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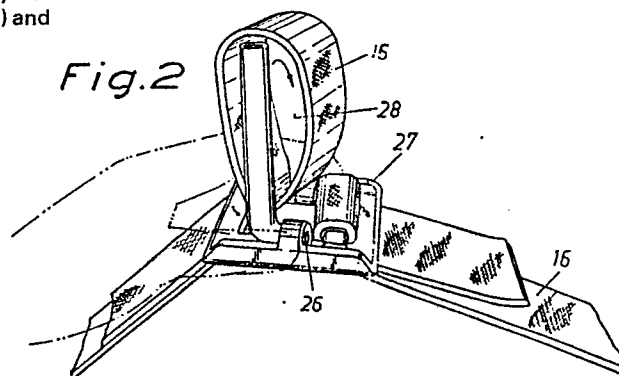
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54 **An improved lashing sling fastening buckle.**

57 A buckle for fastening slings (16) and similar lashing-down straps. The buckle comprises a plate-like frame (12) and one pair of bars (18) which are mounted one on either side of an aperture (14) formed in the frame (12). The bars (18) are pivotally mounted and are arranged to be pivoted from an outer position to an inner position in which they abut against the frame, clamping said sling (16) to the buckle.

The buckle (10) is applied by forming the sling (16) into a loop which is inserted through the frame aperture (14), whereupon the bar (18) is folded into the loop and pivoted downwards against the buckle frame. When the sling (16) is tightened the desired strap locking effect is obtained by the clamping action exerted on the sling between the bar (18) and the frame (12).





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