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**Fig. 1.**

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## IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTONS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT M. SMITH, of the city of Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Button-Eyes for Fastening or Looping up the Bottoms of Ladies' Dresses, and other purposes of a similar character; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making a part of this specification, of which—

Figure 1 is a perspective descriptive view.

My improvement consists in making or placing a pin in the center of the coil of a spiral-formed button-eye, to keep the cloth or whatever it is applied to from becoming unfastened on the under side by its slipping and working around and finally off from the coil; also, to afford a center for the spiral to turn upon and an additional hold and support to it.

I make this center-piece of wire nearly the size of the wire the spiral coil B is made of, and either pointed, round, or square on the

end designed to go into the cloth, as shall be required for the different purposes for which it is designed, and fasten or set it in the button C the same as the spiral is, and so that it comes up through the center of it even with the point of the spiral or above it, as required; but generally and for the purposes of fastening up ladies' dresses, for which it is more especially designed, I make the point sharp, as at *a*, Fig. 1, and bring it up even with the point of the spiral, as seen.

I do not claim making a button with a spiral-formed eye, so as to hold together whatever it is applied to by screwing it into and through the different pieces or parts to be so held; but

I do claim—

A button having a compound shank composed of a central pin and a spiral fastening revolving around said pin, all substantially as described.

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