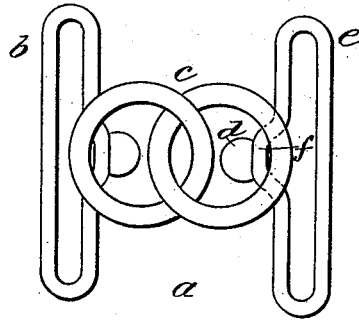


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BELT-CLASP.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK J. HERRICK, of New Britain, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Belt-Clasps, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, whereby any one skilled in the art can make and use the same.

My improvement relates to the class of devices that are used as a fastening for a belt or like article of wear, and the object of my invention is to provide a simple form of clasp that may be easily and cheaply produced.

To this end my invention consists in a loop
15 having a link secured thereto with an intumed fastening knob on the outer end of the link, and a loop having an angular offset engaging eye, as more particularly hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

20 Referring to the drawing: the figure is a front view of the device showing the fastening.

In the accompanying drawing the letter *a* denotes the fastener as a whole and *b* the loop to which a link *c* is secured at about the center of one side and projecting in the plane of
25 the loop. The link has the general form of an open frame and may be of any convenient or desired outline or shape. At the outer end of the link *c* farthest from the loop *b* there is
30 formed or secured an intumed knob or like part *d* that forms the device to which the link *c* may be detachably secured to couple the

parts of the fastener *a* together. The loop *e* is formed into oblong shape with oval ends and side bars extending in a direction parallel to each other and on one of the side bars
35 at about the center an eye *f* is formed projecting from a side part of the loop and in a direction at about right angles to the plane thereof. This construction of the eye *f* enables the knob *d* to be slipped over and
40 through the loop, the latter resting on the neck or shank of the knob, a portion of the link *c* lying within the downturned part of the loop and a portion of the eye passing
45 around the knob a short distance from the edge of the link *c* as shown in the drawing.

The parts of the fastening may be readily clasped and unclasped and the several parts may be cast or formed to shape in any desired
50 manner.

I claim as my invention—

In a fastening device in combination a loop, a link secured to the loop and having an intumed knob projecting underneath the same,
55 the intumed knob on the opposite end of the link, and an engaging loop having an eye offset in a plane at right angles to the plane of the loop, all substantially as described.

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