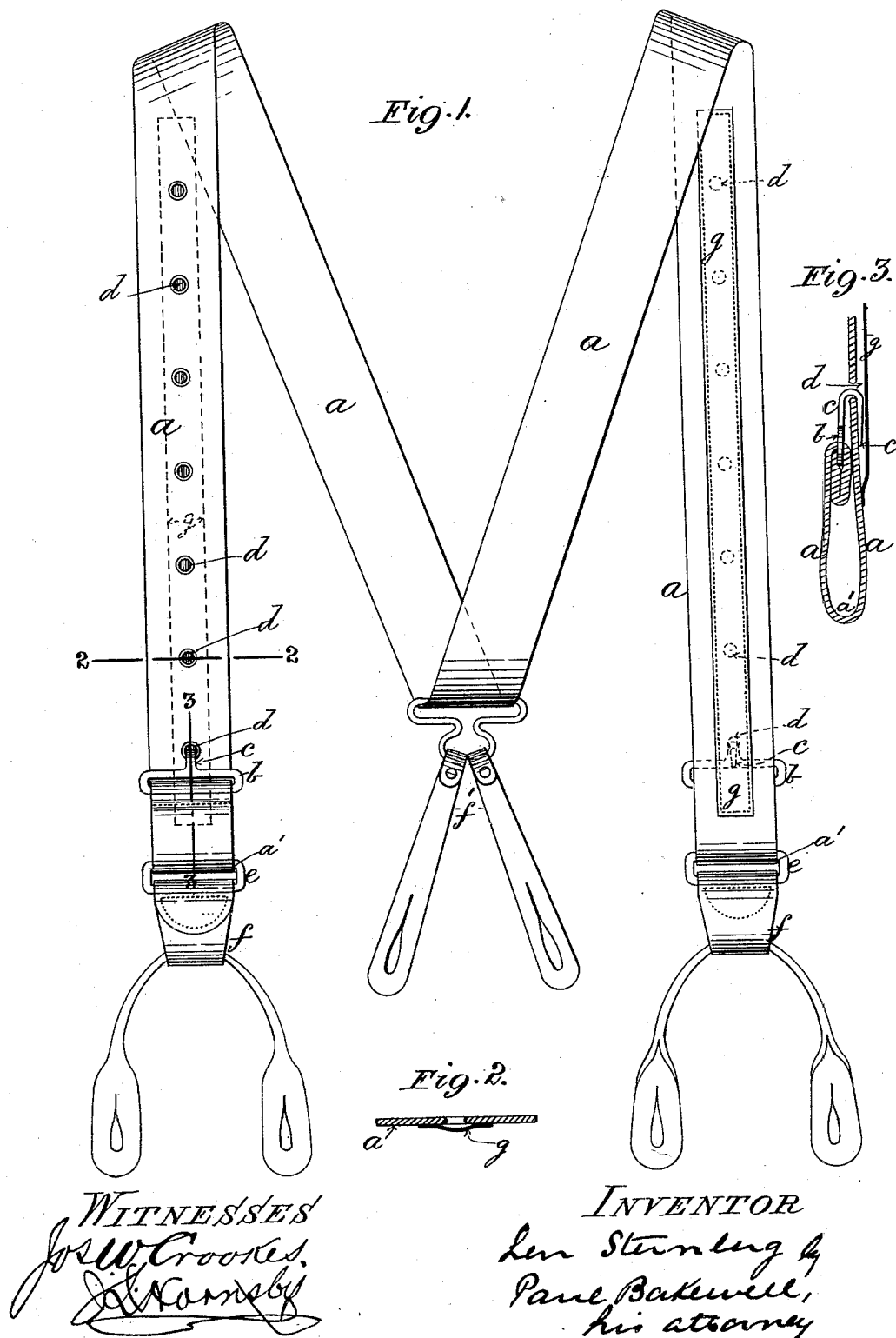


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEVI STERNBERG, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented
5 a certain new and useful Improvement in Suspenders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to an improvement in suspenders, whereby the tearing of the shirt
10 by the adjustable fastenings of the front straps is prevented, and the main band capable of being otherwise utilized.

It consists in features of novelty herein-after claimed.

15 On the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents an alternating front and back elevation of my improved suspenders, and Figs. 2 and 3 horizontal and vertical transverse sections thereof, to an enlarged scale, taken
20 respectively on lines 2 2 and 3 3 in Fig. 1.

Like letters of reference denote like parts in all the figures.

a represents the main band of my improved suspenders, to each end of which is attached
25 a link or fastening *b*, having a hook *c*, which is so arranged that when the end of the band *a* and link *b* are turned over against the front of the band *a* (see particularly Fig. 3) the nose of the hook *c* engages in either of a series
30 of eyelet-holes *d*, which are formed through the band *a* at suitable distances apart along the same, the frame or link *e*, carrying the front strap *f*, being held in the loop *a'*, Fig. 3, formed by the doubling of the
35 band *a*.

Immediately behind and in line with each series of holes *d* is placed a strip *g*, of suitable material and width, which is sewed or otherwise secured at its edges beyond the holes *d* to the band *a*, and thereby forms a
40 longitudinal pocket or screen to the nose of the hook *c* as it enters and occupies either of the holes *d* in the operation of adjusting the front of the strap *f*, so that the shirt cannot
45 be torn by the hook *c*, as would occur if the latter were unprotected by the backing *g*.

One advantage of this description of fastening and means of adjustment is that the band *a* may be disconnected from the front
50 and back straps *f f'* and used as a belt or surgical bandage.

I claim as my invention—

In suspenders, the combination of two hooks, attached by their respective shanks to the opposite ends of the main band, and two or
55 more holes formed through the said band and provided with backing pieces or screens secured to said band with the front and back suspender-straps, substantially as shown, and for the purpose described. 60

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 14th day of November, 1889.

LEVI STERNBERG.

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