hook of novel and peculiar construction, as pointed out in the following specification and claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front view. Fig. 2 is a rear view. Fig. 3 is a transverse section in the plane x x, Fig. 2.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts. In these drawings, the letter A designates the base-plate of my trimming, and on this 20 base-plate is mounted the buckle B or any other equivalent device, such as in common use, for adjusting the straps of suspenders. The lower end of this base-plate is formed into a hook, C, and in the body of said base-plate 25 is formed a tongue, D, which extends in the same direction as the hook. The end of the hook is turned slightly outward, (see Fig. 3,) while the middle portion of the tongue D is curved upward, so as to leave a narrow chan-30 nel, a, between it and the hook. By the peculiar form of the hook and of the tongue the channel a is tapering outwardly and inwardly from its narrowest portion, so that the ring E which carries the suspender-ends, can be read-

ily slipped in and also forced out with one 35 hand, for whenever said ring is forced in either of the tapering portions of the channel a the tongue D yields. If the ring has once been introduced into the hook, it is not liable to become detached spontaneously; but it can 40 readily be detached or cast off by forcing the ring upward with sufficient power to cause the tongue to yield.

I am aware that suspender-trimmings have been made with a hook and a protecting- 45 tongue; but, in order to cast off the suspenderends from such trimmings, two hands are required—one to force back the tongue and the other to unhook the ring.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure 50 by Letters Patent, is—

A suspender-trimming consisting of a baseplate, the device for adjusting the suspenderstraps supported by the base-plate, and the hook C and tongue D, struck from and bent 55 to form the channel a, tapering from its narrowest portion in both directions, the hook and tongue operating to hold the ring against disconnecting from the plate, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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